

## Photos from the GSP General Assembly

The two-day assembly was an occasion to hear not only about Good Shepherd Partnership and its development, but also to experience camaraderie among Good Shepherd Sisters and mission partners. They discussed, prayed together and had fun together.



## Good Shepherd Partnership Philippine Province

*Magkatuwang na Paghahabi sa Mapagpalayang Pagpapastol*



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### First Assembly of Good Shepherd Partners in the Philippines held

The first assembly of Good Shepherd Partners in the Philippines was held last December 5 and 6 at Bahay Ugnayan in Quezon City.



**GSP Team. From left to right: Srs. Marion, Añanita, Ate Nelly, Ms. Barsaga, Sr. Patricia.**

Participated by 48 Good Shepherd Sisters and Mission partners, the assembly was representative of 24 communities in the country. It was held as part of the implementation of the Chapter Mandate that called for a "joint formation program for sisters and mission partners and an operational manual for the Good Shepherd Partnership Program."

facilitated by the Good Shepherd Partnership Team composed of Sr. Ananita Borbon, Ms. Tess Barsaga, Sr. Marion Chipeco, and Ms. Nelly Juan.

The theme of the assembly was, "*Magkatuwang na Paghahabi sa Mapagpalayang Pagpapastol.*" The two-day activity was

In her welcome remarks, Sr. Cecilia Torres, province leader, thanked the group for their contri-

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**Participants of the First General Assembly of Good Shepherd Partners.**

## Province Teams

*Good Shepherd Partnership is one of five Province Teams*

After the 2008 Provincial Chapter, the members of the Province Leadership Team (formerly called Provincial Council) met to implement the Chapter Directives. The current Province Teams include: Formation Team, MARTA (Material Resources), Ministry/WJPIC. By December 2008, a group of Good Shepherd Sisters and mission partners were appointed to study and to initiate activities geared at developing Good Shepherd Partnership in the country.

The GSP Team is composed of Srs. Añanita Borbon, Marion Chipeco, Ms. Tess Barsaga, Ms. Nelly Juan and Sr. Patricia Perez of the Province Leadership Team.

## Rational for Good Shepherd Partnership with the Lay

### 2002 Provincial Chapter

*“That our lay co-workers be not only empowered to share responsibility, but also power and authority. Moreover, they be considered in spirit and in truth as our formators. In this spirit, an integrated lay formation program (ILFP) be designed and systematically implemented with the help of our lay mission partners.”*

### General Chapter 2003 Directive

*“Passionate about the mission, we commit ourselves to recognize that the laity who live the Good Shepherd charism are a gift to the Congregation, the Church and the world. In partnership with them, find new paths, with reciprocal confidence find the means to share formation and*



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tribution to the mission of the congregation and assured the participants that the outcome of the assembly will help enrich Good Shepherd Partnership in the country. Sr. Ananita gave an Orientation of Good Shepherd Partnership while Ms. Judylyn Backong and Sr. Regina Pil shared on the Lived Experience as Mission Partners. A workshop on Envisioning the GS Partnership Program and was followed by reports of the discussion groups.

## Some Updates...

The Team visited the different communities of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to conduct focus group discussions and administer the GSP Information sheet to all paid staff (regular and contractual), volunteers, and lay affiliates of the different local communities.



**Bukid Kabataan staff**

The responses were collated and a GSP database was created for future references.

The data from 651 respondents of paid staff (regular and contractual), volunteers, and lay affiliates will be the basis for:

- Drawing up a Profile and Grid of Good Shepherd People.
- Describing and Valuing the Culture of the Good Shepherd People.
- Identifying and clarifying levels of partnership of the Good Shepherd partners
- Articulating the Vision-Mission Statement of the Good Shepherd Mission Partnership Program.



**Mission partners during the opening liturgy of the Core Group meeting in Bahay Ugnayan, April 27-28, 2010.**



**Sr. Añanita Borbon (right) explains the FGD (Focus Group Discussion) process to the mission partners in Iligan.**

# Good Shepherd Mission Partners

Objectives 2009-2010

To orient the lay mission partners to the Chapter Broad Direction on Lay Mission Partnership

To level off in terms of awareness and motivation

To establish camaraderie and rapport among and between the lay and the sisters

To come – up with a working document for vision – mission formulation of the GSP

To formulate the Vision – Mission of the GS Partnership Program



Bahay Pastulan staff answers GSP Information Sheet.



Mission partners in Isabela

## Core Group Representatives

### BAGUIO– ISABELA CLUSTER

**Judy Backong**

Baguio

### NCR CLUSTER

**Weena Meily**

WH

**Gina Cruz**

SBS, QC

**Gloria Pascual**

Bahay Ugnayan

### SOUTH LUZON CLUSTER

**Analisa Malbog**

SBC, Batangas

**Angeline Principe**

Maryridge

**Ellen de Chavez**

Bahay Pastulan

### BICOL CLUSTER

**Rose Lugo**

Legaspi

**Ted Husain**

SBS, Buhi

### CEBU CLUSTER

Jerasol Otadoy

### MINDANAO CLUSTER

**Mayet Cruz**

Kalilid

**Lalae Garcia**

CDO

## Lay Partnership in the Congregation

During the beginning of the foundation in Angers, St. Mary Euphrasia, established good relationships with the lay people with whom she shared her vision on how the community could be of help to women and children.

Two of the outstanding lay people that she worked with were Count Augustine de Neuville and Countess Genevieve d'Andigne.

**Count Augustine de Neuville** first met St. Mary Euphrasia when they toured the land known as the Tournemine, with the old, dilapidated cotton factory. The Count would be her life-long friend, counsellor, benefactor and indeed co-founder. He supported St. Mary Euphrasia in the work for the disadvantaged young people, in the formation of candidates and bore the greater expenses for the construction of the new buildings in the Good Shep-



Count de Neuville and Countess d'Andigne

herd in Angers.

**Countess Genevieve d'Andigne** aided St. Mary Euphrasia through her gifts, benefactions and became her companion and financial backer in her travels, she spread knowledge about the Good Shepherd congregation which she defended always.

*(Ode to Gratitude)*

### From the Conferences of St. Mary Euphrasia

My dear daughters, you feel it keenly when you do not meet with gratitude in those from whom you have the right to expect it. And what of God's rights... Truly ingratitude is one of those things which hurt us most! Let us think how we wound God's heart when we overlook the gifts received from him. But after God, our Lady and Holy Church, to whom are you indebted? There are several: Our good father de Neuville, our good mother, the Countess d'Andigne, our two virtuous Assistants General Mary of St. Chantal and Mary Teresa of Jesus.



*Chapter 64, On Gratitude*

## Highlights

**May, 2008** Provincial Chapter: Creation of the Good Shepherd Partnership Team with the following; Srs. Añanita and Marion, Ms. Tes Barsaga from SBS, QC and Nelly Juan from Isabela, Sr. Patricia Perez apostolic councilor sits with the team.

**June 15-19, 2008:** Tes Barsaga, Judylyn Backong and Nelly Juan with Sr. Regina Pil attended the Good Shepherd Asia-Pacific Partnership Gathering in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**January 25-29, 2009:** Meeting of all the Province Teams to translate the broad directions of the 2008 Provincial Chapter into doable and measurable programs and activities with performance indicators.

The GS Partnership Team was tasked to come up with a **Joint Formation Program** for sisters and mission partners to ensure full partnership, and an **Operational Manual for the GSP** with the hope that by **Year 2014 some (2 or 3) Good Shepherd ministries would have been administered by Good Shepherd partners.**

**July 14, 2009:** First GS Partnership Team Meeting. Need to form a Core Group, GS partners representing the different clusters who will assist the GSP Team in their mandated tasks. Ate Nelly



heads for Greenfield, Naga mission. She is sent to Cadlan to stay in the transient home.

**August 14, 2009:** Second Meeting. Formation of Core Group approved by the Provincial Council. Process of identifying and selection of cluster representatives from the local community partner representatives. Letters to the local communities sent and responses gathered from them:

**Cluster 1 (North Luzon)**  
**Isabela and Baguio**  
Ms. Judylyn Backong

**Cluster 2 (South Luzon)**  
**Batangas, Maryridge, Bahay Pastulan, CGS Tagaytay, Bukid Kabataan**  
Angelina Principe, Maryridge staff Liezl Malbog, SBC Batangas staff, Ellen Punzalan de Chavez, Bahay Pastulan staff.

**Cluster 3 (NCR)**  
**WH, HMV, Tahanan, EC, GSC, BU, SBS-QC, Malate, Provincialate**  
Gloria Pascual, Bahay Ugnayan, KMP Volunteer Gina S. Cruz,

## Highlights

SBS, QC staff, Weena S. Meily, Welcome House, Pro-Life Volunteer

**Cluster 4 (Bicol) Naga, SBS, Buhi, Legaspi, CGS Virac**  
Ted Husain, SBS, Buhi staff and Rose Lugo, Legaspi staff.

**Cluster 5 (Cebu) RGS and CGS**  
August 30-Sept. 5 Sr. Marion joined the Congregational Chapter Echo in Cebu which was facilitated by Sr. Deena, Philippine delegate. Sister was able to meet all the 42 staff and volunteers, mission partners of the different ministries of Villa Maria. The five major programs elected their representatives who in turn elected who will represent them to the core group. A long time partner of more than 20 years was elected. Sol willingly accepted the mandate. Jerasol Otadoy\_Kadasig Parents Association, Inc.

**Cluster 6 (Mindanao) CDO, Iligan, Pagadian, Kalilid CGS Butuan, Davao**  
Lalae Garcia, Cagayan de Oro Coordinator, Outreach Program for Prostituted Women Violence Against Women and Children, Mayet Cruz, Kalilid staff.

**Good Shepherd Lay Affiliates, Q.C. – Mila del Fonso**

**Pamayanan ng Mabuting Pastol – Ronald Tipora**

**October 13, 2009** Third Meeting of the Team. The Coun-

cil has approved the budget for the General Assembly of all the mission partner representatives of the local communities and Good Shepherd Sister companion to the program on December 4-5 at Bahay Ugnayan for a common experience on vision-mission formulation. The team also prepared an info sheet to be filled up by the mission partners from the different local communities. This will help the team to come up with a grid.

**October 20, 2009** The mission partner representatives from the NCR had a meeting at St. Bridget School, QC. The 7 mission partners were joined by Sr. Patricia, Council Member, Sr. Lyn Esguerra, Tes Barsaga, member of the team and Sr. Marion who facilitated the meeting.

The Good Shepherd Partnership Program was explained and how the core group was to be formed. The main agenda was for them to elect their three representatives who will be in the core group. The group was asked to fill up the info sheet for mission partners.

