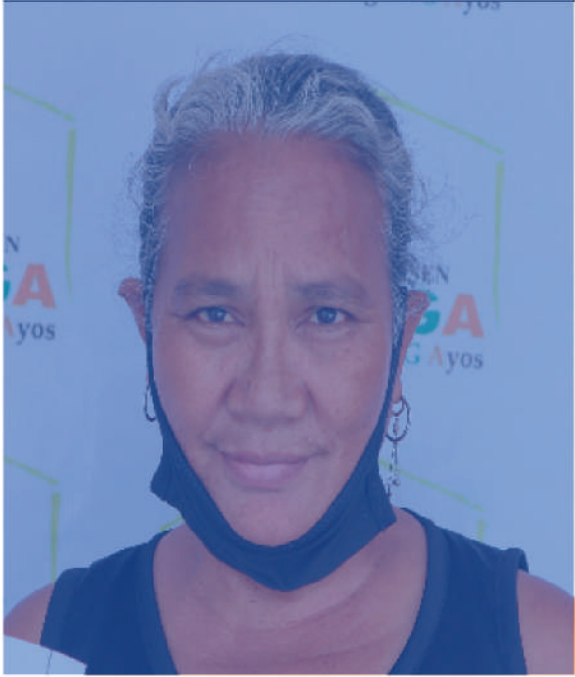


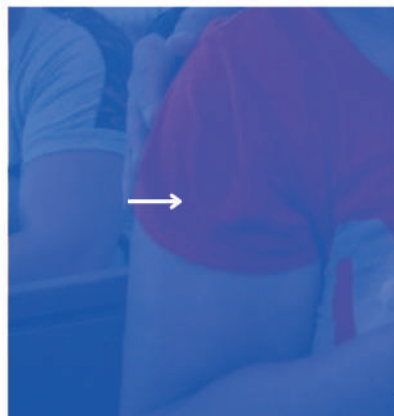
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# MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER & THE BOARD

Why do we need to re-create? This is a question we have wrestled with, a question whose answer also inspires us and urges us forward. The world today seems to have an obsession with novelties, with some new trend that catches the eye. Everyone seems to be looking for some unheard of thing to catch our fancy.

On the other hand, it's undeniable that there's something old, something that's broken in the way we serve and love others. The old paradigms of mission need to be re-created.

This is where we are drawn to St. Augustine's description of the Gospel as "beauty ever ancient, ever new." It is that one thing that is so old but is always fresh. And it is the Good News that continues to make our mission in the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation Inc. relevant.

Pope Francis' message on World Mission Day 2022 seems to be especially meant for all of us, you, our dear stakeholders and partners in the mission; our beneficiaries, our staff; and everyone we meet in our mission of caring for the wounded and the homeless.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD  
Founder & President

The Holy Father said: "Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church."

When our "Kalinga" stops being about the Good News then it stops being relevant and effective. For some of us, Matthew 25:31-46 is so familiar, so "old". But it's precisely the reason why we do what we do. We do everything for Our Lord. It is our hearts that need to hear this verse again with new hearts: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Truly, it is the Lord Jesus who missions us to bring the Good News to our fellow men.

We can all look forward to more challenging work and our best efforts to serve more street dwellers and EJK families. Hopefully, we can also look forward to seeing the Holy Trinity smile and tell us, "Well done, good and faithful servant"....



Vitaliano Nañagas II  
Member of the Board of Trustees



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An EJK widow displays her small fruit business after receiving a livelihood grant from *Program Paghilom*. Through business mentoring, EJK widows and mothers are able to support their families after devastating trauma. **SPARK Yes!**

## COVER

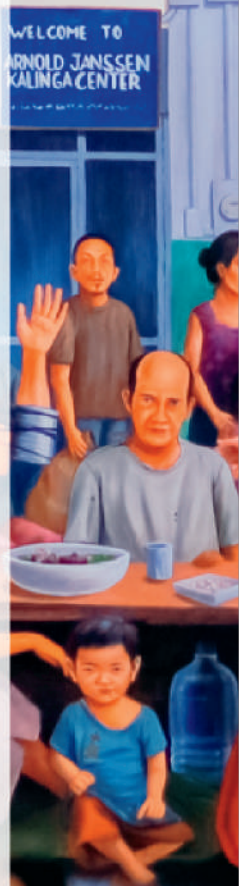
"Before" and "after" photos show the radical transformation of our dear homeless. In a turnover ceremony, a mother is finally reunited with the mortal remains of her son, an EJK victim. **Raffy Lerma**

## VISION

A society where the lives of the homeless and the wounded are re-created and empowered

## MISSION

To provide dignified, systematic, and holistic care to the homeless and the wounded





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magpasalamat at  
magbigay.



The 7 stations of *AJ Kalinga Center* continue to help us empower & re-create the homeless through systematic, holistic, & dignified care. | *Photos: Natisha West*





# AJ KALINGA CENTER

In the first half of 2022, the focus of *Aj Kalinga Center (AJKC)* was to continue its "Kalinga sa Kalye" operations of feeding 1,000 street dwellers daily by distributing food packs in several key locations in downtown Manila. By mid-year, AJKC was all set to resume in-house "Kain-Ligo" days at the Center.

Continuing to observe health protocols, AJKC officially re-opened its doors to our dear homeless on its 7th anniversary, July 16, the feast of Our Lady of Carmel.





# AJ KALINGA CENTER Highlights

The year 2022 was also year of milestones for us. Here are some worth mentioning:

- May 28 - "Kalinga sa Kalye" welcomes its biggest volunteer group, Nineveh 2022.
- June 11 - Chief Justice Alexander Gesmundo and his staff visit and donate to AJKC.
- Jul 16 - Dictated by faith, AJKC reopens its humble and dignified services of "Kain-Ligo" for our dear homeless.
- Sept 17 - UST Faculty of Pharmacy organize a medical mission at AJKC.
- Sept 30 - PNU PHINMA scholars end a month-long volunteer stint with AJKC.
- Nov 12 - Tulong Lasalyano sponsor a kitchen training for the AJKC team
- Dec 22 - Senior Associate Justice Marvic Leonen and his staff visit AJKC's homeless.



Meals served from  
2015 to 2022  
**709,232**



Active beneficiary  
volunteers

**7**



ALS graduates

**6**

# MARLON: PLOT TWIST FOR THE HARD-HEADED SOFTIE

by Br. Jorem Yap

“He is a hard-headed person. If you tell him to do this way, he will do it the other way around.”

This isn't exactly a description of someone endearing, but this is exactly what struck me about Marlon when he first joined the AJ Kalinga Center (KC) beneficiary-volunteer team in October 2021 as our cook. I remember how I would plead with him, “Marlon can you stop smoking?” He would do the exact opposite.

## ‘A cry for attention’

After a while, I realize his passive aggression was a cry for attention. A child of a broken family and estranged from his only brother, Marlon Panim lost his job as a factor worker for a noodle company because of a persistent skin allergy that forced him to keep on missing work days. It was just a matter of time before he lost his job and got evicted from his home, eventually ending up on the street.

Marlon's troubled history, like many in AJ Kalinga's care, involved meth, general mischief, and the stubborn pride of someone who feels he has nothing left to lose. “I feel like it's me against all odds. Growing up in the care of other people, living alone, I learned to do drugs,” explains Marlon.

The toxic combination of vice and loneliness often brings a distortion of reality. He explains that having a job gave him an inflated sense of self. “I became proud of myself; I thought I am above all; I became arrogant and judgmental of others,” shares Marlon, recalling that period in his life. He had also previously worked as a semi-conductor factory worker.

Homelessness definitely hardened Marlon but kept it enough soft enough to welcome a call to redemption that came in a chance encounter with AJ Kalinga. In May 2021, Marlon eventually left the life on the streets to



Fr. Flavie Villanueva congratulates Marlon, AJ Kalinga Center's resident cook for a time, during his graduation from KALINGA formation in May 2022.

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undergo formation and training in Aj Bahay Kalinga (BK) in Caloocan City. The 34-year old adds: “God is still good to me, despite my shortcomings and sins against Him. He used Bahay Kalinga who helped me regain my dignity and self-worth. I learned to humble myself, pray, and come back to Him again.” The most pivotal change for him was his decision to stay sober. Marlon says, “Above all [because of being in BK], I found the courage and strength to avoid taking drugs.”

## **Googling recipes**

Following the Foundation’s program for street dwellers, Marlon moved on to KC to undergo on-the-job-training where he learned how to cook for 1,000 people. Notably smarter than his peers, he would Google recipes with OPM playing in the background and teach himself how to cook new dishes. The 5-month long experience, Marlon says, helped him recognize the God-given talents he could use “to heal others.” Despite his willfulness, I admit Marlon can be kind-hearted and understanding to the point of selflessness.

Marlon was on track to full reintegration into society when the foundation successfully matched him with a partner company, Pryce Gas, which hired him as a delivery crew member in June 2022.

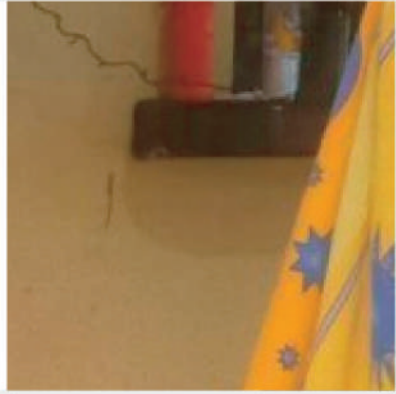
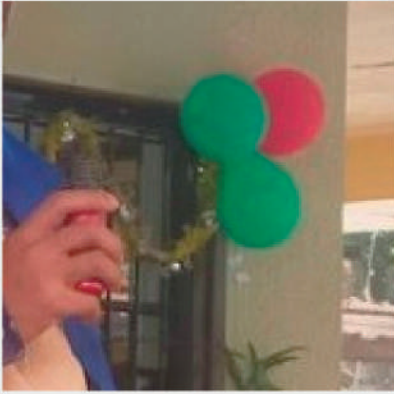
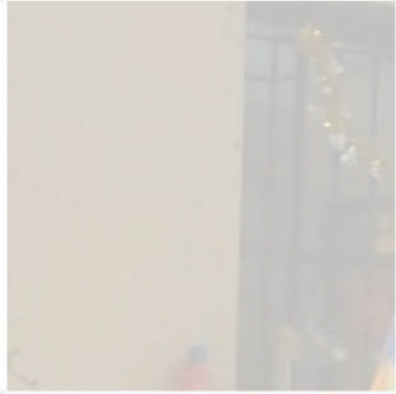
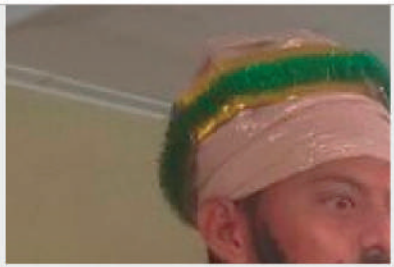
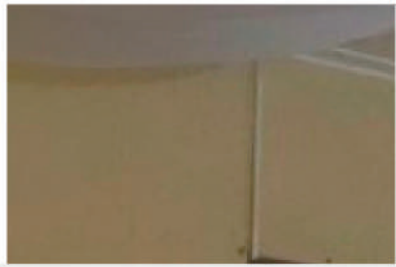
Months later, the unexpected happened. Feeling his left side was heavy one night, Marlon could neither stand up straight nor walk.

By afternoon the next day, he could no longer move his left side. Marlon had apparently suffered a mild stroke and was rushed to the hospital. “It seems that life is teasing me again... I was discouraged again and I wanted to give up and end my life,” he tells me. But it was through Fr. Flavie’s fatherly presence that God continued inviting him to keep moving forward and to continue hoping.

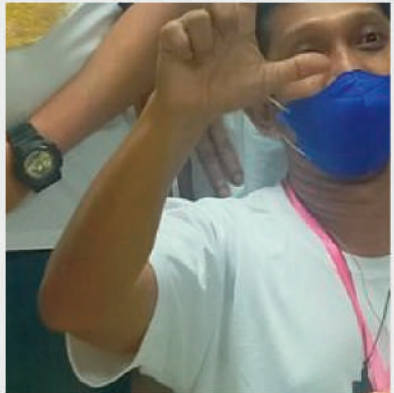
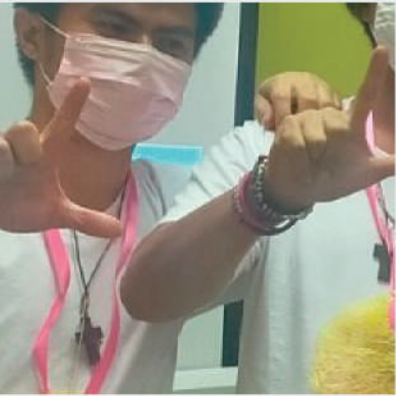
## **Plot twists of hope**

With all the things that have happened to him, it’s easy for Marlon to lose hope, but he keeps on fighting. Though still ongoing, Marlon’s transformation is one of the foundation’s success stories. Why? Because it teaches us to hope. He accepted the turn of events wholeheartedly. Though he initially questioned God, he accepted his cross.

Looking spritely at our Christmas party on December 12, 2022, dressed as one of the Three Wise Men, Marlon is looking forward to full recovery and going back to work. Truly, with God, all plot twists lead to hope. ■



In *Aj Bahay Kalinga*, our dear homeless follow a daily schedule, undergo formation, skills training, counseling, & begin the challenging work of reintegrating back into society.





It was in 2022 that a more streamlined and intentional 90-day formation track was rolled out for the homeless people who had decided to leave the uncertain and dangerous life on the streets. This formation program included personal development talks, apologetics, and a more concrete employer matching system with identified partners like Pryce Gas, Espiritu Santo Parochial School, and Synergy Solar Solutions.

In September, AJBK collaborated with Tulong Lasalyano for a breakthrough partnership, a feeding program for PWD children in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City.



# AJ BAHAY KALINGA



## ***AJ BAHAY KALINGA Highlights***

On its second year of operations, AJBK had its share of major developments. Some notable ones are:

- Jan 6 - Several batch 3 AJBK residents start their employment.
- Feb 27 - Batch 5 is formally accepted.
- Mar 6 - La Salle brothers start their catechism classes with the residents.
- Apr 15 - AJKFI do the Via Crucis & Seven Last Words.
- April 22 - Batch 6 join "Come and See" program.
- May 4 - Partnership with Golden Valley College is formalized.
- May 5 - Batch 4 and old batches graduate from the whole program and batch 5 graduate from the 3-month formation program and start their OJT at AJKC.
- May 29 - Batch 6 is formally accepted.
- Jun 5 - AJBK endorses 2 former batch 3 residents for employment at Pryce Gases Inc.

Joined the 'Come  
& See' program

**71**

Matched with  
companies for  
hiring

**26**

Reunited with  
their families

**7**

- Jun 23- Sr. Susan Esmile & MIC confreres give livelihood skills training.
- Jul 1 - Fr. Ted Gozales, SJ gives a recollection.

# *AJ BAHAY KALINGA Highlights*



- Jul 17 - AJBK celebrates its 2nd anniversary with a theater arts performance from batch 6.
- Aug 25 - Partnership with Colegio de San Gabriel Arcangel of Caloocan City is formalized.
- Aug 30 - 4 residents graduate from their ALS track.
- Sept 2 - Batch 6 graduate from the 3-month formation program and start their OJT at AJKC.
- Sept 8-10 - AJBK staff attend a USAID seminar on tuberculosis programs.
- Sept 27 - Batch 7 residents start "Come and See" program.
- Oct 6 - Tulong Lasalyano kicks off its KAPETAL program training series.
- Oct 16 - Batch 7 is formally accepted.
- Nov 12 - Catholic Faith Defenders start their apologetics seminar series for the residents.
- Nov 28 - Residents attend a recollection.
- Dec 11 - Center for English Development Inc. students give a concert for a cause performed for AJBK residents
- Dec 12 - AJKC & AJBK residents and beneficiaries' have a Nativity scene-themed joint Christmas party.
- Dec 25 - Residents celebrate Christmas together.

# FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE: HOW ALLAN FOUND HIS WAY BACK HOME

by Venice Narisma

Once a homeless person undergoes our formation and recovery program in AJ Kalinga, the real challenge starts with going back to “the real world.”

For batch 6 and 7 of AJ Bahay Kalinga (BK) residents, it was an uphill battle. Quite a few quit before finishing the program. For batch 7, it took 4 months for the former street dwellers to pass their individual assessments. Batch 6 needed 7 months to undergo the process. This is the amount of time they needed to go from vagrants to potentially productive members of society.

## Not the homeless stereotype

Meet Allan...

Homeless for almost a decade in Metro Manila, he was a victim of super typhoon ‘Yolanda’ which crushed Leyte and other parts of Visayas. Allan lost his wife and a son to the storm surge, leaving him devastated and traumatized. To somehow forget the pain, he went to Manila to find work. So different from the stereotype of the lazy homeless person, Allan tried working in different companies, but he soon found himself jobless and on the streets.

While in BK, Allan was hesitant at first to fully surrender himself to the process of formation. But it was his being prayerful that eventually softened his heart to become more honest, open, and trusting.



Allan now works at a water refilling station in Leyte. he has also been catching up with his two sons, who have grown so much since he last saw them.

Allan started dreaming again of being reunited with his two other sons and living a simple life in Tacloban. Who would imagine that his ten-year old desire to see his sons again and to have a consistent income would become a reality?

After serving for several months in AJ Kalinga Center in Tayuman, Manila, AJKFI gave livelihood capital to Allan, so he could start a small business. In 2022, he became a fruit and peanut butter vendor in the public market of Tacloban and also has a part-time job as a water refilling station attendant.



## No more tears

When asked how he is now, Allan choked back the tears, saying in Filipino, “I could not imagine that once in my life I sold various items in Luneta Park area.

It was a good memory for me because I did it for a living, but the nightmare was every time the authorities came, they confiscated (*bagansya*) my item.”

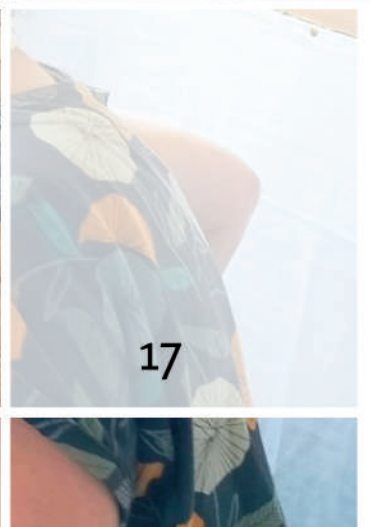
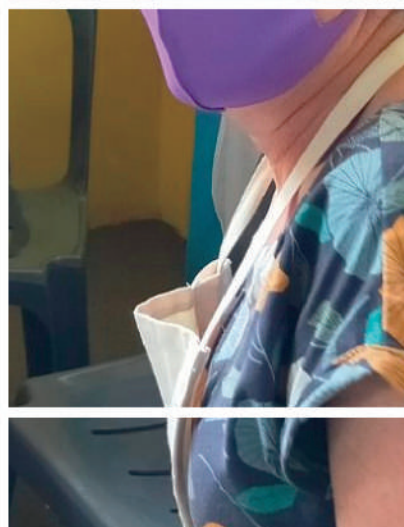
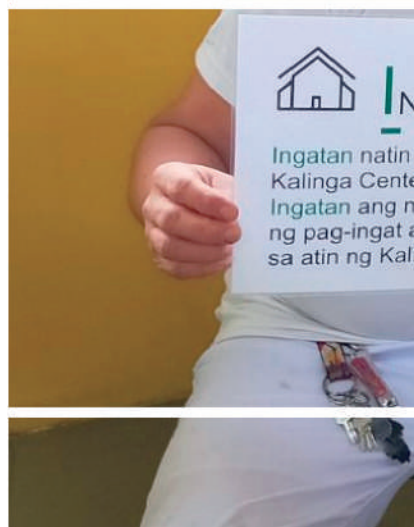
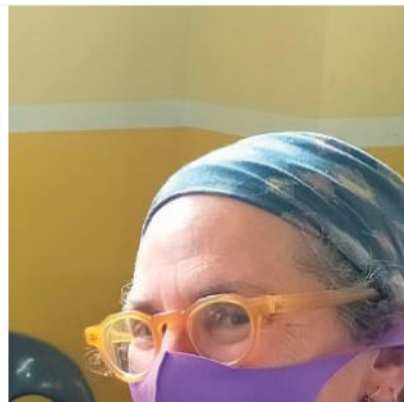
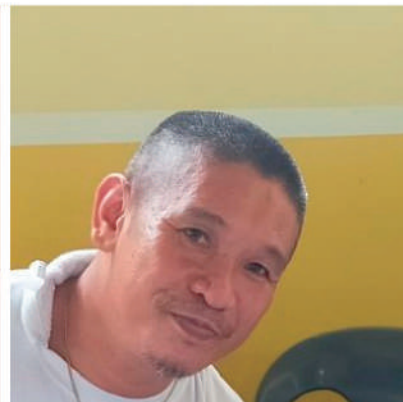
Today Allan is at peace, with no threats or possibility of the unjust seizing of his property.

Reunited with his sons, they are his inspiration to continue pushing forward in life without bitterness. Life is sweet now. As sweet as the fruits he sells to make a living. ■

*Venice is the resident formator of AJ Bahay Kalinga in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City.*

*Allan lost his wife and a son to the storm surge, leaving him devastated and traumatized.* ”

At the AJ Kalinga Center, Allan also runs the coaching station where he shares his experiences and personal reflections to his fellow homeless about the KALINGA value for the day.





Program Paghilom aims to empower & re-create the wounded through 7 phases that cover EJK families' needs, from psycho-spiritual recovery, legal assistance, livelihood grants, to creative expression, to name a few.

| Photos: Raffy Lerma



# PROGRAM PAGHILOM

Despite restrictions in place because of the COVID-19 threat, we resumed face-to-face psycho-spiritual interventions (PSIs) by June 2022 for Batches 15 and 16 of our EJK widows and mothers.

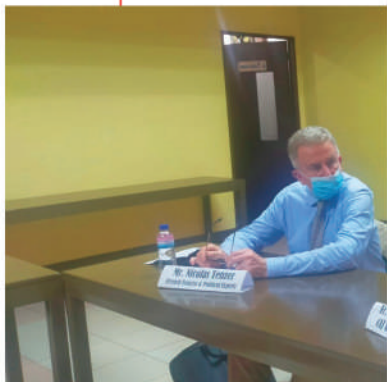
"Teatro Paghilom" also returned to the stage in May with an elections-themed theatrical presentation with EJK widows, mothers, orphans, and formerly homeless volunteers performing. We championed the call for justice through art but also through science. Forensic pathologist Dr. Raquel Fortun presented her initial post-mortem examination findings on EJK victims' remains in a press conference in April, discovering unretrieved bullets and signs of torture on several of the bodies.



# PROGRAM PAGHILOM Highlights

We had several milestones in 2022 that spanned the various interventions of the program:

- Apr 12 - Dr. Raquel Fortun publicly reveals her initial post-mortem findings on EJK victims' remains.
- Apr 23 - "Teatro Paghilom" presents an elections-themed theatrical performance in Caloocan City.
- June 30 - French political analyst Nicolas Tenzer dialogues with EJK widows & mothers.
- Sept 28 - The 11th turnover of EJK victims' urns includes Kian Delos Santos' bones.
- Nov 3 - 250 EJK widows & mothers gather for the first *Paghilom* Assembly since the lockdowns.
- Dec 8 - *Paghilom* Christmas party
- Dec 17 - Area coordinators & their assistants gather for a Christmas party with prizes & games.
- Dec 21 - EJK orphans share their hopes & dreams in a get-together.



EJK victims' remains  
exhumed, examined, &  
turned over

68

Livelihood  
loans awarded

136

EJK widows who  
underwent PSIs

282

Value of educational assistance  
given to 195 orphans

Php585,000

# DEAD MEN STILL TELL TALES: POSTMORTEM ANALYSES ON EJK VICTIMS RELEASED *by Nirva Delacruz*

Walking into the modest hall set up for the press briefing of sorts, Dr. Raquel Fortun has the stride of someone who knows exactly what she's doing.

From knee up, she strikes you as no nonsense, more military than medical—the short cropped hair, the navy blue polo.

But it's the high-cut boots that give her away.

## A potent mix

The woman will go against the grain if she needs to and will challenge the status quo like it's easy Sunday driving. As the first forensic pathologist of the country, she's a pundit not just for Twitterati but for mainstream Philippine opinion. So when the US-trained Dr. Fortun came forward with initial findings from ongoing post-mortem analyses on 46 EJK victims' remains, the handful of people, who knew she had been working on the cases, waited for the results with a potent mix of curiosity and anxiety.

## Bullet holes vs pneumonia

What more could be said about dozens of 6-year old cases of homicides that are officially



tagged as cases of “nanlaban”? Through the ways that only she could decipher them, dead men’s bones still tell tales.

These are tales that would’ve been snuffed out if not for another individual—this time, a priest—who is also willing to challenge the status quo like it’s easy Sunday driving, Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD, the founder of the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation. This Catholic charity based in downtown Manila finds itself 7 years later championing the cause of two largely forgotten segments of society: the homeless and victims of the Duterte administration’s war on drugs.

In death and even long after.

If not for Project Arise, an initiative that aims to exhume and lay the remains of EJK victims in permanent resting places, their bones risk being lost forever in mass graves when their families’ leases on their public cemetery tombs expire.

When five years are up, the bones are usually chucked into sacks like garbage into mass graves virtually unidentifiable from the many other unclaimed bones.

Here are a few quick points Dr. Fortun made during her 62-minute presentation to some members of the media, EJK victims’ surviving family members, and other Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation stakeholders on April 12

*Through the ways that only she could decipher them, dead men’s bones still tell tales.* ”

at the Catholic Trade Building in Tayuman, Manila:

- **At least 7 of the EJK victims’ death certificates cited natural causes as the cause of death even if their bones showed signs of a violent end.** The natural causes listed for the victims included sepsis, acute myocardial infarcts, pneumonia, and hypertension. Exit and entry bullet holes were identified in 24 bodies, particularly in the head region. Clear signs of blunt force trauma were also seen particularly on the back of 3 of the skulls examined. It appears that several of the victims were hit on the back of the head with a long, hard object like a metal bar or tube.
- **The Philippines has no clear system for investigation of deaths.** Most of the documents given to the EJK victims’ families consisted of incompletely filled out death certificates, grainy photos, and ambiguous police reports.

A proper documentation system should include multiple photos of different angles and details of the body, sketches of the crime scene, proper death certificates accomplished by an independent examiner, etc. that should also be available and easily accessible online. An X-ray of the body should also be standard pre-autopsy procedure to locate bullets that could still possibly be lodged in the body.

- **There seems to be ‘no intent’ to solve or even properly investigate the drug war killings.** In several glaring cases, bullets were still retrieved in the bodies even after supposed autopsies done on them. Some death certificates were also marked with the phrase “For burial purposes only.”



Dr. Fortun lays out the skeleton of an EJK victim in her lab to find more clues about his death.

Of the cases examined, 26 had incomplete death certificates and 1 had none. “This is how you get away with murder in the Philippines,” she said damningly.

- **All those killed were from the poorest of the poor.** Looking at what remained of their teeth, it was obvious that those killed were so poor that they probably never even saw a dentist in their lives. Most of them had bad teeth. Very few had dentures or had some sort of dental work done on them. Looking at the official documents themselves, the occupations listed for the killed included: 4 construction workers, 2 scavengers, painter, housewife, driver, pedicab driver, electrician, vendor, welder, tireman, and a vattillo.

### No words for grief

In the darkened room listening were five people who looked at Dr. Fortun’s slides, not with polite interest but with chilling familiarity with the details described, “gunned down on December 29, 2016”; “exhumed from Pateros”; “was shot five times in the head.” \*Zelie, Philomena, Zita, Bernadette, and Louie all lost family members in the costly drug war. Zelie lost a son; Philomena a husband; Zita both parents; Bernadette a sister; Louie a sister-in-law. When asked to speak, their grief was still intense after six years; you could hardly make out their words. Injustice has a way of putting you in a state of perpetual mourning.

More than a case file, the statistic is an actual person they knew and loved. It all boils down to our scarred humanity and what we decide to do with whatever influence and skill we have to champion the interests and welfare of the poor and the powerless.

At the end of her presentation, Dr. Fortun admits as much. “I’ve never forgotten that I’m dealing with people. I do feel for the victims, the families. When I examine the dead, [I see that] they’re human, they were loved... It gives me some satisfaction that this individual is finally given a decent forensic examination, something which they had been denied. This is really for the families.”

In the end, this is what remains. “In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone,” says St. John of the Cross. ■

*\*Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the individuals.*

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**Since love completes all, makes all hard things soft, and the difficult easy, let us strive to make all our acts proceed from love.**

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