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THE EDITOR



Dear Readers,

As Pope Francis is to set foot on our shores, the Philippine bishops prepare the faithful with a pastoral letter Filipino Catholic Laity: Called to be Saints... Sent Forth as Heroes! In this issue, we feature the devotion of a lay person to St. Clare of Assisi, whose feast was celebrated with solemnity at the Monasterio de Sta. Clara in Quezon City. On another perspective, a Friar writes about his journey of faith with the laity. Still on lay devotion, Santuario de San Pedro Bautista held a Marian exhibit. To be a venue for pastoral activities and catechetical endeavors of the laity, the new pastoral center was blessed as St. Pius X Mission Church celebrated its fiesta in San Andres, Catanduanes. The 13th Pastoral Assembly of friars and lay leaders working in parishes and shrines further highlights lay involvement in working for the Kingdom of God.

Temples of prayer – the embodiments of the living stones they represent – were blessed and inaugurated. The new parish church in Donsol, Sorsogon was declared diocesan shrine of St. Francis of Assisi. The Portiuncula Chapel of the Our Lady of the Angels was dedicated in Novaliches. May the lay faithful deserve the Friars' service in these two beautiful houses of worship.

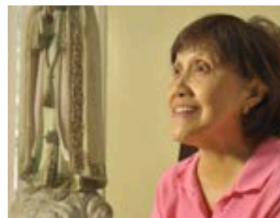
An article on the stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi accompanies the celebration of this year's Jubilarians. Celebrate with the Province the milestones of lives dedicated to the pastoral needs of the laity and to being Franciscans.

Lastly, a Filipino friar preparing for solemn vows tells his and

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