



A NEWSLETTER OF SAGRADA PAMILYA PARISH

Sagrada Pamilya Parish Empowers Apostles in Discipleship Seminar



Sagrada Pamilya Parish Witnesses a Resurgence in Discipleship: Apostles Attend Recollection-Seminar

The Sagrada Pamilya Parish recently held a significant recollection-seminar for its apostoles, emphasizing the core principles of Christian discipleship. Organized by GKK/KK leaders, the seminar stressed the necessity of a deep, lifelong commitment to Christ's teachings, paralleling the dedication of Jesus' first disciples.

Participants were reminded that true discipleship involves self-denial, service, humility, and forgoing worldly honors, reflecting Jesus' own life. The teachings focused on 'deny', 'take up', and 'follow' as actions symbolizing complete and continuous dedication to discipleship, extending beyond mere obedience. The seminar also highlighted the communal and service-oriented nature of discipleship and apostleship, urging participants to deepen their relationship with Christ and actively engage in their communities, inspired by the lives of Jesus' original apostles.

Relief Efforts for B'laan Families Amidst Crop Damage Due to Heatwave

The extreme heat that has been damaging fields for the past few weeks has had a big effect on many families, especially those in the B'laan community in GKK San Jose, Purok Roxas, Esperanza.

In response to the crisis, the Parish of the Sagrada Pamilya has stepped forward to provide much-needed relief.

On March 30, 2024, a rice distribution initiative was carried out directly in the area inhabited by our B'laan brothers and sisters. The effort was facilitated by Mr. Melvin Apenton, the parish youth coordinator. He was joined by Bea Sueno, Jian Ebane, Carlo, and leaders from the GKK community including the President of GKK Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Vice-President of GKK San Jose, Roxas, Esperanza.

In total, 45 families received this crucial aid, marking a significant effort by the community to support those hit hardest by the environmental crisis. This act of solidarity reflects the community's resilience and commitment to supporting one another in times of need.



Rising Together: Parish Support for B'laan Community in Heat Crisis

CYM Leadership Training and Reflection Event

On March 23, 2024, the GKK Nuestra Senora de la Medalla Milagrosa in Tamnag, Lutayan, hosted the CYM Leadership Training and Reflection Event, attracting 30 participants. The event, focusing on leadership skill development and spiritual growth, commenced with John Ryan Huqueriza's session on the making of a leader, emphasizing vision, decision-making, and accountability. Francesca Ylaine Guanga and Nerison Laluna later discussed traits of effective leaders like empathy and integrity. The afternoon featured a reflective reflection led by Ms. Agnes S. Reyes, focusing on overcoming personal obstacles and promoting forgiveness. Participants left feeling empowered to lead with compassion and resilience in their communities.



April 2024

Schedule of Meetings

- April 6, 8:00 AM All Ministries Monthly Follow-up Meeting (Online)
- April 13, 8:00 AM Parish-based Safeguarding Orientation
- April 13, 8:00 AM KVA LLM Meeting

Financial Management Training by Sagrada Pamilya Parish



March 23, 2024. The Sagrada Pamilya Parish Economic Council held a Financial Management Training at Silver Jienne's Garden and Resort, aimed at GKK Treasurers. Led by Ruffa Mae A. Fernandez, CPA, State Auditor I from the COA Region XII, the training focused on imparting basic accounting skills to the treasurers. It covered fundamental accounting concepts, components of financial statements, and practical applications like journalizing. The session recognized the treasurers' difficulties with complex financial concepts, given their experience with basic cash recording systems and lack of standard financial reporting practices. To address this, the Council suggested simplifying financial terminology, incorporating real-life examples in the training, and providing easily understandable resources such as handouts and online materials. Emphasis was also placed on standardized reporting formats and the effective use of accounting tools. With 41 out of 58 GKKs across 14 zones attending, the training showcased the parish's commitment to improving financial literacy and stewardship among its treasurers, marking a step forward in enhancing the church's financial management capabilities.

FEATURE

Why are Catholic bibles bigger than Protestant bibles?

Catholic Bibles are larger than Protestant Bibles because they include additional books and chapters not found in Protestant versions. While both Catholic and Protestant Bibles have the same 27 books in the New Testament, the Catholic Old Testament includes six extra books (Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 and 2 Maccabees) and additional portions in the books of Esther and Daniel. These extra texts are known as the deuterocanonical books in the Catholic tradition and are termed apocryphal by Protestants, who regard them as non-inspired.

The inclusion of these deuterocanonical books in Catholic Bibles is rooted in their presence in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament that was widely used in the early Christian Church. This translation was significant as Greek served as a universal language, much like English today. Some Protestant arguments against the inclusion of these books are based on the claim that Jesus and the apostles did not quote from them. However, several canonical books like Joshua, Judges, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Obadiah, Zephaniah, and Nahum are also not directly quoted in the New Testament, which undermines this argument.

There are allusions to deuterocanonical books in the New Testament. For example, Mark 12:18-22 references a story from Tobit, Hebrews 11:35 alludes to an event in 2 Maccabees, and Matthew 27:39-43 parallels a passage in the book of Wisdom. These references indicate the early Christian community's familiarity with and respect for these texts, such as praying for the dead, as mentioned in 2 Maccabees 12:46. Therefore, the question is less about why the Catholic Bible includes these books, and more about why they were omitted in the Protestant Bible. (Source: Horn, Trent. *The Bible (20 Answers Series from Catholic Answers)*)