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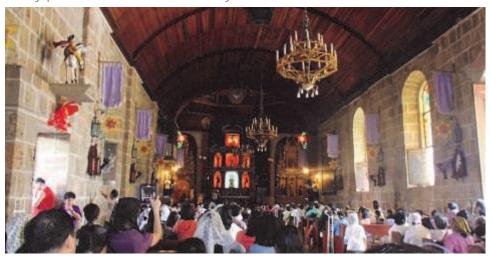
"An army of priests and religious after the Divine Model." From left to right, Br. James Mary, Br. Hyacinth, Fr. Coenraad Daniels, Br. Pascual, Fr. Thomas Onoda, Fr. Tim Pfeiffer, Fr. Alexander Hora, Fr. Michael Fortin, Br. André Joseph, Mr. Pio Kim, Br. Isidore Mary and Br. Francis-Xavier

An Elite For Christ

Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, founder of the Society of St. Pius X, once remarked that a true priestly vocation is a miracle in today's world! Our Lord has established the extension of His priesthood so men thereby may be saved, therefore a crisis in the priesthood will mean a crisis in the salvation of souls. St. John Vianney goes as far as to say that without priests, men will turn into savage animals! And who can doubt this awful crisis in the priesthood today. So many priests have abandoned their holy

vocation since Vatican II in the 1960's, the countless scandals of Churchmen displayed in the media, the empty seminaries that were once full, the virtual disappearance of sound doctrinal and moral training, a new liturgy introduced that misidentifies the august Sacrifice of the Mass as a simple gathering of the people for a communal meal with perhaps only religious tone! And we see the terrible effects...the civilization of nations moves each day further away from Christian nobility towards barbarianism.

Has the Good God abandoned His people? No, He gave to us Archbishop Lefebvre, and He charged him with the special task, after his long years of dedicated service to the Church, to work to form priests loyal to our Lord and to His mission. Hence, we have the Society of St. Pius X, in the past forty years up to the present, still forming an army of priests and religious after the Divine Model, and sending them throughout the world to give the sacraments as our Lord instituted them, to teach His truths and morals in unaltered fashion, to live His



Saint James Church in Paete (Laguna). The original church was built in 1646. It was rebuilt in 1717, destroyed by an earthquake in 1888, rebuilt, destroyed by another earthquake in 1937 and then rebuilt again. Paeta is renowned for its beautiful wood-carved statues.



Pilgrimage to Laguna; Our Lady of Victories annual pilgrimage on 14th December 2013.

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Fr. Thomas Onoda, poses with the statute of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the end of the pilgrimage of Laguna in front of Pagsanjan Church

life and to give His life to souls awaiting.

And what a grace for the Philippines to receive "another Christ" in her midst! It was such a joy for us to be able to receive newly ordained Rev. Father John Hattrup before his travel to his

post at St. Bernard's novitiate in Iloilo. We lift our hearts in gratitude to God as we beg. Him to send the Philippines many holy priests as we pray to do our part in fostering strong Filipino vocations! $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$



Mass being celebrated at the new shrine of St. Joseph at the priory.



Fr. Alexander Hora gives an impassioned meditation upon the metaphysics of the Hypostatic Union.



"Hang-on," thinks the newly ordained Fr. Hattrup to himself, "I've just left seminary and I'm back in the classroom already! I thought priests were supposed to have infused knowledge..."

A cruel disappointment indeed (just look at the faces).