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Message from the Servant General



Peace to you all, brothers and sisters! We continue to Rejoice in Hope! The hope that assures us that God has His plan for us, and all we need to do is listen to Him and follow Him. He wants what is best for us, and we need to trust in Him.

It is amazing that when you go on mission, you see His plan unfolding in the lives of our MFC brethren. We are blessed to be in a missionary community. It's in our name, after all.

Missionary Families of Christ is a worldwide community present in over 50 countries. And we want to bring this family even closer together.

Introducing our monthly email newsletter! We will be updating you on things happening in MFC - not only in the Philippines, but around the world as well. We will share stories, events, milestones, and these will move us forward and inspire us more to do what we have been called to do.

Enjoy the monthly newsletter, share with others, and schedule your next mission trip!

MFC Section Conferences Recap

The Lord has truly blessed us with various conferences in the first half of the year. Let's take a moment to look back and recap what took place at each one.



MFC Kids – Luzon Island Kids Conference 2025

The MFC Kids 'SPARK' Luzon IKC 2025 was a beautiful celebration of faith and fun, held last April 26–27 at Don Bosco Technical Institute – Tarlac. Despite the intense summer heat—much like God's overflowing love for His children—around 900 participants from all over Luzon and Metro Manila joyfully gathered for two unforgettable days.

The children were uplifted by spirited praise sessions led by fellow MFC Kids members and enjoyed a variety of engaging activities such as a stage play, interactive workshops, a bonfire, stargazing, and the always-anticipated fire hose bath! While the kids were having the time of their lives, their parents, coordinators, and Heart Champs also took part in their own meaningful workshops.

The conference was made even more special with a surprise visit from Jollibee, as well as the vibrant Praise Parade and tapestry-making competitions that highlighted creativity, teamwork, and community spirit. The event reached its spiritual summit with the celebration of the Holy Mass, presided over by Bishop Roberto Mallari.

Truly, this year's conference was a joyful reminder of God's abiding presence among His little ones—and a testament to the ever-growing mission of MFC Kids!



MFC Youth – World Youth Congress 2025

Rejoice! This was the resounding cry of over **1,500 MFC Youth** who gathered for the **World Youth Congress** held in **Nueva Ecija** from **May 30 to June 1**. United in spirit and mission, these young hearts stood **anchored in Christ**—a generation ready to endure with joy, bring hope to the world, and move hearts toward Jesus.

With unwavering faith and a deep love for God, they were empowered and inspired to boldly lead others to know and follow Christ. Truly, the future of the Church is alive and burning with passion through the mission of MFC Youth!



MFC Singles – World Singles Congress 2025

More than **800 MFC Singles, Couple Coordinators, and Servants** from around the world gathered at the **Baguio Convention and Cultural Center** last **March 21–23** for the **World Singles Congress 2025**, with the theme “*Always Hope*” (Romans 12:12).

The three-day event was filled with prayer, worship, fellowship, and powerful sessions that reminded participants to rejoice in hope, persevere in prayer, and endure in affliction. Highlights included the *Hope Trails* reflective activity, inspiring talks from EWTN and LCSC, the *Restoration Tower* healing experience, and joyful community moments like the *Summer Sundown* fellowship night.

The congress concluded with participants boldly declaring their hope in Jesus during the *Bearers of Hope* activity, leaving them renewed, empowered, and ready to carry hope into their families, workplaces, and communities.



MFC Handmaids – World Handmaids Congress 2025

With hearts ablaze and spirits lifted high, nearly **1,200 women** gathered for the **World Handmaids Congress 2025** on **May 24–25** at the **Sison Auditorium in Lingayen, Pangasinan**, celebrating the powerful theme: **LUMINA – Women of Hope**.

The event was graced by the inspiring presence of **Archbishop Soc Villegas** and **Bishop Fidelis Layug**, who presided over the Holy Masses. The congress overflowed with prayer, worship, and soul-stirring messages rooted in Romans 12:12: *“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.”*

Attendees were called to become *Lumina*—radiant beacons of Christ’s unwavering hope in a world longing for light. A joyful **Fellowship Night** capped the Spirit-filled weekend, igniting the auditorium with dance, music, and testimonies that proclaimed God’s love in every season.





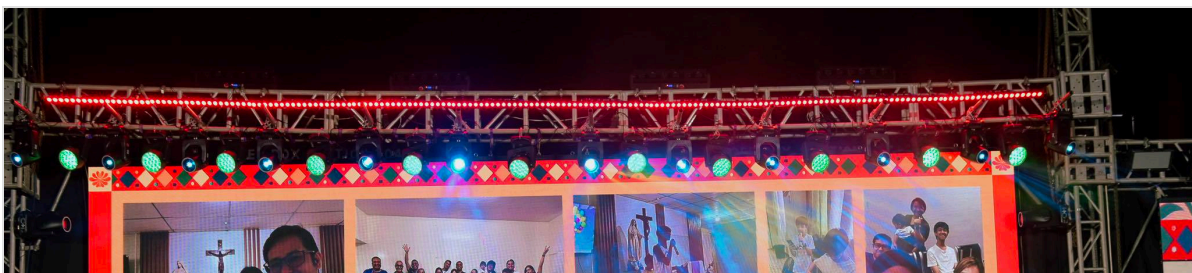
MFC Servants – World Servants Congress 2025

Hope abounds for the Men of Hope—Mga ASTiG ng Pag-asa! The World Servants Congress 2025 was held last **March 15–16** at **St. James Retreat House, Tagaytay**, with the theme “*Men of Hope*” based on Romans 12:12: “*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.*”

The congress opened with the celebration of the Holy Mass and the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, setting a sacred tone for the weekend. Three powerful sessions followed, each anchored in the theme verse. In the first session, **Fr. Edwin Soliva** spoke on *Persevere in Prayer*, encouraging the men to deepen their relationship with God through constant, committed prayer. The second session, *Endure in Affliction*, was led by **Bro. Reggie Nery**, who gave a moving testimony about remaining faithful to the mission even in the midst of suffering. Finally, **Bro. DR Arellano** delivered the third session, *Rejoice in Hope*, which focused on strengthening relationships and becoming bold witnesses of Christ to others.

Participants were further uplifted by personal testimonies that reflected God’s grace in every season. The traditional *Action Rosary* held on the second day brought everyone together in prayer, seeking Mary’s intercession and renewing their mission as servant leaders.

The congress was a powerful reminder for all Servants to live as men of unwavering faith, steadfast prayer, and enduring hope in Jesus Christ.





MFC 44th Anniversary: Rejoice in Hope!

We had a joyful and spirit-filled celebration at the Ynares Center in Antipolo, where thousands of MFC members from all over came together to REJOICE in the 44 years of God's overflowing faithfulness in our community. Christ, our Hope, continues to lead and strengthen us. He is the anchor of our life. With hearts full of praise, we rejoice in Him, for our Hope is alive, present, and forever!

Fulltime Worker Sharing

I am Azenette Samson from the area of Tacloban, a full-time missionary assigned in Visayas. I entered the community through a Youth Camp eight years ago. My life has never been the same since then. It is in this community where I have discovered the skills and talents that I have been blessed with. Ultimately, it is through this community where I had the opportunity to grow deeper in faith through service and prayer.

It was in my first mission outside of our area in the summer of 2019 where I first encountered the desire to be a full-time missionary, but it was the same year when I entered college. Fast forward to October 2022, I was again on a mission when I felt God calling me to give myself for Him as a missionary. This time, I was already in my last year in college. The thought of it never left my mind, and so I started sincerely praying about it. A few months passed, and the desire grew deeper.



As I asked God to purify my desire, my weaknesses were exposed. I was already in my last semester in college when I was diagnosed with major depressive disorder. I underwent medication and monthly visits to a psychiatrist. There were so many questions and prayers that came up, but the calling did not change. Even after being diagnosed, God led me to more missions. The desire to be a full-time missionary became clearer.



The healing journey took a year. I was healed and I graduated with a Bachelor in Arts in Psychology in University of the Philippines Tacloban. I took the board and became a licensed psychometrician. After going through the highs and lows of sickness, God's desire for me to be a full-time missionary was fulfilled last July 2024. The journey was long, unpredictable, and painful. But everything that happened was necessary to help prepare me for the joy that lies ahead. True enough, the joy that I am experiencing now is incomparable to the sufferings that I have experienced. I am now confident that even when trials and sorrows come, God can still turn it into an experience of hope. If God wills it, then so be it. For the joy of Heaven is far greater than the sufferings.

I am only able to respond to the call because I have experienced the immeasurable love of God. I want to share that love to others by being a missionary. I may experience sickness, sufferings, and loneliness away from home and family, but all is worth it as I look forward to a life of complete joy and fulfillment for all of us in Heaven, our True Home.

All for God, who brought hope to my life, I lay down everything as a missionary.
"For You, Jesus, if You want it, I want it too." – Blessed Chiara Badano

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