



# De Las Victorias



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## Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 7-9 First Periodical Examinations
- Aug. 15 Feast of the Assumption
- Aug. 19 Quezon City Day (no classes)
- Aug. 21 Benigno S. Aquino Day (no classes)
- Aug. 22 Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (special schedule)
- Aug. 24 Distribution of Report Cards

## SY 2013-14 Now in Session!



We have a dream in this time when more and more become forgetful of the rights of God! This dream is to form a new generation of genuine Catholic gentlemen and ladies who will prize virtue and heavenly wisdom above all else. This dream is to replace godless leaders, dishonest merchants, selfish parenthood, unfaithful religious life...with new blood, blood mingled with the Blood of Christ! This dream is to give to our children the drive and ambition to protect and to foster the Faith of their fatherland, the Roman Catholic Faith. This dream is to make the PHILIPPINES once

again the great "KINGDOM OF THE HOLY ROSARY" (Pius XII) with soldiers of Jesus Christ who are consecrated to the service of the Virgin Mother of God.

But is all this just a dream?

Without the grace of God, yes. However, the reality is that God wills the reign of Christ the King. There is no doubt of the special love the Most Holy Trinity has showered our country, but we must be receptive and co-operate in the spirit of prayer and sacrifice. I beg each of you, whether parent, student or just curious reader, fight with us! We must keep the dream alive by making it more and more each day a sanctified reality through Catholic education. This is our hope, this is our prayer, which we commend to our Lady and St. Joseph. In this Catholic bond we will find victory!

Your servant,

Fr. Michael Fortin  
Principal

## Interview with the President by Rafael Vincent A. Faustino

RF: Good afternoon Father Onoda! Thank you for this wonderful opportunity, I know that you are busy.

Fr: Good afternoon too! No worries.

RF: Father, could you give us a short autobiography?

Fr: I was born in the year 1964 in Japan. I started in the seminary in 1987 in Flavigny, France. Next, I was ordained by the grace of God in the International Seminary



of the Society of St. Pius X in Ecône, Switzerland. Then I was assigned here in this beautiful country, the Philippines.

RF: How long have you been assigned here and how about as President of the school?

Fr: I have been in the Philippines for 20 years and 3 years as President of the school.

RF: Father, what is your role as President?

Fr: It is to represent the school in front of the Philippine society in legal fashion,... [Cont. on p.15]

## Teachers' Week



The official start of school actually begins a week before students arrive. Each academic year **kicks off with Teachers' Week**, dedicated to professional development, gaining spiritual strength for the task ahead, preparation for classes and getting to know each other better. Dr. Peter Chojnowski, university professor in philosophical studies, graced us with superb conferences which imbued us with a greater love for wisdom, that we may hand down what we have received! Thank you Dr. and Fathers Onoda and T. Pfeifer for this blessed week! On Sat. June 29, OLVCS had the happiness of receiving the par-

ents/guardians of our children for orientation. The main topic of the welcoming conference given by the principal, was to orientate upon our entrusted mission to form saints in **today's world**. Special emphasis was given to the special character of the society of St. Pius X founded by Archbishop Lefebvre, a true man of the Church who responded to the cry of families for good and holy priests and truly Catholic parishes and schools. The priests, religious brothers and all the faculty are heart fully grateful for such excellent families to work with!



## Life as a High School Boarder by Joshua G. Pacio



*A new batch of high school boarders joins us at OLVCS! We welcome them and see how they are adjusting.*

Vincent: On the first week, I was not able to adjust, but the weeks after that I slowly adjusted.

Kurt: It was fine, I adjusted

on the first day, because some of the older boarders welcomed me.

*We also asked the new generation of boarders about their expectations for this school year.*

Carl: I expect this year to be

very educational, and this year to have many activities!

Joshua: I expect this year to be great, for I have many friends here.

*We wish you the best school year and our pleased to have you with us!*

## A Sunset Outing by Nathan Josef T. Dela Cruz



The day we boarders have all been waiting for: Outing Day! Our special outing for the quarter had been postponed twice, as the original plan was to soak in the world famous sunset of Manila Bay, but the weather was not cooperating. Finally, Father had us pile up in the priory's van and the others in a cab, and off we drove to...rain showers!!! But Heaven was good to us, the rain held off long enough to visit Rizal park and its awesome dancing fountain. We then headed for cover at the Mall of Asia where three extra large pizzas had no chance of survival. The rain once again receded, so the Bay side bungee, go-carts and swinging ship found a lively crew. No sunset was seen, but indeed a rise in spirits!



## Gifts of Play and Paint



This past summer, while showing prospective new parents around the school, some inquired where the playground was located. Well, the truth was, we had an empty space available, but no funds to fill it with. How good St. Joseph is to his children! He heard the little need of his little ones, and he despised it not. The St. Robert Bellarmine Foundation was the instrument to come to our recreational rescue! This foundation, based in the States, works to “restore all things in Christ” especially through its generous support of traditional Roman Catholic institutes. They provided a grand lump sum which was able to cover exactly the cost of our new American brand *Rainbow* playground set. Please receive our immense gratitude and prayers in return, dearest friends and benefactors of St. Robert Bellarmine Foundation.

There was something lacking on the walls of OLVCS! We had crucifixes and pictures of saints, but that is insufficient for students. Why? For the simple reason that the Catholic Faith cannot be something distant and unattached to our concrete daily life. Paintings of Filipino heritage, people and culture were needed to accompany our Lord Jesus Christ Crucified and that of His saints. In this way, the children would hopefully be more deeply convinced, that true Filipino pride lies in service and imitation of our Beloved Master. And St. Joseph once again heeded to our desire for our beloved students. Artist Jeffrey Consumo, whose list of disciples in painting include former president Cora Aquino, came to us with hand and brush guided by the angels! He has donated to us two of his traditional Filipino cultural works of art, and agreed to accomplish four commissioned works to ornate the main hall at OLVCS in the glorious beauty of Filipino culture side to side with our depictions of our Catholic roots! May the Angels of God guide you always dear friend!

## Meet the Teachers

by Jan Carlos L. Lagco



*This will be a regular featured section so readers may have opportunity to meet all our faculty.*

Teacher Kathleen is from Las Pinas and has previously worked in Dubai in hotel customer relations. This is excellent background for her present task of teaching English grammar and literature. “Teaching at OLVCS is a joy and it is a privilege to influence the lives of these young souls entrusted to me by Divine Providence.” Teacher Annie comes to us from New Zealand and assists in the elemen-

tary grade levels. “When I first came here, I thought things would be complicated with the communication barrier, but then I was amazed at the multilingual ability of the children! I am also impressed with the respectful attitude of the students toward their superiors. It is nice being here and I am happy working with my great co-teachers!”



## Scapular Enrollment by Theodore Joseph G. Viray



On July 16th we had the joy of celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. During the sermon of the Mass, Father Fortin reminded us that the Scapular of our Lady is known also as a “Garment of Grace” and the devil has a repulsive hatred for this sacramental. Father related stories of how our Lady is true to her promise of “whosoever shall die wearing this garment shall not suffer everlasting fire.”

After the Mass, Father blessed scapulars and imposed them upon students and parents who wished. A special prayer was said from the ritual for each kneeling at the Communion rail. They were then enrolled in the Confraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which carries special privileges.

Holy water was then sprinkled upon these sons and daughters of the Blessed Mother.

This feast gave us opportunity to renew our devotion to our heavenly Mother and to her gift of the scapular given to us. Father told us of the indulgences which we may even receive by simply kissing the scapular during our Morning Offering prayer. With true devotion for Mary, we pray for her protection against sin and guidance to eternal life!



## Interview with the President (continued from page12)



Fr: ...along with legal financial responsibility. I am assisted by Fr. Fortin, the principal, who has more direct contact with the teachers, students and parents.

RF: That is hard work Father! What changes have you seen in the school?

Fr: Lots of progress! Developments, both spiritual and material, especially facilities in the school such as the science lab, basketball court and playground. The teachers and students have developed well. The high school boys are now more serious. I am happy for this year!

RF: What are some major difficulties to overcome?

Fr: The major difficulty is that we are less known. Despite very good formation extended to all, very few enjoy the opportunities which we offer.

RF: **Father, we have heard that you are pursuing a master's degree at Ateneo University, what inspired you to take upon this added work?**

Fr: Well, although a diploma is not important in the sight of God, it is however important to increase in professional knowledge. It also shows that we are very serious in developing a top educational institute for the best future of our students.

RF: What advice can you give to the students and teachers of OLVCS?

Fr: Students, you have a rare opportunity in your hands, pray and study well even when it is difficult. Teachers, please receive my gratitude and priestly blessing that you may continue in very good performance. We are here to assist you as a team in the high work of Catholic formation.

RF: Thank you so much Father for your time.

Fr: Thank you also! God bless you!



## Best School Uniform?

It has been well said that the most professional of environments must be the school environment, as this is where professionals are formed. And there can be no doubt that the way we dress influences the way we act. Hence, at OLVCS we have striven to design the best school uniform possible in order to assist our students in developing a noble and professional spirit.

But how were the design ideas formulated?

We wanted to firstly incorporate the school colors of blue/white (in honor of

our Lady) and of gold (in honor of Christ the King.) We then wanted to sharpen the image, by use of top quality material, especially for the boys' sport blazer and the girls' vest. The blazer was patterned in similar fashion to prestigious Robert Talbott's design. The blazer and vest meet the challenge of giving the students a garment both for cooler days and also for formal school events. The uniform would not be complete without the proud bearing of our coat of arms! We may have to lastly confess that the Japanese hinted vest and airline hinted golden neck scarf has possible connection to backgrounds of the President and of the Principal of OLVCS!

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