

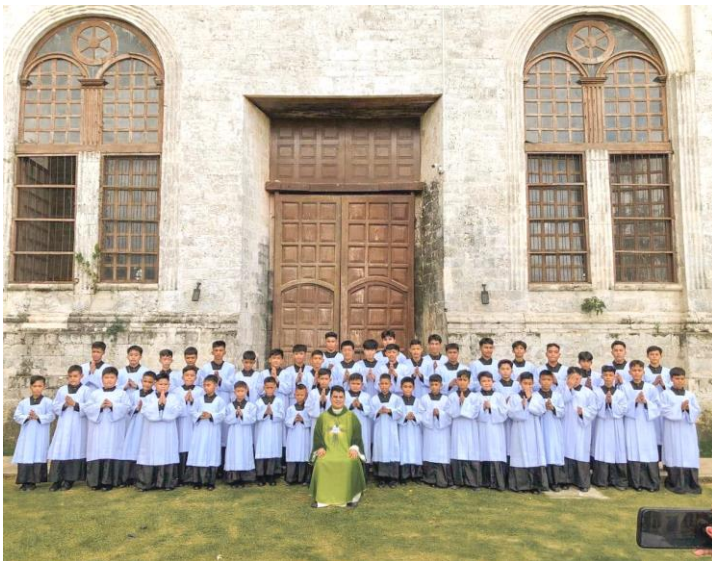
Tridentine Community News

August 13, 2023 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Public Displays of Catholicism in the Philippines

A priest reader of this column is based in the Philippines. Over the years he has sent along numerous photos that depict an amazingly public display of Catholicism, where the Faith is a prominent part of public life there. Some examples are worth noting:

First, parishes tend to be overflowing with altar servers and young men who dedicate themselves to volunteering for the parish. A recent investiture of new altar servers is pictured below.

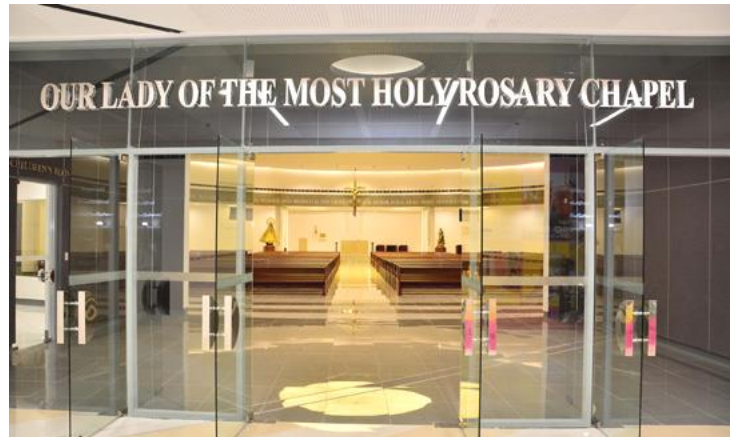


In the Philippines as elsewhere, altar servers are an important source of vocations to the sacred priesthood. The Knights of the Altar is a group of servers, many of whom are interested in going to seminary. With these kinds of numbers, one could surmise that the Philippines is likely doing quite well in priestly vocations.



The country is known for being hot and humid. Shopping malls are a popular destination because of their climate control. The Church follows the faithful and has set up chapels in many malls. Reports are that it is not uncommon to find 300 people attending a Mass in a mall chapel. These malls also occasionally offer displays of sacred art, such as statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

While this column has previously mentioned that a handful of malls in the U.S. have chapels – the Prudential Center Mall in Boston is one example – in the Philippines these chapels seem to be standard accoutrements. [Photo by the Manila Standard of the Chapel of Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary at the Mall of SM North Edsa The Block below]



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 08/15 12:00 Noon: High Mass at *Holy Family, Detroit* (Assumption)

Tue. 08/15 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth* (Assumption) – Celebrant: Fr. Clint McDonell

Tue. 08/15 7:00 PM: High Mass at *Holy Name of Mary, Windsor* (Assumption)

Tue. 08/15 7:00 PM: Solemn High Mass at *Assumption Grotto* (Assumption) [at outdoor Grotto altar, weather permitting]

Sun. 08/20 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost) – Celebrant: Msgr. Ronald Browne

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