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MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



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A Message from the Servant General

Dear Brethren,

We have finished 5 books of our Founder Frank Padilla in our Charism in a Year, on our way to finish all 52! As I keep saying, if you have read the books, no need to watch the podcast. If you did not read them, then you **MUST** watch the podcast. If you did not read, and do not watch, then reply to this email and let's talk. We do this to get into the mind and heart of our Founder, in order for us to move forward more intently with the Charism of Missionary Families of Christ.

We are starting the Section Conferences as well! With MFC Servants first up in Batangas, then followed by MFC Singles in Palawan. We continue to pray that our theme of being **ROOTED IN CHRIST** goes deeply into the Sections.

I also have recently started serving in the CBCP again, but this time with the Episcopal Commission on Family and Life. I am helping by Coordinating the National Family and Life Organizations. We had a CBCP ECFL Conference in Butuan, and it is always great to be side by side with the advocates for defending the family and life.

See you soon, maybe in your Echo Conference or Anniversary, and hope to get to spend time with you.

MFC SECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC *YOUTH*





MFC Youth began the year with passion and purpose through formation and talent empowerment initiatives held across the section. The Dance & Music Ministry Workshops last February encouraged young people to refine their God-given talents as an offering of excellence back to Him, inspired by the insights and guidance of their workshop speakers. At the same time, the Servant Leaders Summit, conducted per zone, gathered core leaders to renew their hearts for mission. Strengthened by the reminder that God does not ask for perfection but only our "yes," they were inspired to offer their five loaves and two fish, trusting Him to multiply their service for His greater glory.

As the year unfolds, MFC Youth continues to live, ignite, and testify to God's love—serving with excellence, courage, and wholehearted faith.



Section Wide

God has so much in store for MFC Youth this year. To set the hearts of our core servant leaders for our missions this year, Servant Leaders Summit was conducted per zone.

The servant leaders of MFC Youth were blessed and strengthened to give their all to the mission. The sessions reminded them that God does not ask for perfection, only our yes. When we offer our five loaves and two fish, He multiplies them for His mission.

LIT Program

Our talents are gifts from God — refining them is our offering back to Him.



Dance & Music Ministry Workshops happened last February. This is to continue encouraging our members to hone the talents that they have to give God the glory.



Our speakers, Ms. Ronieth Dayao and Ms. Mickaela Mendoza, talents and insights inspired our dance and music ministry to serve God with excellence.

May we continue to live, ignite, and testify to the world of God's love through our talents!

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC SINGLES



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MFC Singles lived out love and mission this February 2026 through meaningful fellowship and service. From creating a space of hope and belonging during their Valentine's gathering to leading an energizing corporate team event, the community reflected unity, purpose, and faith in action—proving that MFC Singles is not just a group, but a home and a mission lived out together.



Mindanao

“Tahan Na”: A Valentine’s Gathering of Hope
The MFC Singles South Cotabato held their annual Live Pure Tambayan last February 14 in Polomolok. With this year’s theme, “Tahan Na,” the gathering was more than just a Valentine’s Day celebration; it was a reminder that, amidst the challenges of life and love, there is always a place where we belong.

The event aimed to affirm that every participant is not alone, no matter what they are going through. Through joyful fellowship and meaningful encounters, the community experienced a beautiful day of connection, encouragement, and faith.

Crossworks

Last February 19, 2026, we had the privilege of serving almost 200 Sales Team members of Eastern Communications at The Emerald Events Place for their Sales Kick Off 2026 with the theme Lift Off Dare to Reach New Horizons. It was more than team building. It was a time to pause, work together, laugh, compete, and remember that each person plays an important role in the company’s mission.

Through every challenge, we saw leaders step up, teammates support one another, and groups learn that success happens when everyone communicates clearly and gives their best. By the end of the day, they were not just energized. They were more united, more aware of their value, and more ready to reach new heights together.



Indeed, the Live Pure Tambayan became a space where many were reminded that in MFC Singles, there is always a home.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC COUPLES



Area Servants from across Mindanao gathered on January 23–24 for the 2026 MFC Mindanao Zone Planning. During the assembly, the directions from the Leaders' Conference were cascaded to the Area Servants, followed by prayerful discernment and strategic planning on how to effectively carry out these goals. The participants left the gathering empowered, aligned, and ready to embrace the mission for the year ahead.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC *H*ANDMAIDS



MFC Handmaids celebrated powerful moments of formation and sisterhood in February 2026. From the first-ever General Assembly in Edmonton, to a Speakers' Training and NCR East D2 Assembly in Marikina, and heartfelt Chapter gatherings through Tahanan Tagpuan, Handmaids experienced Spirit-filled renewal, deeper connection, and strengthened commitment—reminded that in every season of life, they journey together in faith and mission.



Canada

A milestone moment in Edmonton—the first MFC Handmaids General Assembly on February 22, 2026 was a grace-filled gathering marked by the presence of the Holy Spirit, deep reflection, and a renewed commitment to serve. It was a beautiful beginning that strengthened sisterhood and mission for the journey ahead.

NCR East

The NCR East D2 Assembly, led by Chapter Servant Sis. Marichu Bangaysiso, was strengthened through a dynamic Speakers' Training facilitated by Sis. Grace Oconer on February 21, 2026, at Simeona Chapel, Marikina. With 94 Handmaids Servant Leaders in attendance, the gathering empowered sisters to proclaim God's word with confidence, clarity, and conviction in service of the mission.



Tahanan Tagpuan

The Handmaids Tahanan Tagpuan beautifully came to life during the Chapter Assembly as sisters gathered in person for the first time, grouped according to their life situations. It was a heartfelt encounter marked by openness, empathy, and grace—an inspiring reminder that in every season, we walk this journey of faith together, never alone.

SECTION HIGHLIGHTS

MFC SERVANTS





MFC Servants continued their mission of bringing Christ's love to those behind bars through a series of LCSC ASTIG engagements in February 2026. Live Christ, Share Christ sessions were held at PNP Custodial Facility (Taguig City Hall), BJMP Baras Municipal Jail, BJMP Sta. Rosa Laguna, BJMP Antipolo City Jail, and BJMP Cainta Municipal Jail, reaching hundreds of Persons Deprived of Liberty. In addition, a Self-Formation session was conducted for 25 jail officers, extending the mission not only to inmates but also to those entrusted with their care.

Through every visit, MFC Servants faithfully carried hope, renewal, and the message that no one is beyond God's grace. Truly, the mission continues.



NCR Central

On February 16, 2026, the ASTIG Engagement team conducted an LCS outreach at the PNP Custodial Facility in Taguig City Hall, Taguig City. Led by MFC Servants from the NCR Central Area, the activity reflected our continuing mission of faith, service, and compassion.

Rizal

On February 16, 2026, the ASTIG



On February 10, 2026, the ASTiG Engagement team conducted an LCS for 135 PDLs at the BJMP Baras Municipal Jail (Female and Male Dorm) in Baras, Rizal. The activity brought encouragement, faith formation, and renewed hope to our brothers and sisters behind bars as part of our continuing mission of service.



Laguna

On February 12, 2026, the LCSC ASTiG Laguna Team conducted its 2nd batch engagement at BJMP in Santa Rosa, Laguna, serving 20 PDLs. We thank the Lord for the opportunity to continue bringing hope, faith, and encouragement through this mission.



NCR East

On February 9, 2026, the LCSC ASTiG Team conducted LCS Batch 1 at the BJMP Male Dorm of Antipolo City Jail in Antipolo (NCR East). The activity marked a meaningful start in bringing faith, encouragement, and hope to our brothers behind bars.

Rizal

As part of the LCSC ASTiG engagement, a SELF Formation session was conducted for 25 jail officers at BJMP Baras Municipal Jail in Baras, Rizal. The activity strengthened spiritual growth, leadership, and renewed commitment to service among our dedicated officers.





NCR East

The LCSC ASTiG engagement is happening today at the BJMP Male and Female Dorm of Cainta Municipal Jail in Cainta (NCR East). We thank Bros. Somny and Hector, together with the MFC Servants – East Area, for their dedication and service.

MFC SECTIONS

MEETING WITH SG

MFC Sections meet with our Servant General shared the different plans and updates of each section for 2026. our SG Bro Xavy, listened and gave feedbacks and suggestions on missions direction for 2026.





Faith Over Readiness

Reflections from the Full-Time Pastoral Workers | Lloyd Smith Pinera

Even before I became a full-time missionary, there was a stirring in my heart to serve ever since my college days. After I graduated, I was afraid of saying "yes," even though God was constantly speaking to my heart and planting that desire within me. I couldn't commit because I feared I wasn't ready for such a sacred calling. So, I took my time.

I decided to work in the corporate world, and while I was working, I took the opportunity to pursue religious studies. I thought that when the time finally came, I could say I was prepared and responding to the call fully ready. Yet, life happened. I wasn't able to finish my studies, I was no longer satisfied with my work, and the Lord continued to nudge me about my calling.

Finally, during a Mission Volunteer Retreat, I was able to pause and reflect. I realized then that the Lord was truly calling me—but He didn't want me to respond the way I wanted. He didn't want me to wait until I felt "fully ready," as I had always whispered in my prayers. Instead, He wanted me to jump out of the boat without knowing how deep the ocean was. He wanted me to take courage despite the uncertainty. I took that leap of faith and said yes.

This year marks my fourth year as a full-time lay missionary. It has been a wonderful adventure, filled with so many blessings the Lord has allowed me to experience. It is a life beyond comparison. But it all happened because I said yes—I said yes in the midst of uncertainty. I jumped out of the boat even though I wasn't 100% ready.

I believe responding to God's call does not require us to be 100% ready. It does not require us to be 100% certain. If we only responded when we're sure, we might be responding without faith. God does not necessarily call those who are ready; He calls those who have courage. He calls those who are eager to follow the will of the Father.

Is God calling you? In your career, your vocation, or any other aspect of your life? You don't have to be fully ready. Just have the courage to jump out of the boat and let your faith in Him save you.

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NCR SENIORS TEACHING NIGHT

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST:
A Reflection for the
Franciscan Jubilee Year

Speaker:
FR. JUSFER ALBERT, OFM CAPUCHIN,
Campus Ministry Chaplain of LSM

March 10, 2026
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Mandaluyong

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