

SINULOG 2017



37th Annual Fiesta

11:30 A.M. Sunday

January 15, 2017

**The Cathedral of Saint Cecilia
701 North 40th Street
Omaha, Nebraska**

**COFRADIA DEL SANTO NIÑO DE CEBU
GREATER OMAHA METRO AREA CHAPTER**

Dear Sto. Nino,

Many, many Thanks for the countless blessings

***Especially for giving my son a second chance in
life....***



***Congratulations to this years
Hermanos and Hermanas***

***Dennis and Ging Enderez
Francis and Malou Paranoble***

More power to the newly elected officers

A Message from the President

Glory and Honor to God Almighty for the opportunity to serve as the President of Cofradia del Santo Nino de Cebu. The past four years has been a time of great change for our organization. We experienced transitions within our leadership team and had to solidify our financial position. Despite the challenges the Cofradia has faced, with Santo Nino on our side, I am happy to report our organization has never been stronger.

When I became the President of this organization in 2011, there was no outgoing President. Our leadership team had strategic differences and did not function like a world class team. Attendance at our novena was inconsistent. However, the leaders of the past 4 years did not accept this. As a team, we persevered to make this organization great again, and we succeeded.



The Sinulog you are experiencing is the culmination of this organization's annual efforts. It begins by honoring Santo Nino through a Filipino high mass. Afterwards, volunteers cook and serve traditional Filipino dishes to bring a taste of the motherland to Omaha. Finally, members of the community bring native dances, musical performances, and demonstrations to show you, our honored guests, our culture in its purest form. I hope you enjoy it.

To the next generation of officers, I know you will be effective leaders in this religious organization. I believe in you. Be committed and trustworthy. Make yourself available at every meeting. Make decisions as a team. Be confident that you are doing God's work and making the world a more loving place.

To my fellow officers you are some of the best people one can ever work with. Salamat po to my wonderful VP, my marvelous Secretary, my accountable Treasurer and my ever-gentle Spiritual director. I love you all and I am very grateful to all for the guidance and support you have given me.

I see nothing but a bright future ahead for all of us. May Santo Nino bless you, your family, and all people of good will.

Sincerely,
Violeta Gabat Asuncion
(President)

Cofradía del Santo Niño de Cebu

CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS OF CEBU
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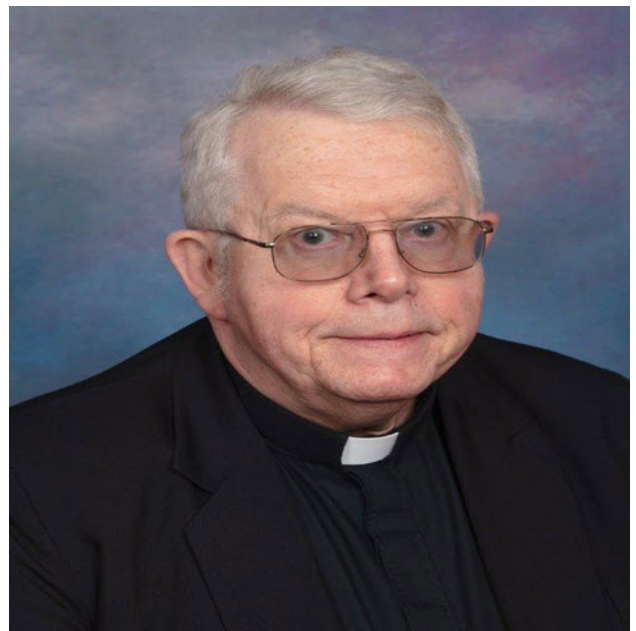
Dear Members,

On the Feast of the Santo Niño we gather together in a spirit of joy to celebrate the fullness of God's love for us. God has come to us a little child to show his compassion for us. The image is of the Child Jesus in regal robes bearing a crown, scepter and orb. These are symbols of power and authority. Yet with the Santo Niño they become symbols of the power and authority that arise from fidelity, humility, simplicity, compassion and love.

Devotion to the Santo Niño goes back to the very beginning of Christianity in the Philippines and continues today wherever Filipinos gather. It is a bond that continues to unite though we may be far from the Pearl of the Orient. We especially remember Fr. Rafael Librea who devoted his life in serving the Filipino community in the greater Omaha area.

May we continue to follow the example of the Santo Niño in our lives by our own fidelity, humility, simplicity, compassion and love.

Pit Señor
Santo Nino!



PROCESSION And MASS SEQUENCE

Processional Entrance

Cross and Candle Bearers (Parish)
Knights of Columbus Honor Guard
Cofradia "Angels"
American and Philippine Flag Carriers
Hermanos y Hermanas Mayor
Officers of the Confradia del Santo Nino de Cebu
Sinulog Dancers and Participants of Sinulog Dances
Cross and Candle Bearers (Santo Nino)
Santo Nino Banner Bearers
Santo Nino Float Bearers
Drums and Sinulog Dancers

Sinulog Mass

Concelebrated Mass

Rev. Michael F. Gutgsell (Main Celebrant)

Rev. John J. Comiskey, (Spiritual Director)

Offertory Procession

Cross and Candle Bearers

Knights of Columbus

Hermanos Y Hermanas Mayor

Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion,

Hermano Mayo

Final Blessing

Rev. Michael Gutgsell

Final Hymn

Santo Nino Hymn of Praise

Blessing Religious articles & Consecration of Children

By *Rev. John J. Comiskey*

Sinulog Dance for Santo Nino

Sinulog Dancers/ the public is encourage to join

Procession Exit

Sinulog Dancers at the center aisle
Cross and Candle bearers(Parish)
Priests and Deacons
Knights of Columbus
Flag, Cross and Candle Bearers (Santo Nino)
Santo Nino Float exit at main door going to the Cafeteria
Angels and Children Choirs of Santo Nino Hymn
Hermanos y Hermanas Mayor
Officers, Lectors, Priests, Sinulog dancers, the Public, Drums



37TH ANNUAL FIESTA & SINULOG PROGRAM

Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu

Sunday, January 15, 2017

I. Concelebrated Mass (11:30 A.M. CST)

Rev. Michael F, Gutgsell, Main Celebrant

Rev. John J. Comiskey

Sinulog Dance and Procession

II. Program Opening (1:00 P.M.)

Francis Quevedo, Masters of Ceremonies

National Anthems

"The Star-Spangled Banner" - led by Phoenix Sanford

"Lupang Hinirang" - led by Jai Rodriguez

Prayer with Rev. John J. Comiskey, Spiritual Director

President's Message - Presentation of Officers

Investiture of Incoming Hermanos y Hermanas Mayor

Jon and Arinna Roxas

Eric and Cely Taylor

III. Banquet & Cultural Variety Show

1. "Sakuting" Sto. Nino Youth Dancers

2. Song by Phoenix Sanford

3. "Abaruray" Sto. Nino Dance Group

4. "Let it Be" Chance Enderez

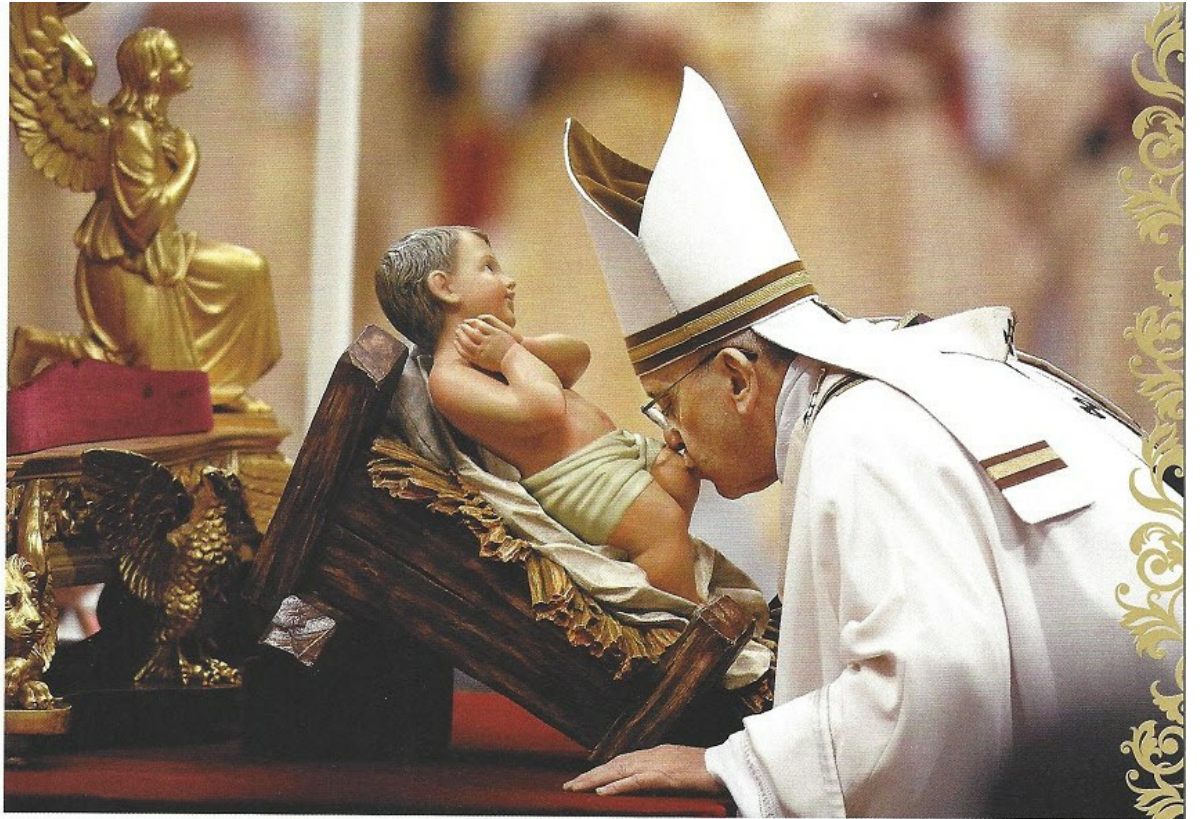
5. "Maria Clara" Fil-Am Dance Group

6. "Tinikling" Sto. Nino Youth Dancers

7. "Kuratsa" by Hermanos and Hermanas.)

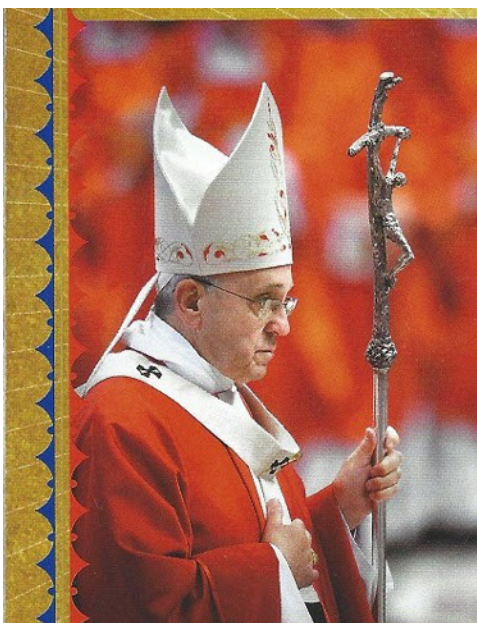
IV. Raffles & Prizes (During Banquet and Show)

"There is no Catholic God," Francis says. "There is God and I believe in Jesus Christ, his incarnation."



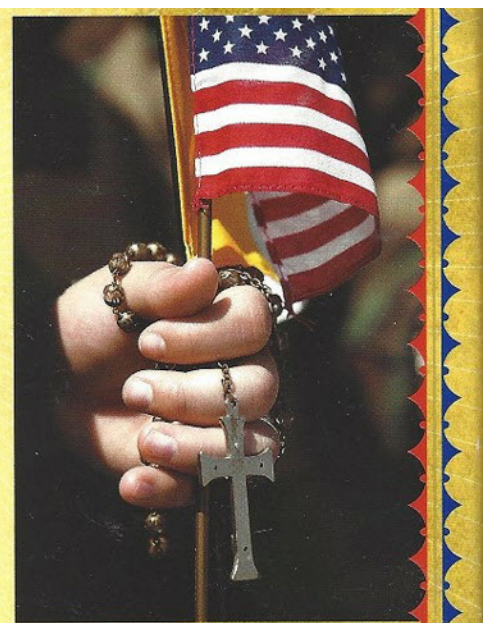
"I SEE THE HOLINESS IN THE PATIENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD: A WOMAN WHO IS RAISING CHILDREN, A MAN WHO WORKS TO BRING HOME THE BREAD, THE SICK. ... THIS IS FOR ME THE COMMON SANCTITY."

Pope Francis



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"FIND NEW
WAYS TO SPREAD
THE WORD OF
GOD TO EVERY
CORNER OF
THE WORLD."

Pope Francis





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January 2017

Ms. Violeta Asuncion, President
Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cubu
4169 Cass Street
Omaha, NE 68131-1778

Dear Ms. Asuncion,

Thank you for the invitation to participate in the 37th Annual Fiesta/Sinulog planned for January 15, 2017. I regret that I will be unable to attend, but I want to offer my sincere congratulations to you and members of the Filipino community on this happy occasion.

The tradition of Santo Niño is rich in family and community fellowship, and I appreciate your efforts to continue this faith-filled tradition to honor the Christ Child.

With prayers and good wishes for a joyful celebration, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha



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Dear Ms. Asuncion,

I offer my sincere congratulations to the Filipino community on the happy occasion of your 37th Annual Fiesta/Sinulog to be held on January 15, 2017.

Your efforts to honor the Holy Child Jesus are certainly commendable, and the family atmosphere that this celebration brings makes it a very joyous event.

Your good work will be in my prayers, as you continue to cooperate with God's grace to build up the Body of Christ.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Most Reverend Elden F. Curtiss
Archbishop Emeritus of Omaha



SAINT CECILIA CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral Rectory

Dear members and friends of the Confraternity,

Greetings and congratulations for this 37th Annual Sinulog and Fiesta!

The Santo Niño image draws our attention to the fact that the Savior, even remembered as an infant, is mighty Lord. We approach Him in faith and hope. We live in charity for neighbor and those who come to us in their need because our Santo Niño has embraced us in our greatest need for forgiveness of our sins and the spiritual friends and courage to live faithfully for His sake.

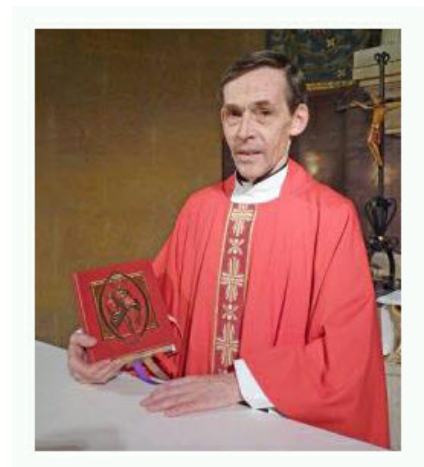
The annual Mass at Saint Cecilia Cathedral is an experience of enthusiasm, devotion and faith. The Fiesta is a time of celebration and a reminder of the traditions that have come to us from the past but have provided the basis for pride in cultural expressions and a genuine witness to religious devotion that sustains family bonds and practical Catholic life.

May the Santo Niño shower his blessings upon this gathering and the new year that is ahead.

Sincerely;

Father Michael F. Gutzell
Pastor/Rector – Saint Cecilia Cathedral

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Holy Cross Church

4810 WOOLWORTH STREET, OMAHA, NE 68106

PHONE: (402) 553-7500

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my best wishes to the Filipino Community in the greater Omaha Metro Area as you celebrate another year's Fiesta and Sinulog at St. Cecilia's Cathedral honoring the miraculous image of the Holy Child, Jesus. I pray that Jesus, whom you honor at this joyful event, will bless you and send His special graces upon you to witness this holy Faith in God's loving presence in our midst.

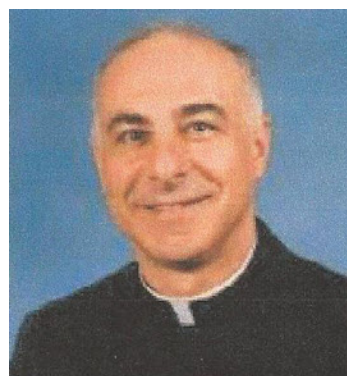
Our world is in desperate need of prayer and Christian love as we face the challenges of injustice, terrorism, the poor, and the displaced people all over the world. I am encouraged by the perseverance of the Filipino community that prays unceasingly and shows courage and compassion in the face of the world's problems. I am honored that you have continued the wonderful tradition of celebrating First Friday Masses and Novenas offered for nine consecutive Fridays at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Gospel message to proclaim the Good News to all the world.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Carl A. Salanitro

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Pastor



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THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE



PHILIPPINE FLAG AND MEANING

The white stands for peace and purity. The white triangle represents equality and the Katipunan nationalist organization.

The three stars represent the three main geographical regions of the Philippines; Luzon, Mindanao and Visayas

The blue stripe symbolizes patriotism and justice



The red stripe represents valor and the blood spilt for freedom and independence

The sun represents independence and the eight rays represent the eight provinces that led the Philippine uprising against Spanish rule



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO




MESSAGE

I wish to convey my warm greetings to the officers and members of the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu, Omaha Chapter, on the occasion of their 36th Annual Fiesta and Sinulog in honor of Señor Santo Niño de Cebu, which will be celebrated on 17 January 2016.

It warms the heart to see the gathering of our *kababayans* celebrate this event in Saint Cecilia Cathedral, Omaha. I wish to take this opportunity to commend the organization's continued efforts to celebrate camaraderie and friendship and to promote our culture in the greater community of Omaha and to the rest of Nebraska as well.

My warmest congratulations to the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu, Greater Omaha Metro Area Chapter. The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago is proud and appreciative of all that you are doing for your country.

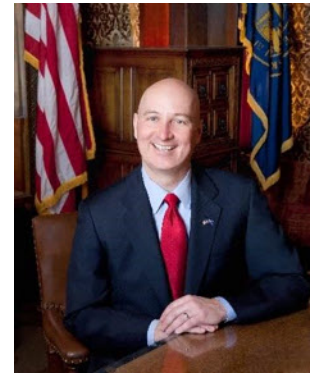
Mabuhay po tayong lahat! Pit Señor!


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Pete Ricketts
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January 4, 2017

Confraternity of the Holy Child Jesus
4169 Cass Street
Omaha, NE 68131

Dear Members of the Confraternity of the Holy Child Jesus:

Greetings to you as you observe the 36th Annual Fiesta and Sinulog 2016!

For over three decades, this celebration has served as a way for community and congregation members to highlight your cultural heritage, to invite members of other faith communities to experience Holy Mass, and to share in fellowship and food.

Churches and houses of worship play a vital role in Nebraska's community and social fabric, bringing people together and instilling important values like service above self. Your community enriches, strengthens, and grows our state.

Thank you for everything you contribute to the civic life of our state. Once again, I hope everyone enjoys this 36th annual celebration, and may God continue to bless your endeavors in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Pete Ricketts in white ink on a black background.

Pete Ricketts
Governor



**Mayor
Jean
Stothert**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS , Many Filipinos are devout Roman Catholics with strong devotion to the miraculous image of the Santo Nino, and

WHEREAS , This devotion began with Philippine discovery and Christianization in 1521 when Spanish explorer, Ferdinand Magellan gave an image of Jesus (as a child) to the Queen of the island of Cebu. The image was praised with a dance called the Sinulog, and

WHEREAS , Throughout the 16th century, many occurrences were experienced and documented by both new devotees of the Church, and were attributed to the Santo Nino, and

WHEREAS , The celebration is a reminder of Christ's coming with passion and mercy; the Fiesta will honor the Holy Child, Jesus. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Michael F. Gutsell and Rev. John J. Comiskey at St. Cecilia's.

Now Therefore , I Jean Stothert, Mayor of the City of Omaha, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2017 as

37th Annual Fiesta/Sinulog

In Witness Whereof , I have set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Omaha to be affixed this 30th Day of December, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Jean Stothert, Mayor of Omaha

Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu

National Level (Philippines)

(From the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu (National Level))

I = About the Cofradia

The Cofradia del Sto. Niño de Cebu is a public association of the Filipino Augustinians which aims to spread the devotion to the Sto. Niño de Cebu around the country and to some parts of the world. It has its mother chapter in the Basilica Minore del Sto. Niño de Cebu in Cebu City and local chapters were established in every Augustinian community of the Province and other parishes in the country.

II = Mission and goal of the Cofradia

- a. To sanctify its members and their families through the devotion to Santo Niño, a sincere practice of their faith, frequent reception of the Sacraments, charitable works and social apostolate;
- b. To help promote and propagate the devotion to the Holy Child Jesus throughout the Philippines, that our people may receive the graces they need to preserve and keep vital the Catholic faith in our country;
- c. To promote mutual assistance and cooperation among the membership of the Cofradia;
- d. To engage the Cofradia in religious and civic community activities, for the upliftment of our people..

The various Chapters may further include other specific objectives in their Statutes, consonant with the objectives of the Cofradia.

Appendix

As a means to achieve its objectives, the Cofradia has adopted a general program of activities and practices which will be followed and implemented by all Chapters, with allowance for the circumstances of place and the available facilities. Each Chapter may add other activities and practices proper to the place, provided they are in consonance with the nature and objectives of the Cofradia.

I. Celebrations and Devotions



a. Feast of Santo Niño

The annual feast in honor of Santo Niño will generally be celebrated on the third Sunday of January and will mark the highlight of the yearly activities of the Cofradia. Consequently, no efforts will be spared to make this celebration a success. Ideally, the celebration ought to be held in close relation with all other activities of the Cofradia.

b. Commemoration of the discovery of the Image

The commemoration of the discovery of the image of Santo Niño will be celebrated on April 28 with appropriate religious, social and civic activities.

c. The Perpetual Novena

Attendance to, or recitation of, the Novena every Friday will be mandatory for every member of the Cofradia.

III = HISTORY = The image

Most images venerated in Christendom have had their origins in unverifiable legend. This, of course, does not in any manner detract from the validity of the devotion of the people and from the authenticity of many of the miracles attributed to the images, for the image is but the symbol or visible sign of the reality for which they stand.

It is the same infant Jesus whom we adore when we kneel before one or another of His images, and our preferences for one image over another is justified by reasons which have to do with our inclinations, our needs, our inheritance or our place, just as the reverence of the theologian or the intellectual or the uneducated, of the grown up as well as of the child, is justified not only because we all, even in our religion, must see and feel and touch but also because we are duty-bound to worship not only with our souls but also with our senses.

The image of the Santo Niño of Cebu did not come to us shrouded in the mist of legend: its origin and discovery and the sequence of events that caused its presence in Cebu have long been as well documented as any fact in the history of our country's past can be. Still, there was in that sequence a touch of the romantic that makes the story worth telling once more, and there was in the discovery of the image of a proof to the weary Spaniards that all would yet be well in a land and among people that at first appeared anything but hospitable and cordial.

In truth, and for reasons the Spaniards could not fathom, all seemed to have gone wrong on that 28 April 1565 when the men of Miguel Lopez de Legazpi lit upon the beaches of Cebu. The encounter between the unfriendly inhabitants and the alien soldiers did not augur well, and Legazpi, man of peace and of prudent ways, caused the Augustinian Andres de Urdaneta land with the soldiers to attempt prevent a fight between the wary inhabitants and the soldiery, frazzled of nerves and warlike in mood after the long passage from Mexico. No one knows who provoked the fire, but much of the town was destroyed, and the population took to the hills behind. The usual search of the remaining houses ensued, but nothing of value was to be found in any, except for one in which one of the sailors hit upon a chest bound with a cord which clearly was of Spanish make. Inside the chest a second box was found and in it a statuette clad in velvet and with a red cap on its head. Two fingers of the right had of the statue were raised and extended as in blessing, and the left hand held a gilded globe. The image was obviously well preserved, with "just the tip of the nose rubbed off somewhat and the skin coming off its face", and it was clear that, for whatever reasons, the image had been kept with the care afforded an object considered sacred.

Veterans of European campaigns easily identified the statue as an effigy of the Holy child Jesus, most likely of the Flemish variety, and those familiar with religious practices remembered that the devotion to the Holy Child, increasingly popular in Spain from the beginning of the 16th century, had fast spread to other countries in Europe, including the Netherlands which at the time was one of the realms of the King of Spain. It was further noticed that the customary cross was missing from the gilded globe; but there was no question that the image was Christian, and when it was brought to Legazpi he knelt before it, took it in his hands, kissed it, and proclaimed before his men that the finding of the statue was indeed an auspicious omen, announcing further that the grounds where it had been found and the surrounding area would be reserved for a church and monastery in which the Holy Child would thenceforth be enshrined for the veneration of all the future generations.

IV=About the devotion to the Sto. Niño

It has been assumed of late in certain quarters, especially after Vatican Council II, that devotional practices, as distinguished from the Mass, the sacraments, and the strictly ecclesial liturgy, should be discouraged. It was assumed, long before Vatican II, by certain people, no doubt dedicated and well minded, that religion in the Philippines had early acquired and long preserved a sentimental, ritual ridden nature whose supersession was overdue. The premise and the contention underlying both assumptions are that religion, even as practiced by ordinary people, should be based on and limited to essential theology.

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Cofradía del Santo Niño de Cebu

CONFRATERNITY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS OF CEBU
GREATER OMAHA METRO AREA CHAPTER

THE HISTORY OF THE COFRADIA DEL SANTO NINO DE CEBU GREATER OMAHA METRO AREA CHAPTER



In the Philippines and around the world, the vast majority of the Filipino people are devout Roman Catholics with strong devotion to the Miraculous Image of the Holy Child Jesus (Santo Niño). This devotion traces its roots from the first days of Philippine Christianization in 1521 and throughout the 16th century when many occurrences which both new devotees and Church could only attribute to the divine powers of the Santo Niño were experienced and documented.

In Nebraska, Johnny Rivera, with the inspiration of his mother the late Consuelo Tan Rivera and in consultation with the late Reverend Rafael B. Librea, saw the need to organize the pioneering group of metro Omaha's Santo Niño devotees.

On April 4, 1986, coinciding with the universal Catholic observance of First Friday of the month in dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus when the religious gather their family to pray together, these Santo Nino devotees elected the first set of officers of the Cofradia del Santo Niño de Cebu – Greater Omaha Metro Area with Mr. Rivera as President as well as to designate and recognize Father Librea as Spiritual Director, which later has permanently and continuously held to to his death in November 2013, After Father Librea's death, Father John Comiskey has become our new Spiritual Director.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the Cofradia are the following:

1. To promote devotion to the Holy Child Jesus (Santo Nino)
2. To preserve and enhance the Catholic faith
3. To maintain relationship and interaction among other religious institutions towards successful attainment of common organizational visions and goals.
4. To preserve the values, customs and traditional practices of the Philippine Catholic Culture.
5. To promote mutual assistance and cooperation among the membership.
6. To provide assistance to other Catholic charitable causes and community works.
7. To foster loyalty to the United States of America and to promote its principles



ACTIVITIES

1. Celebration of the Fiesta and Sinulog (dance ritual honoring the Santo Niño) on the third Sunday of January with a Mass
2. Celebrate Nine Novena masses on nine Fridays preceding the Fiesta.
3. Organize Summer Appreciation Picnic for the family and friends of devotees of the Santo Nino.
4. Visitation of the image of the Santo Niño to the homes .
5. Special visitation to Catholic congregations, shrines and churches.
6. Meet with and pay respect to Catholic dignitaries and leaders
7. Support and assistance of Catholic Charitable and/or Community Organizations and other accredited civic institutions.



2017 COFRADIA OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President

BENJAMIN GONZALES

Vice President

MARITES LEITING

Spiritual Director

FATHER JOHN COMISKEY

Secretary

ROWENA BAUAN

Treasurer

MARILYN FEOLA

Auditor

JESSIE ASUNCION

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RANNY PEREZ

Working Committees

FOOD

Aquino Family	Lileth Rose	Nita Uebel	Bebe Freeman
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Rosalind Quevedo	Jesus Asuncion	Jane Anderson	Lita Cofield
	Charito Atienza	Edu Mendoza	

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Romy Ulanday	Teddy Martinez	Ed Jacinto
Mario Bauan		Manny Macapinlac

SINULOG

Santo Nino Youth Dancers

DONATION BOXES

Violeta Asuncion	Marites Jacinto	Maychel Armbrust
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SANTO NIÑO FLOAT

Eury & Garrick Israel

DRUMS

Jay Yabut

LITURGY

Cynthia Ulanday

RAFFLES & PRIZES

Marites & Jillian Jacinto
Rosalind Quevedo

SOUND SYSTEM

Dorio Family

ENTERTAINMENT

Resy Learned, Marites Jacinto &
Jillian Jacinto

SETUP & CLEANUP

All Cofradia members

HERMANOS Y HERMANAS MAYOR (1987 - 2002)

FIESTA 1987 – 1988	JOHN & LAURA RIVERA JOSE & JOSEFINA GULLAS
FIESTA 1988 - 1989	MIKE & ASUNCION PALMARES SAM & MARY ANN CALERO
FIESTA 1989 – 1990	DAMIAN & OLIVIA ALFARO ARNOLD & CAMLA RIVERA
FIESTA 1990 – 1991	LAKAN & CARMENCITA VIACRUCIS SANCHO & GEMMIE ISRAEL
FIESTA 1991 – 1992	NED & PERLA SELDERA RIC & REMY ANDRES
FIESTA 1992 - 1993	DARREL & DIVINA GRANTSKI MARIO & ROWENA BAUAN
FIESTA 1993 - 1994	ROMEO & CYNTHIA ULANDAY ERIC & RESY BERTULDO
FIESTA 1994 – 1995	DAVE & LAURA DUSSETSCHLEGER KENNETH & MARILYN RATER
FIESTA 1995 – 1996	KENNETH & MELCA COOL DRS. ANTONIO & MANON MANAHAN
FIESTA 1996 - 1997	JESSE & VIOLY ASUNCION BEN & AMY VILLOSIS
FIESTA 1997 - 1998	DRS. LUIS GONZALEZ & VIRGINIA AGUILA DAN & ROWENA AHLQUIST
FIESTA 1998 – 1999	DR. & MRS. ANTONIO SAQUETON DENNIE & TESSIE BERNTH
FIESTA 1999 – 2000	EMY & DR. EVA BRION TOM & DR. DELIA DRISCOLL
FIESTA 2000 – 2001	DRS. PIERRE & ANNA LAVEDAN DRS. ROBERT & CELIA MANAHAN
FIESTA 2001 – 2002	JOE & JEAN GAMERL MELLI JENSEN

HERMANOS Y HERMANAS MAYOR (2002 - 2017)

FIESTA 2002 – 2003	ED & MARITES JACINTO DR. MARK & CHRIS BOSNIHAN
FIESTA 2003 – 2004	SONNY & LOU CAMUNGOL ALEX & LIGAYA AQUINO
FIESTA 2004 – 2005	JULIUS & LOYAL TEA NESTOR & SOLITA BELANDRES
FIESTA 2005 – 2006	DR. TONY & JANET REYES MANNY & ELVIE MACAPINLAC
FIESTA 2006 – 2007	JUNN & JANET LEPAOPAO ALVIN & SHANDA BENEMERITO
FIESTA 2007 – 2008	MARILYN & RICHARD FEOLA FRANCIS & ROSALIND QUEVEDO
FIESTA 2008 – 2009	IVORY BAKER & PUTIE MALLORY MARSHALL & TESS LEITING
FIESTA 2009 – 2010	DUANE & MARIA JENSEN ED & ROSE AXMAN
FIESTA 2010 – 2011	GLENN & BEBINA FREEMAN WASON & INA MARIE LOUIE
FIESTA 2011 – 2012	PETER & TERESA HOMECILLO CURT & SERIA GAMBILL
FIESTA 2012 – 2013	NELSON & JOVITA TORRACA RANNY & SELENA PEREZ
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WHAT IS SINULOG?

The word Sinulog comes from the [Cebuano](#) adverb sulog which roughly means "like water current movement;" it describes the forward-backward movement of the Sinulog dance. The dance consists of two steps forward and one step backward, done to the sound of drums. The dance is categorized into Sinulog-base, Free-Interpretation, and street dancing. Candle vendors at the Basilica continue to perform the traditional version of the dance when lighting a candle for the customer, usually accompanied by songs in the native language.

Sinulog is the ritual prayer-dance honoring Señor Santo Niño or the Child Jesus. An image of the Child Jesus is said to be the baptismal gift the Portuguese conquistador Ferdinand Magellan gave Hara Amihan (Humanay) of Zebu (now Cebu) in April 1521. The Sinulog dance moves are basically two steps forward and one step backward as the dancer sways to a distinct rhythm of drums. This movement resembles the current (Sulog) of what was known as Cebu's Pahina River.

According to historical accounts, the Zebu natives already danced the Sinulog in honor of their animist idols long before the arrival of Magellan who led a Spanish expedition on April 7, 1521. Magellan did not live long after he introduced Christianity. He died in a failed assault on nearby Mactan island at the hands of a local chieftain named Lapu-Lapu. Survivors of Magellan's expedition left behind the image to be discovered 44 years later.

Today, the Sinulog commemorates the [Filipino](#) people's acceptance of [Christianity](#) (specifically, [Roman Catholicism](#)), and their rejection of their former [animist](#) beliefs. The first of these conversions happened in 1521 on the island of [Cebu](#), when [Rajah Humabon](#) and his queen Amihan (Humamay) were baptized along with their subjects, becoming Carlos and Juana of Cebu.

On April 15, 1521, the [Portuguese](#) explorer [Ferdinand Magellan](#) arrived and planted the cross on the shores of Cebu, claiming the territory for [Spain](#).

He presented the image of the child [Jesus](#), the [Rajah Humabon](#). Hara Humamay (or Amihan in some versions) was later named, Queen Juana in honor of Juana, mother of [Carlos I](#). Along with the rulers of the island, some 800 natives were also baptized to the Roman Catholic Church. At the moment of receiving the holy

This event is frequently used as basis for most Sinulog dances, which dramatize the coming of the Spaniards and the presentation of the Santo Niño to the Queen. A popular theme among Sinulog dances is Queen Juana holding the Santo Niño in her arms and using it to bless her image, it was said that Queen Juana danced with joy bearing this image of the child Jesus. With the other natives following her example, this moment was regarded as the first Sinulog.





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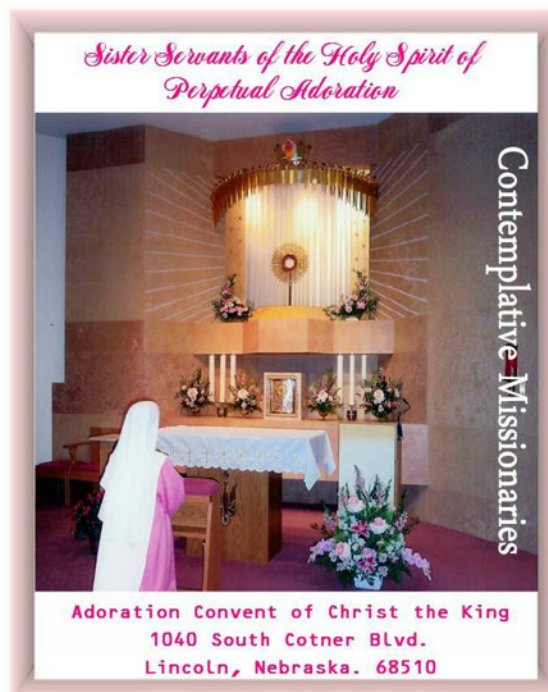
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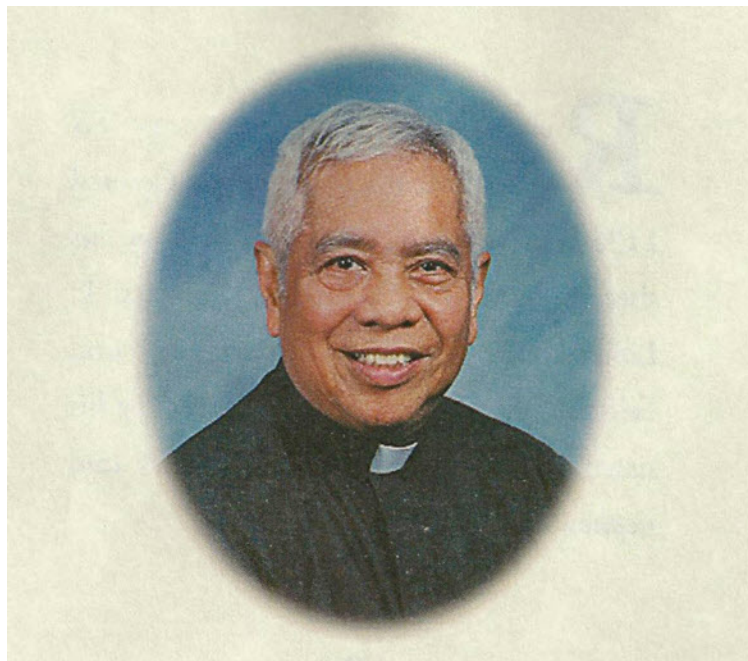
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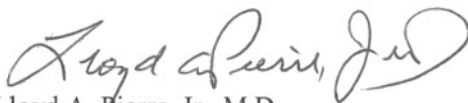
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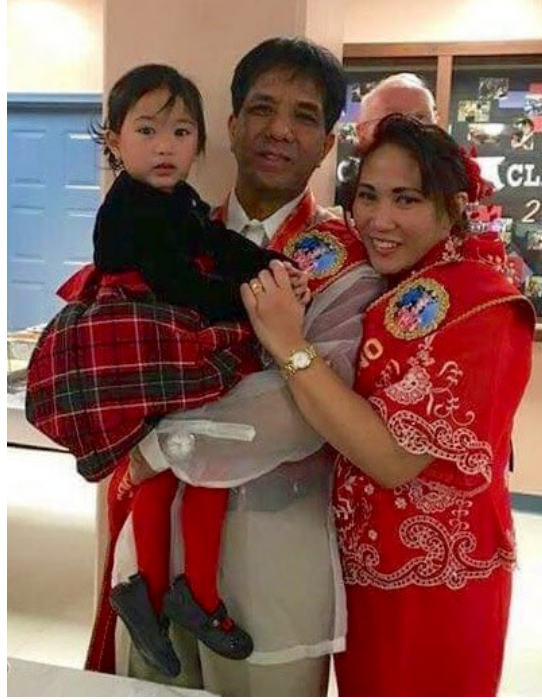


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CONTRACEPTION FACTS

A Contraceptive is supposed to prevent conception, not produce an abortion. Yet the truth about these drugs is that all of them can and do cause abortions.

Oral Contraceptives allow fertilization to occur at a rate of 2-10% of the time. They cause the lining of the uterus to become inhospitable to the developing baby who literally dies from lack of nourishment and is aborted.

IUDs work by interfering with the enzymatic processes of the developing baby and by inflaming the lining of the uterus, making it inhospitable to implantation.

Norplant consists of six-one inch long silastic rods implanted in the arm and contains the progestin, *levonorgestrel*, which acts for 5 years. There are approx. 1,500,000 users. At a 50-65% ovulation rate times a 25% conception rate, this amounts to between 2-3 million chemical abortions per year.

Depo-Provera works-the same way. It is injected under the skin every 3 months. Based on an estimated 1 million users and an ovulation rate of 40- 60%, it has been determined that at the lower rate there are 400,000 ovulatory cycles times a 25% conception rate yielding about 100,000 chemical abortions per cycle or 1,200,000 per year.

Breast Cancer and abortion

In the U.S., women under age 45 who have had abortions may have a 50% higher risk of breast cancer, according to a study reported in the Journal of the National Cancer Inst. The risk is more than doubled for women under 18 who have abortions.

Legal Abortion. Is it Safe?

"Lime 5" That's the name of a book by Mark Crutcher of Life Dynamics. This book is an expose of the abortion industry. It contains page after page of documented evidence of medical injury and death of women at abortion clinics. A window into the degrading and dangerous world of legal abortions has been opened. All the cases in the book are a matter of public record. RU-486. A Human Pesticide. In Hitler's Germany, I.G. Farben owned a company, Degesch, which made Zyklon-B, the poison gas used in the gas chambers. After the war, the company was split into 3 companies. One was Hoechst A.G. It owns Roussel Uclaf, the French company that developed and made the human pesticide. RU- 486 requires 3 visits to a clinic. The mother may pass baby parts in hours or in days. Excessive bleeding, pain, tubal pregnancy - incomplete abortion, psychological upset, post-abortion syndrome and death are some of RU-486 risks. Dr. Willke.

James Sedlak's (founder & president of STOPP International) 12 year crusade has sparked opposition to Planned Parenthood world wide via his books, tapes, media interviews and numerous speaking engagements. In 1995, the Vatican recognized his efforts by inviting him to a congress for pro-life issues in Rome. Planned Parenthood Federation of America's own data for 1994-95 indicated that it made nearly \$110,000,000 per year selling birth control products.

PP creates a demand for these products via the sex ed it promotes in schools, says Sedlak. As promiscuity thus rises, so does the number of unintended pregnancies due to contraceptive failure. PP then turns to surgical abortion as a backup. Also, the so-called contraceptive drugs & devices PP profits from act, a significant



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