

HELP ROGATIONISTS RAISE MORE PRIESTS

Our parish, Our Lady of Beautiful Love, is helping our Rogationist priests raise badly needed funds to continue the formation and education of their seminarians for the priesthood. They also need help to continue their feeding and catechizing of poor children from our mission areas which they are now doing only twice a month instead of every Sunday which they used to do before.

The help the Rogationists need is for us to buy Christmas cards which feature original paintings of talented seminarians at P 250.00 per batch of 10 cards with envelopes. The original paintings had been auctioned off to the highest bidders.

Instead of buying commercial cards to send out to our friends and relatives this Christmas, why not buy these Rogationists Christmas cards? They are great to send to our friends and relatives abroad because they depict local Nativity scenes.

Not only are we supporting priestly vocations; we are also encouraging the seminarian/artists to nurture their God-given talents.

Please buy these cards from the following parish workers who can deliver them to your home. They are:

Area 1 - Beth Balagot	- 823-90-06
Area 2 - Tess Mariano	- 828-05-55
Area 3 - Mel Domingo	- 828-16-03
Area 4 - Marite Panopio	- 824-71-46
Area 5 - Nestor Sagayadan	- 822-67-01
Chit Simon	- 828-75-02
Area 6 - Josie Santamaria	- 824-81-55
Area 7 - Myra Lapus	- 828-85-51
Azon Reyes	- 776-16-60
Area 8 - Ledy Perez	- 828-43-22
Area 9 - Aida Amandy	- 787-15-47
Area 10 - Mely Dela Vega	- 09174882301

2008 HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION A BIG SUCCESS

The success of our 2008 Halloween Celebration held on Friday, October 31, 2008 was evidenced by the following:

- The rains in the afternoon did not dampen the participation by many children from our village and from our neighboring mission areas from going around our Village for the Trick or Treat.
- More children came in costumes according to the theme of SAINTS AND HEROES COME ALIVE PART II.
- Joy of the children as they participated in the games and contests conducted by the magician Wacky who was attired as Peter Pan.

Seventy (70) children with ages ranging from one year old to ten paraded before the Board of Judges in their costumes. Most came as angels, Walt Disney characters, and reel heroes (e.g. Batman, Superman, Spiderman). The costumes that stood out were those of Napoleon Bonaparte, Herod, Jose Rizal, St. John the Baptist, St. Peter, Our Lady of Fatima, shepherd, Egyptian, the leper, army soldier, etc. The mothers who thought of and possibly made the costumes deserve a standing ovation. Special kudos to the Ketcher boys: Mark, who was dressed as Herod, Matthew as a shepherd boy, and James as Napoleon Bonaparte. They were all in authentic costumes.

Mr. Boi Mojica, as emcee, engaged the children into the program. Mr. Joselito Ducay ensured that the parade of children in costumes by age categories, was orderly.

It was a very enjoyable 2-hour show. MPHA, thru Mrs. Josie O. Santamaria, chairperson of the Community Relations Committee, thanks the members of the Board of Judges made up of Mrs. Annette Mariano, as chairperson, Ms. Astrud Schuck and Mr. Jojo Polintan as members; Mr. Boi Mojica, and the many homeowners who donated the various prizes for the costumes contests and the games.

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FUROR RAISED BY PROPOSED INCREASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX IN PARAÑAQUE

A public hearing on the Draft Ordinance No. 64- AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE REVISED SCHEDULE OF FAIR MARKET VALUES OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PARANAQUE on November 3, 2008, at the Session Hall Sangguniang Panglungsod City of Paranaque drew a hostile crowd of about 200 homeowners from Parañaque. The six (6) councilors who were trying to defend the proposed increase were booed by the crowd.

Authored by Councilor Florante C. Romey, Jr. this ordinance will increase the valuation of our properties, be it residential, commercial and/or industrial, by 250%-400%. At present, the market valuation for Merville is P1,000/sqm. The draft ordinance will increase the valuation to P3,500/sqm.

The Merville homeowners who attended the public hearing were Merville Walkers Club members Jun Dabao, Oscar Zulaybar, Norman Riego, Rina Filart, Joe Yulo and Roger Lopez; Nards Baylon and Purito and Nora Saba and a realtor.

The MPHA will spearhead a signature campaign to put pressure on the City Government not to push thru with this proposed ordinance. This will be a big burden on us in these times of economic crises. Please make sure that YOU are counted!

WHAT CAN WE DO WITH OUR BADLY DAMAGED ROADS?

Every homeowner knows only too well how badly damaged our roads are. These roads do not only damage our vehicles; they are also an eyesore. MPHA has been receiving complaints about these roads.

Because of lack of funds, MPHA has only been able to do patch work of our streets. An estimated P 12.5 million had been quoted to put a 2-inch asphalt overlay just along the main roads which only include —

- Gate 1 to Main Avenue and right to Long Beach to Belvedere to Washington
- Gate 1 to Saint Hannibal Street
- Gate 2 to Washington and right to Amsterdam

We have not been able to get asphalt from our city government except for a short stretch of the Long Beach road leading to the offices of Barangay Merville.

MPHA President Sharon S. Almonte recently called past MPHA Presidents for a meeting to brainstorm on ways and means to raise funds just for our main roads. The following past presidents responded and came to the meeting:

- Arch. Jose De Guzman
- Mr. Virgilio Jordana
- Mr. Lino Uy
- Engr. Freddie Po
- Mr. Luis Dabao, Jr.

- Gen. Telesforo Tayko

The following ideas were proposed:

- Make representation with Parañaque City Mayor to give us a FAIR SHARE of the real estate taxes that we homeowners pay for;

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WINNERS OF HALLOWEEN CONTEST

The Board of Judges for the Halloween costumes contests, composed of Mrs. Annette Mariano as chairperson, Ms. Astrud Schuck and Mr. Jojo Polintan as members, did not have a difficult time deciding on the winners of Most Creative and Most Beautiful costumes by age categories. They came to an agreement on the criteria and they had rating sheets prepared for them by Nestor and Dulce Sagayadan who, for many years, had been assisting MPHA in the Halloween celebration, in general, and in the costume contests, in particular.

The following were proclaimed winners:

MOST CREATIVE COSTUMES:

1 to 4 years old

1st Place

Army Soldier Rhon Jeric Alfonso

2nd Place

Transformer Gabby Juliano

3rd Place

Chef Zach Gavieres

5 to 7 years old

1st Place

Herod Mark Ketcher

2nd Place

Shepherd Matthew Ketcher

3rd Place

Egyptian John Calingo

8 to 10 years old

1st Place

Napoleon Bonaparte James Ketcher

2nd Place

St. Peter Enrico Dumayas

3rd Place

Jose Rizal Romulo Kyle Bobadilla

MOST BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES:

1 to 4 years old

1st Place

Fairy Hannah Dela Cruz

2nd Place

White Bunny Ashley Garson

3rd Place

Fairy Jianna Lagman

5 to 7 years old

1st Place

Cleopatra Renee Calingo

2nd Place

Japanese Geisha Jasmin Nicole Rentoy

3rd Place

Witch Andrea Harn

8 to 10 years old

1st Place

Hawaiian Girl Daniella Cristofani

2nd Place

Our Lady of Fatima Rio Cañal

3rd Place

Ninja Harold Guzman

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR TWO FAMILIES:

1st Place

Foronda Family
which included three generations
(grandmother, mother and all children)

2nd Place

Castañeda Family

Before they were given their prizes, the winners, except for a few 1 to 4 year olds, were asked to tell, in one sentence, why they had chosen the character of the costume they wore. Some interesting answers included the following:

ARMY SOLDIER – “I want to protect my country.”

NAPOLEON BONAPARTE – “I want to be strong and powerful and to rule the world.”

ST. PETER – “I hold the keys that guard the gates of heaven.”

OUR LADY OF FATIMA – “October is the month of the Rosary...I researched and I liked the story of Our Lady of Fatima.”

JOSE RIZAL – “I admire him because he is our national hero.”

MEDALS FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Our two sports that are training continuously and making headway are Taekwondo of Coach Manel Sy, and the MPHA Swimming Club under Coach Renan Ignacio. Both sports also participate in competitions regularly.

Coach Manel's class joined the Philippines Taekwondo Association Age Group Championship at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium on October 15-16, 2008. The medalists were: Diego Graceda, Alonzo Luna, Hans Tristan de Leon, Caleb Catalan, and Andrea Manuel. Kazer Maruyama and Pauline Shin both garnered silver medals, Kevin Brown won a gold medal and Andrea Manuel who received a bronze medal. On November 15-16, 2008 our Taekwondo kids are again competing in the Clubs and Gym Taekwondo Championships, also at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Our Merville Swimming Club joined the Dolphin Club Invitational tournament at the ULTRA. There were over 200 kids with ages 6-15 who competed last September 6, 2008. Our medalists were: Pauline Gaston who won two bronze medals; Gica Sy who got two bronze medals; Pauline Villanueva, one bronze and one silver medals; Charima Binder, one silver; Samantha Duarte, two bronze and one silver medals; Gabriel Duarte, one bronze and one silver; Paulo Villanueva, one bronze; Adrian Duarte one bronze. Other members who missed medals by a breath were Therese Gaston, Donovan Binder, Lorenzo Salonga, and Kevin Bermejo. On November 8, 2008 these same swimmers are joining the third leg of the same club competition, also at the ULTRA.

Results of these coming events will be reported in the next issue of our Newsletter. It is hoped that these sports events and the good results would spur parents to encourage their children to join these sports.

UPDATES ON VARIOUS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Hereunder is an update on various infrastructure projects as of October 31, 2008:

- **REPAINTING OF HUMPS**
Repainting of humps and gutters along Washington and Belvedere Streets is on going.
- **WATERLINE REPIPING**
The replacement of old asbestos pipes from Barcelona Street to Washington Street has been completed.
- **ROAD REPAIRS**
Patching of potholes at Gate 1 has been completed.
- **DRAINAGE REPIPING**
Alpine drainage repiping waiting for quotations.
- **MERALCO CABLES**
Phase 2 conversions of Meralco cables from underground to overhead started on September 24, 2008 along the following streets: Florence, Amsterdam, Toledo, Barcelona, Florida, Cairo, Madrid, Milan, Munich, Washington, Calcutta and Washington Square is still on going.
- **REPAIR OF SUPERMARKET**
Repair of glass display windows of the Supermarket completed.
- **REPAIR OF PATH WALK**
The repair of path walk at the Continental Park is on going.

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- MPHA to allocate whatever funds it has and asphalt only what the amount can cover.
- Increase the fee for car stickers.
- Get donations from Merville homeowners.

How about you, dear homeowners? Any workable ideas? Please email to mpha_asso@yahoo.com.