



# PONDO NG PINOY SUNDAY

December 2021

Gospel:  
**Luke 2:41-52**  
Feast of the  
Holy Family



## **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, A Model of Generosity for All Families**

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Christmas is a season of sharing and giving. And I believe that for the past days, we have received gifts from our relatives and friends. But more than material gifts, Christmas is the time when we appreciate the greatest gift humanity receives from God: Jesus Christ. Jesus is a gift from God so that we become sharers of his divine life and members of his heavenly family.

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, the gospel reading challenges us to reflect on the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As a family, they lived a life of love, humility, generosity, care, understanding, simplicity, respect, and life of holiness.

It is in the family that we learn how to care for each other; how to love and share what we have. This celebration is inviting us to imitate the example of the holy family by living a life of holiness, a life of love, a life of generosity, and a life of sharing. Pondo ng Pinoy also teaches the families to value these virtues, become a channel of blessings, and promote a culture of giving.

The Holy Family is our model of love and generosity. Jesus, Mary and Joseph will teach and lead us how to share and embrace the culture of giving.

Have a blessed Holy Family Sunday!



## Military Ordinariate of the Philippines Reinigorates Pondo ng Pinoy with a Diocesan Relaunching and Coordinators' Reorientation

The Military Ordinariate of the Philippines (MOP) relaunched its Pondo ng Pinoy program on November 7, 2021 at the Shrine of St Therese of the Child Jesus in Villamor Airbase, Newport City in Pasay. A talk about the Theology of the Crumbs and community projects were given by the National Management Office to around 500 attendees from mandated organizations. The relaunching was highlighted with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist ministered by no other than the Military Bishop Most Rev. Oscar Jaime L Florencio, D.D. Present as well were Fr. Hentje Canete, PnP Priest Coordinator and other MOP priests supporting Pondo ng Pinoy.

In this relaunching, I realized that it is important that we really need to learn the Theology of the Crumbs in order to give more meaning in the noble acts of giving that we do, and that it is not just about collecting "crumbs" or coins. The deeper we appreciate the Theology of the Crumbs, the more we will be in love in supporting Pondo ng Pinoy because it is in these small things that we can do bigger things for the glory of God. I realized that it is not difficult to do more for others when we are guided by the Theology of the Crumbs.

As a new lay coordinator of Pondo ng Pinoy, I am challenged to journey with the Ka-Pondo family and spread the love of God through small acts of caring, loving, and giving hope to people in need especially in the diocese. This is a new stage in my life that I will embrace for other people and not just for myself through Pondo ng Pinoy. May God guide us all on this fruitful and meaningful changes in the journey of His love.

### **Nida B. Detablan**

Pondo ng Pinoy Lay Coordinator  
Military Ordinariate of the Philippines



On December 7, 2021 we had the Pondo ng Pinoy reorientation attended by more than thirty catechists and coordinators from the different MOP camps nationwide.

As Catechetical Coordinator, I was asked by Bishop Florencio last year to do some catechesis about Pondo ng Pinoy so I can share to everyone what Pondo ng Pinoy is all about. I thought about researching online, but had no idea how I was going to start my catechesis. I know that it is about the love of God, charity, helping the poor, and evangelization but it was hard for me to conceptualize how to go about it. The reorientation on December 7 helped me and all catechists who attended understand everything. The NMO facilitators made it easier for us catechists to grasp every detail because they explained everything to us--the Pondo ng Pinoy program components and mechanics of implementation through videos and PowerPoint presentations.

The objectives of Pondo ng Pinoy being education and catechesis fit my skills as a catechist, and gave me an idea on how to improve my knowledge and skills to provide proper catechesis to all parishioners in our area. The Education component of PnP not only teaches how to give and help the poor but promotes social consciousness and transformation. Most importantly, we are able to share the Gospel proclamation of Jesus Christ.

The Pondo ng Pinoy's Theology of the Crumbs and the spirit of Christmas are very much connected because of the essence of giving, the love of God and love of our neighbor; a common feeling, a common spirit that always seems to be present every time we help others and share crumbs. This event not only helped me improve my catechesis, it also spiritually transformed me to become a better person and to continue my service to God.

I have learned that everything has to start from within us. We have to understand the concept first so that we can act on it. This has changed my perspective in life, that everything we do in life starts from within us, from our thoughts, our beliefs, our faith, our desires and perceptions and then we can take action to make that thought a reality.

### **Angela R. Salem**

Catechetical Coordinator  
Villamor Air Base Camp

*After these two events, many chapel coordinators signified their full support to the Pondo ng Pinoy Desk of the MOP starting with planning on education/ evangelization work in all Camp Chapels in the diocese.*



# Mga Ganap Ka-Pondo

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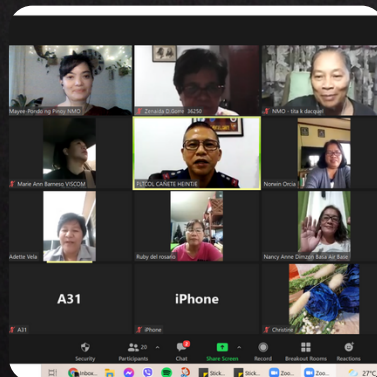
Pondo ng Pinoy  
Diocesan Relaunching  
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