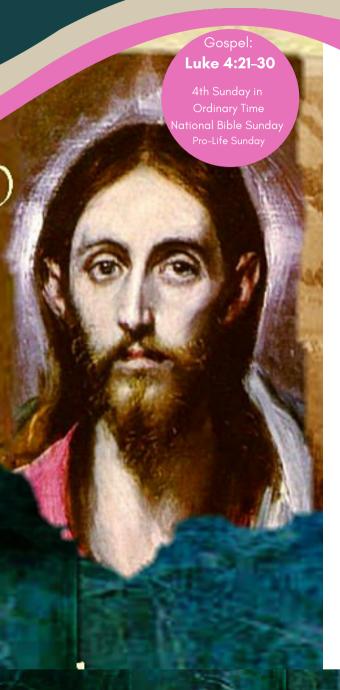


## **PONDO NG PINOY SUNDAY**

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## Tunay na Pagkilala at Pagtanggap Kay Hesus

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Sa pananampalataya, napakahalaga ang pagkilala at pagtanggap kay Hesus hindi lamang sa pagtawag sa Kanyang pangalan at pagiging Panginoon bagkus ay sa pagsasabuhay ng **pag-ibig** bilang buod at kahulugan ng Kanyang buhay. Ang pag-ibig na sinasabi ni San Pablo ang pinakadakila sapagkat ito'y mula sa Diyos.

Ngayong ipinagdiriwang ang National Bible Sunday at Pro-Life Sunday, makita sana na ang Salita ng Diyos ay pag-ibig at ang pag-ibig ay maka-buhay. Napakalawak ng pag-ibig ngunit huwag kalilimutan na ang salitang maliit ang nagpapaganda sa pag-ibig. Napakalaki ng pagmamahal ni Hesus sa malilit tulad ng mga dukha at maysakit. Kaya naman, ibigin natin ang mga malilit kahit sa maliit na pag-aalay o paghahandog. Yan ang Pondo ng Pinoy na ipinagdiriwang natin tuwing huling linggo ng bawat buwan.

Mga kapatid, tunay na kilalanin si Hesus sa pag-ibig at ikaw ay Kanyang kikilalanin. Ibigin ang maliliit at ikaw ay Kanyang pagpapalain.

No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

## KAISA SA KAUNLARAN: A Livelihood and Formation Project for Parents and Children in the Diocese of Imus

There are two things that the project proponent, the Provincial Delegate of the Tertiary Capuchins Our Lady of Sorrows (Amigonian Fathers Inc.) aims for their community partners—to provide agriculture–based livelihood, enable the capacity building of the parent–beneficiaries, and facilitate the values formation of the children.

About twenty-eight underprivileged families from Panungyanan and Tamacan, General Trias, Cavite, and its surrounding barangays are trained on agri-business particularly on raising hogs, chickens, quails, and rabbits, and the planting of fruits and vegetables. The Amigonian Fathers converted a portion of their Formation House into productive agricultural spaces for the families to learn agricultural and entrepreneurial skills as well as to have a place to conduct the formation of both parents and children.

The program which started in July of 2021 is already gaining produce from the farm animals and fruits and vegetables. Sales from these augments for the financial needs of the families.

Formation is a significant part of this undertaking. Such formation is targeted to young people aged 7-14 to develop them into well-mannered individuals with a strong sense of generosity, gratitude and propriety, and ecological awareness and into responsible members of society. For the parents, modules on responsible parenthood and Christian values, entrepreneurship skills, self-efficiency, and leadership development are conducted. A portion of the profits from the livelihood program will help sustain these formation and capacity-building sessions.

In the initial sessions with the children, Fe Guarda, Pondo ng Pinoy desk lay coordinator integrated the spirituality of Pondo ng Pinoy. It is fulfilling for her to see the children now saving and sharing their coins in the Pondo ng Pinoy bottles, even the ones they pick-up on the road! They have realized that even small amounts of money could help a lot of people.

As a lay coordinator, Fe's journey experience with the Amigonian Fathers and the family beneficiaries has been a formation process to her as well. "Parang natututo din ako, parang ito na ang calling sa akin ni Lord na tumulong talaga." She adds that sharing life stories with the people also inspire them especially on how she manages to help as a church volunteer while having to earn for her family at the same time. "Ang sarap ng pakiramdam na nakikita ang epekto ng mga gawaing pagtulong sa mga tao."

She and Reverend Joseph Rolen Acas De Leon, OFM Cap. will continue to work hand in hand to improve the program and look forward to a brighter and hopeful future of being helped and helping others.





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