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## St. Joseph's House ♦ Mindanao ♦ Philippines

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Dear Friends and Benefactors,

### THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

It is a great joy for us to be able to communicate to you good news about our Philippine Missions. Our only sorrow is that we are far too few for our huge task of bringing Tradition back to the Philippines, and though our resources in terms of talent and sanctity fall far short of the need, you are our consolation. In all truth, our lacking of spiritual and material means is in great part alleviated by having you as part of our support crew, helping us both spiritually and materially.

Here in the Philippines, Traditional Catholics in Mindanao literally jumped for joy when Fr. Couture announced plans for planting a new Priory on the big Southern Island in the early part of this year 2011. This move had been contemplated for quite some time because it was the next logical step to the restoration of Catholic Tradition in the Philippines. The original Spanish Missionaries conceived the Philippines in three broad geographical areas, the North consisting of Luzon and its environs, the Middle consisting of the Visayas, and the South consisting chiefly in the Island of Mindanao. Thus, whereas the Society already had a Priory for the North in Manila, and one for the Middle in Iloilo, it made sense to establish the third one in the Southern tier of the Philippines. .

The future Priory of St. Joseph will serve 6 Missions regularly, 5 more once or twice a month, and in addition will pray and ponder on what to do for nearly 9 other villages that require our real presence. Roughly 660 souls scattered throughout our missions attend our Masses, and more than double that number are on the fringes to be gathered in. The most encouraging part of these num-



*"Boys and girls, I have some important news," says Fr. Tim Pfeiffer, "We'll soon open a new priory in Mindanao...."* .



*The future Priory of St. Joseph on the southern island of Mindanao*

bers is that we have about 10 Praesidia of the Legion of Mary at work in our Missions, and 3 clans of the Apostles of Mary, and from these strongholds, we can do the double work of consolidation and new conquests. For instance, just two weeks ago, in following up the work of our Apostles of Mary, I baptised a sick child who died 3 days later, gained for the

Kingdom of heaven through the zeal of our Apostles in the nick of time!

A full feature article will appear in the next *Apostle*. Meanwhile, may St. Joseph bless you and reward your generosity with longevity and divine blessings.

In Our Lord,  
Fr. J. Timothy Pfeiffer.