

The Holy Father's Intention for the Months of July and August 2024



July (For the pastoral care of the sick)

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

August (For political leaders)

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

To all our generous benefactors, mission and prayer partners who are celebrating their gift of life in these months of July and August, rest assured that you will be remembered in our prayers, especially in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament invites you to participate in the formation of our seminarians and the on-going formation of our religious.

Any donation will be deeply appreciated and acknowledged. We pray daily for the intentions of our benefactors during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & weekly Mass every Thursday.

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St. Peter Julian Eymard said:

Happy is the soul that knows how to find Jesus in the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in all things.



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Honoring the Legacy
St. Peter Julian Eymard
Apostle of the Eucharist



From the SMP - PDO Office

Peace to one and all!

As we celebrate the 156th death anniversary of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, we reflect on the enduring legacy of the Eucharistic vocation he inspired. This legacy continues to thrive, marked by the perpetual profession of two brothers and subsequent ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Through continuous human formation, community exposure, and the Ministry of the Word, the spirit of Saint Peter Julian Eymard lives on in every aspect of our mission.

Your unwavering support has been instrumental in nurturing this special vocation, enabling us to form servant-leaders rooted from the Eucharist. As we honor Saint Eymard's memory, we extend our deepest gratitude to you, our benefactors, whose generosity makes this sacred work possible.

Please be assured of our prayers in the Mass and before the Blessed Sacrament, thanking God for your partnership in this holy mission.

In Christ our Bread of Life, I remain!

Gratefully yours,

FR. MARC BRYAN R. ADONA, SSS

*To all those who wish to send their financial assistance for the "Support Our Seminarians" Project or S.O.S through bank, you can deposit your donations to BPI Account No. 4061-001951 under the name of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Thank you very much!



Honoring the Legacy

Continuing St. Peter Julian Eymard's legacy of Eucharistic devotion, the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament—POLA celebrated the 156th death anniversary of our founder with a Feast Day Mass. Presided by Father Rudsend Paragas, Provincial Superior of POLA, and concelebrated by religious priests of the congregation at Sta. Cruz Parish last August 2, 2024. In his homily, Father Rudsend highlighted Saint Peter Julian Eymard as a man of prayer, who centered his life on the Eucharist. Eymard's unwavering devotion to adoration and his commitment to fostering a

prayerful spirit within the Congregation have inspired generations to seek a closer union with Christ through prayer and the Eucharist.



Another significant milestone reflects the enduring legacy of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, inspiring new generations in their consecrated life. On August 15 and 17, 2024 respectively, Brother Nathaniel Obal, SSS and Brother Lawrence Amany, SSS will make their perpetual profession of vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, followed by their ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons. May their commitment to the vows and their new role as deacons be guided by the spirit of Saint Peter Julian, serving faithfully in the path of Christ.



SCHOLASTICATE UPDATE

Helping the Faithful Grow in Reverence for God's Word: Installation to the Ministry of Lectors

Br. Marlon Brando S. Moreno, SSS



The five scholastics, Brs. Judah Ray B. Bañez, Jubert D. Alberto, Aljun G. Alfeche, Marlon Brando S. Moreno, SSS, and Andrei Mikael S. Lirazan, SSS, were solemnly installed to the ministry of lectorate on July 14, 2024, in a Holy Mass presided by Very Rev. Rudsend Paragas, SSS, the provincial superior of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

More than taking another “step closer to the altar,” the installation to the ministry to lectorate is a call to commitment in proclaiming and living the word of God. In doing so, it is the fervent hope of the five scholastics that they will be able to help the faithful grow more deeply in reverence for God's word.

Such a principle of commitment was further galvanized by a meaningful sharing given by Rev. Fr. Allen Peña, SSS, prior to the installation. Fr. Allen emphasized to the scholastics the importance of spiritual preparations, presence of mind, and knowledge of the Scriptures, as well as the importance of prayerful pauses and putting emphasis on keywords when proclaiming the word of God.

Brs. Judah, Jubert, Aljun, Marlon, and Andrei are energized to faithfully hand the word of God to the faithful so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people. Their zealous response is of gratitude to the Lord for this undeserved grace to be proclaimers of the word of God.



VOCATION MINISTRY UPDATE

“Once a BSVC, Always a BSVC” BSVC at 46

by

Br. Paolo Lorenzo M. Ortiz, SSS



The Blessed Sacrament Vocation Club (BSVC) celebrated its 46th Anniversary on July 21, 2024, with a Mass at Sta. Cruz Church—Manila, presided by Fr. Victor Clemence Posadas, SSS, the Vocation Director, with Fr. Jon Sison, SSS, and Fr. Eddienel Villa, SSS, as concelebrants. The event was attended by BSVC members from Manila and Taguig, including the Eymard Formation Center scholastics. Fr. Clemence expressed gratitude for the many blessings received through the gift of vocation, highlighting the program's fruits, such as former members who are now priests and seminarians. Simultaneously in Tacloban, 33 young men joined BSVC during an inauguration on July 16, 2024, at the Archdiocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, with Fr. Duo Ming Pei, SSS, presiding. BSVC invites male college students, graduates, and young professionals aged 18-39 to discern their vocation.



POSTULANCY UPDATE



Formation Institute for Religious

Bro. John Paul C. Tabaco

As part of our training and formation as postulants of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, we formally started our class in FIR (Formation Institute for Religious) last July 22, 2024. It was held at the Regis Hall of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary (PM Sisters) in Catalunan Grande, Davao City. It was a four-day class from July 22-25 and attended by 30 postulants from 8 different religious congregations.

For me, our class in **Theatre Arts** helped me to appreciate the beauty of the arts and how it is applied in my everyday life and chosen vocation. It also helped me to be more confident and more generous in terms of sharing the talents that God has given me. It also helped me learn how to deal with and manage my nervousness when I am with the crowd.

Likewise, it taught me how to handle and deal with my emotions when instances and life situations come. Lastly, it opened my perspective on the use of social media to evangelize and to bring Christ and the Gospel as a tool for new evangelization, especially in today's millennium.



NOVITIATE UPDATE



Community Exposure

Br. Vincent Rene U. Conti, nSSS



For our novitiate community exposure, we unanimously decided to change the prayer room flooring and repaint the lower half of the chapel walls. With Fr. Vergel and Fr. Ronel's approval, the three-week project began on June 24. Br. Ryan Flores was elected superior, and Br. Christian Santos was named treasurer. With our schedule and budget set, materials and groceries purchased, and house junk sold for extra cash, we second-year novices, including Br. Glendel Marzo and myself, started by scraping off the old prayer room carpet, revealing ceramic tiles. We then installed new natural maple vinyl tiles and white moldings under Kuya Romy's supervision. By the first week's end, we finished the prayer room with new light white curtains.

In the second week, we worked on the chapel windows and walls, removing and cleaning window screens, patching wall imperfections, and painting the previously avocado green walls ivory white. We also painted window grills, metal stair handrails, and varnished the chapel doors. By the end of the third week, the chapel was ready. On July 15, Fr. Ronel blessed and cut the ribbon for the new prayer room and chapel, followed by lunch at the refectory.

Throughout the project, we maintained our regular schedule of lauds, vespers, daily adorations, masses, and enjoyed our evenings with snacks and Ted Lasso. This exposure was a mix of firsts and familiar tasks, with everyone stepping up to complete the work smoothly. We look forward to future projects, confident in our teamwork and accomplishments.