

Our Lady of Victories Priory ♦ Manila ♦ Philippines



*Bishop Fellay blesses the new Our Lady of Victories School on the Feast of the Assumption.*



*Fr. Onoda poses with an adult neophyte on Christmas Day.*



*Bishop Fellay with brothers James, Mathias, Hyacinth and Isidore in Manila.*



*Bishop Fellay makes an epic speech at the Legion of Mary Convention on 15th August.*



*Fr. Thomas Onoda, prior at Manila, with Fr. Todd Anderson in South Korea.*



*Everyone has to work in the missions - even the District Superior of France. Rev. Fr. Régis de Cacqueray finishes the washing-up in a kitchen somewhere in South Korea.*

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### SCHOOL INSPECTION

While visiting Our Lady of Victories Priory last November, the opportunity of snooping around the new school situated in a splendid property next to the priory was irresistible. Fr. Robert Macpherson was kind enough to let me sit at the back of some of the classes which enabled me both to terrorise the teachers and to steal ideas for Veritas Academy in India.

The staff comprises 1½ priests (½ means part time), 1½ brothers, 6 full-time staff and 3 part-time staff and they teach 34 pupils: 5 junior school classes (mixed) and 2 senior school classes (boys only). Notably all the lay staff are from the Philippines (there is no dependence on overseas volunteers at the moment, but they could do with some help), they are all highly qualified and most of them are members of our faithful - all of which filled me with the greatest envy and high expectations for the future.

The newly acquired buildings lend themselves to the needs of a school and there is even room for expansion, but woe for Fr. Macpherson and his budget: there is a long list of maintenance and improvements that must be made before he can recline in his presidential leather swivel chair to read *Ice Hockey Weekly* from back home (Canada).

The children were all very polite and, unlike our ragamuffins at Palayamkottai, it was not possible to tell what they had eaten for breakfast by an examination of their smart uniforms. One thing our boys



*Grade 4 with Mr. Renoir. Small class sizes make teaching and learning much more effective.*



*Morning Prayers and the National Anthem before school.*

have over the OLVS boys, however, is a predilection for violent games, but I am sure this will come with time.

It is not too dramatic to say that Our Lady of Victories School represents the hope of a Catholic future for the Philippines. Catholic schools are a condition *sine*

*qua non* of truly Catholic families and vocations for tomorrow.

May Our Lady of Victories ever hold this school in her tender care and please, dear faithful, give this noble undertaking all the help you can.

Rev. Fr. Robert Brucciani

Can you sponsor a student?

We are looking for sponsors for those who cannot afford the full tuition and boarding fees which are USD2000 per year, or USD200 per month. "God loveth a cheerful giver!" (St Paul) Contact Fr. Macpherson, the Headmaster for details: [macp@sspx.net](mailto:macp@sspx.net)