

UNIT ASSEMBLY – A FLASH BACK: PHILIPPINES

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**WELCOME DEAR SISTERS
ANA MARIA
KUMUDINIE
KINGA**
To the 7100 Islands - Philippines

We started with our Retreat Experience:

Search for God

- Is my profession
- Primary concern
- My spirituality
- Point for discernment
- With new vision
- Requires listening
- Desert experience
- Living the spirituality of God Alone



**WE ARE
GLAD THAT
YOU ARE
WITH US!**
Messages from
Lay and Priest
Associates

For Unit Animation
Our uppermost desire
And expectation...

- ❖ Newness to spring forth...
- ❖ New ways, new means for mission...
- ❖ Communion to become experiential...
- ❖ To build authentic relationships...
- ❖ To move together with hope...
- ❖ Conversion and healing...
- ❖ Responding with inner freedom to the signs of the times...



TOUCHING ON REALITIES

The Country:

- Massive poverty
- Graft and corruption



- Broken and separated families
- Youth at cross roads
- Family values diminishing
- Unemployment
- Injustices
- Children and women abused
- Effects of globalization
- Environment threatened
- Partnership with NGOs and other Groups
- Spiritual poverty



THE UNIT – BROKENNESS – IN NEED OF EXODOS

- To be united in looking to the future
- Formation for mission
- Corporation, collaboration
- To be committed to mission Communion
- Encouragement and appreciation
- To be rooted in the Filipino culture
- Authentic relationships
- To be in solidarity with people
- To be available for the mission
- Listening and discernment
- Openness to dialogue
- Responsibility and accountability



MUTUAL SHARING ON...

- My reaction when I entered into a new culture...
- Graces and joys experienced in living in intercultural communities
- The challenges to develop better, the Intercultural relationships in community and within the Unit

FEED BACK

- Down to earth and authentic
- Reflected our inner freedom to share
- Expressed the need for dialogue, transparency
- Open communication
- Listening to build trust
- Respect for cultures and positive outlook
- Need for responsible freedom and maturity

WE PRIORITIZED...

1. Respect cultures, appreciate and respect differences with positive outlook
2. Open dialogue, listening and communication to build trust, to grow in responsible freedom and maturity
3. Discern, Collaborate and Participate to become available for Mission
4. Affirm the giftedness and uniqueness of others and be compassionate and forgiving.

WE ARE CHALLENGED BY....

KUMUDINIE

- The need to ask questions
- Spell out what is familiar to move out into the unknown
- Signs of the times NOW! TO ACT!
- Challenge one another on what has not been done
- Explore the possibilities

ANA MARIA

- Move into the context
- Discern the needs
- Awareness not enough
- Move into action
- Our context is calling and challenging us
- Where in the Philippines is in need of us?
- Not stability and security but becoming aware of: "no need to take care of the same sheep always. Take care of other sheep as well."

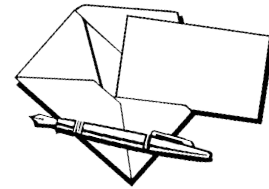




ANY OTHER CONCERNS...

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- Training for new ministries and future Leaders and Formators
- International Communities
- New Foundations
- International PBN Mobile Team to respond for urgent needs
- Situations of communities living most of the time in two's
- Vows for Mission
- The situation of elderly sisters in the Mission
- Founder's cause



RESPONSES

- Philippines is well equipped for all forms of Training. Why not grab the opportunity!
- It is desirable but Personnel is lacking.
- Difficulty of language and visas. Locally Yes.
- Is living in two's a problem or the question of relationships!
- The golden opportunity is a deeper study of the discernment "Vowed for Mission".
- A Missionary is a Missionary for life. She is fully for the mission. Only when individuals request to return to their Province of Origin the GLT consents.
- Enormous work has been done. Now is the time for all of us to take on the initiative to pray for that particular miracle to happen in favour of Canonization.



Thank you!



**THANK YOU OUR
DEAR SISTERS ANA
MARIA AND
KUMUDINIE !**

*For your presence, graciousness and effective Animation to move us from where we were,
to look to the future with hope.*

*Thank you for journeying with us, to push us gently with conviction
to move out and to move on.*

*We experienced the moving of the Spirit in and through YOU! You are appreciated! Maraming
Salamat Po!
Mabuhay! Pilipinas!*

Kinga dear!

*You are wonderful and great! May God be
praised in your giftedness to be our
Translator... A mission well accomplished!
We appreciate YOU!*



Srs. Ana Maria and Kinga – we appreciate the time taken after the Animation, to be with the four communities in Matatag and Sauyo (Manila), Rizal and Bulan (Bicol) and to meet the Lay and Priest Associates. It was a great moment that all the committed Priests and Lay Associates were able to renew their commitment during your visit.



**Srs. Ana Maria and Kinga
witnessed to the life and mission of the PBN Family in our Unit.**

Thank you!