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# MESSAGE FROM THE *Founder*

“... what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8) This is exactly what we hope to do every single day at the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation. This is what the KALINGA values embody. This is what we eat, breathe, and think about while living out the Foundation’s mission. And 2023 was a groundbreaking year for us because we saw other ways justice needed to be championed and explored new strategies for kindness to be extended.

Was 2023 a beautiful encounter of “walking humbly with our God”? I have no doubt. To be humble is to know one’s place. And it was exactly knowing where we stood that made 2023 a time for recalibrating and thinking on our feet. One question we specifically asked ourselves was “What face of God did we see in these people being sent to us?”—and “What face of God were we showing them?”

Because these reflections could be best expressed only through action, 2023 was full of initiatives never explored before. For families of EJK victims, for example, the next logical step was to secure dignified and more permanent burial grounds for their loved ones. At the tail-end of the year, “*Dambana ng Paghilom*” finally had its groundbreaking despite a couple of delays. For the first time, families of EJK victims could hold on more tightly to the dream of having their family members finally laid to rest without the threat of losing their mortal remains because of expiring tomb leases they could no longer afford.

For the homeless, we focused on continued accountability, particularly with the kicking off of the post-care program for graduates of the KALINGA values formation program in February 2023. We realized that just because they had since left the Foundation to find jobs and to start writing the next chapter of their lives, it didn’t mean that our commitment to them had ended. Caring continues; *kalinga* continues.

In her book *The Other Face of God*, Mary Leddy described home in a way that resonates with many of the things we do at the Foundation. She said: “Living in the shelter of each other, we begin to live in the neighborhood of God.” This year we welcomed the most number of international guests since after the COVID-19 lockdowns. They met our widows; they saw our dear homeless’ smiles. It is our hope that we showed them another face of God just as they have shown us yet another.

These pages are full of firsts and superlatives: the first ever EJK memorial site in the Philippines; the first ever “*Teatro ng Kabataan*”; a full-blown campaign for tuberculosis screening for the homeless; the oldest Alternative Learning System (ALS) graduate of the Foundation; and more. Read on.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD  
Founder & President  
Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation Inc.





*The old paradigms  
of mission need to  
be re-created.*



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(Clockwise) A glimpse of the first Paghilom painting, which depicts some of the family members of EJK victims holding pictures of their loved ones who died violently. "Before" and "after" photos show the radical transformation of one of our dear homeless, Andy Fajardo. Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD holds up the list of EJK victims' names during the groundbreaking ceremony of "Dambana ng Paghilom." **Vincent Go | Nirva Delacruz**

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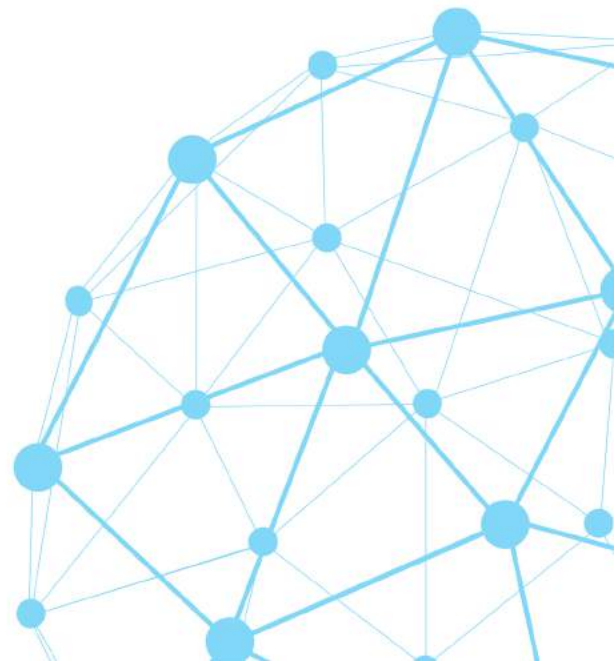
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# Vision

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



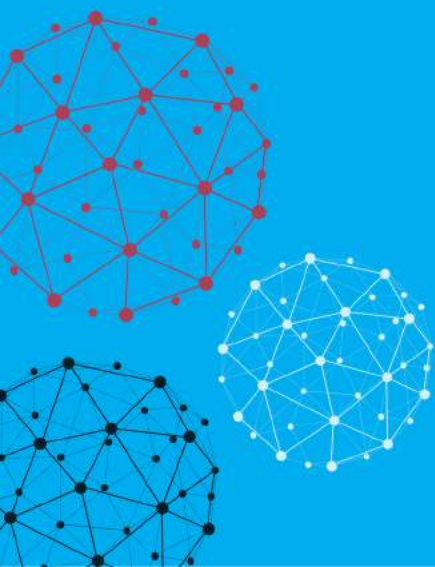
# Mission

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



# Core Values

- Gratitude
- Competence
- Compassion
- Dignity of Work





## ARNOLD JANSSEN KALINGA CENTER







# ARNOLD JANSSEN *Kalinga Center*

The year 2023 was a time of deepening for the *Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center (AJKC)* which intensified its formation for its residents. Formation for Batch 8 AJKC residents included *Kulturang Kalinga* formation based on the Biblical parables; kitchen skills training and management; as well as psycho-social interventions.

Regular “Kain-Ligo” operations continued throughout 2023, serving free meals and showers to an average of 200 to 250 street dwellers every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. This regular “Kain-Ligo” schedule also encouraged more group and individual volunteers to serve at the Center for a couple of hours. It was also in 2023 that the Center saw an uptake of entire families or family members volunteering together for the day—a welcome trend! For the year, we welcomed a total of 84 groups and families, as well as 205 individual volunteers.

We also doubled down on our commitment to sharing opportunities for learning to the homeless and to family members of extra-judicial killings (EJK) victims through the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program. Notably, the Center had 6 ALS graduates for the school year 2022 - 2023. Among them was 76-year old *Tatay Reynaldo Cruz*, the oldest ALS learner of the Center. He, however, passed away unexpectedly but graduated posthumously from junior high school. Having impeccable penmanship and conscientious in class, *Tatay Reynaldo* was also posthumously honored with an Academic Excellence Award. For school year 2023 - 2024, the Center accepted a record 20 enrollees for ALS.

Another special project of the Center was the free tuberculosis screening and treatment offered to the homeless in partnership with USAID-URC and the Department of Health. A total of 348 Kalinga and Paghilom beneficiaries were screened, of which 21 were identified positive with tuberculosis and started undergoing the 6-month medication.

# AJKC

## Key Metrics



# 120

“Kain-Ligo” days

# 53,958

Meals served from January to December 2023

# 6

4 elementary learners & 2 junior high school learners graduated from ALS for the school year 2022 - 2023

# 348

Homeless & Paghilom beneficiaries screened for tuberculosis

# 21

Homeless identified positive with tuberculosis & who underwent 6-month medication & monitoring



“Spiritual formation is character formation. Everyone gets a spiritual formation. It's like education. Everyone gets an education; it's just a matter of which one you get.”

- Dallas Willard

# *Only the Miraculous Can Touch the Most Difficult People* by Venice Narisma

Serving in the foundation, it's normal to see the transformation of our dear homeless from morose and troublesome to beaming, grateful, and trusting. Then again, there are always exceptions. One of those is Toni, who stands out among so many who have been through formation at the Arnold Janssen Bahay Kalinga (BK).

## **The sad life behind the difficult person**

Easily, he's one of the most misunderstood characters we've seen. The way he carries himself and talks will more likely ruffle feathers than soothe the listener.

A loner and a pessimist, Toni is the longest staying resident of BK.

He had seen so many people come and go, and yet he remained. Despite all sorts of criticisms against him, he was debatably the most skilled resident in BK. Highly focused and hardworking, Toni seemed to want to offset his lack of relational skills with sheer talent and an impeccable work ethic. Behind the gruff demeanor is, of course, a sad story. Talking to him, we discovered that it was a life of nameless neglect, abandonment, and—most probably—abuse that had hardened him into the Toni we have come to know.

Toni Laharto had lived on the

streets for 40 years. He does not even remember who his parents were or if he even met them at all, neither does he have any recollection of the people who took care of him when he was young. All he knows is that life on the streets is the only life he has ever known.

Toni had experienced working at a gas station in Taft, Manila and at several construction companies. He had also earned a living collecting and selling scrap materials.

## **Led by curiosity**

During the pandemic, Toni



*AJKFI staff Venice got to visit Toni at the Salesians' farm in Batangas, which he helps manage together with a couple.*



***Toni receives a Christmas gift from Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD during a Christmas party at AJBK in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City.***

and other street dwellers heard about BK, a house where the homeless could reportedly stay for free, learn skills, and undergo formation. Out of curiosity, Toni decided check the place out and was officially accepted into BK in April 2020. Toni confessed that he had never had any support system, claiming that he had been alone for most of his life. He preferred to keep to himself; even among the homeless, he had no one he would consider a friend. It's telling that even the memory of the people who had taken care of him has seemingly vanished. Painful memories can be either suppressed or repressed due to the harsh environment one grew up in or because the client had been too fixated on survival to form any secure or lasting attachments to others.

His face shows a clear indifference and a sort of resignation to the life on the streets. Full of "suffering and desperation for survival" is how Toni describes his existence. Even after leaving the streets, Toni walks around with what seems like a gaping, open wound. He often remarks that "nothing can be done" to alleviate his situation. Observing Toni, who hardly shows any positive emotions or sentiments, it would seem that he lives just for the sake of being alive, with neither cherished goals, hopes nor dreams.

Even BK, the only institution he had stayed in, is not exempt from his cool indifference.

Although Toni had learned to call BK his home where his basic needs were consistently met, he was dead set on leaving once the pandemic was over so he could return to living on his own. When asked, he said the only reason he even set foot in BK was because of mere curiosity. He didn't need BK nor its services, not then and not now. It's not surprising then that he shows a general distrust towards institutions, and the government in particular. "*Wala namang ibibigay na tulong ang gobyerno* (The government won't give any help)", he stressed. This is also why while in BK he had a cavalier attitude even towards interviews. It's the cynicism of a man, who had been interviewed ad nauseam.

**The saving grace of service**

When BK started to partner with Tulong La Salyano for a feeding program for PWD children, Toni was one of the most fired up about the initiative. He would work long hours as part of the kitchen team. For him, all the meal preparation work was his contribution to help the vulnerable PWD kids.

In June 2023, before the feeding program ended, Toni was referred for employment in Balete, Batangas. He would be in charge of a fruit farm ran by the Salesians of Don Bosco. True to form, at first, he was hesitant to stay.

He explicitly said he would stay only for a month because he preferred living in the city as a scavenger. But Toni surprised everyone because 6 months later, he hasn't left. Being close to nature has probably done him good as well. Toni is happy with what he is doing and is productive in his new mission as the person-in-charge of the farm. He helps take care of the farm's many banana, dragon fruit, guava, and pomelo trees.

For people who have been marred so deeply by trauma and pain, even normalcy is already miraculous. God smiles at people like Toni—and in His quiet ways—has planted seeds of healing unseen by the eye. ■

# *How a School Requirement Had an Unexpected Effect*

**by JR Torres**

The day I volunteered at the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center through iVolunteer, there were many volunteers, including a group from Meat Plus who were also doing their outreach. Little did I know, that this experience with the homeless would help me regain some of my spiritual confidence.

The presence of so many volunteers should have made the workload feel lighter. However, considering so many street dwellers coming for food and showers that day, the work didn't actually feel light. I can't even begin to imagine how challenging it would have been without the Meat Plus volunteers.

Initially, I assisted at station 6, where I served the food. Later on, I moved to station 2, where I recorded the weight of street dwellers coming in. Finally, I took over station 7, where I distributed giveaways and said goodbye to the homeless.

## **Life lessons learned**

Throughout my stay, I had the opportunity to observe the stations other than the ones I actually manned.

Interestingly, I found myself drawn to the coaching area, where I gained valuable insights and life lessons.

One of the most important lessons I learned from the visit is that no matter how difficult life may seem, we should never give up and have faith in God's plans for everyone. I realized that God doesn't present challenges that are insurmountable, and this belief gave me a renewed sense of hope.

Additionally, I discovered how important it is to consistently act in a positive manner. Expressing gratitude and performing simple acts of kindness such as picking up trash, saying "thank you" for everything, and showing respect to elders, can have a profound impact on everything around us. I realized how important it is to always strive to be a good person and to spread positivity in every way we can.

## **What I felt serving in AJKC**

Personally, this outreach activity stands out as the most meaningful one I've had so far. Despite also being the busiest one I've attended, with around 200 beneficiaries served during that "Kain-Ligo" day, it surprisingly didn't feel exhausting.



*Working student JR Torres assists in serving some of the homeless who drop by the AJKC for a free shower and a hot meal.*



*At the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center (AJKC), the homeless get to enjoy unlimited premium rice and two viands: one protein and a vegetable side dish.*

Even though the physical demands were high due to the number of beneficiaries to be served, there was something about the experience that made it feel less tiring. The valuable life lessons I learned were amplified by seeing the joy and smiles on the faces of the homeless, adding to their transformation from dirty and worn-out to clean and refreshed. Seeing them brought me a sense of being mentally and spiritually recharged, overshadowing any exhaustion I might have experienced.

### **‘Indescribable’**

The indescribable feeling I experienced during past outreach efforts is there; I find it impossible to put it into words. This feeling has fueled my desire to experience it more—it’s addictive but in a positive way. Participating in this outreach has transformed me, making me a better person and giving me a renewed purpose in life. It has also reshaped my perspective on the world.

As I reflect on my own emotions, I wonder if other volunteers share similar sentiments when they do volunteer work. Do they also have the same heartfelt feelings I’ve experienced? Moreover, I’m curious to know what the beneficiaries think of the volunteers. These questions have occupied my thoughts since leaving AJKC, and I’m eager to find some answers.

Initially, this task felt like an obligatory academic requirement. However, over time, I began to genuinely consider its value and have now decided to actively seek more ways to volunteer in the future. In fact, I have already registered for some upcoming volunteer programs, and this time, my involvement will be more sincere, driven by a genuine desire to make a positive impact rather than by solely complying with a school requirement.



***Seeing them brought me a sense of being mentally & spiritually refreshed...***



# ARNOLD JANSSEN BAHAY KALINGA





# ARNOLD JANSSEN

## *Bahay Kalinga*

The direction for Arnold Janssen Bahay Kalinga (AJBK) for the first quarter of 2023 was to focus on Psycho-spiritual Interventions (PSIs) and counseling for the AJBK residents. This emphasis on the inner life of our beneficiaries could also be considered one of the strong points of the program for the year. The AJBK formator and the volunteer counselor in charge of these interventions were always on standby to facilitate one-on-one conferences and counseling for those who requested it.

Beginning in January, the residents also enjoyed regular recreation like mind games, *zheng-shen*, as well as group projects, art workshops, plays, and other activities that enriched their intellectual, physical, and cultural growth. In February, several residents underwent seminars about financial and work ethics in preparation for employment.

From the last week of February to July 2023, Tulong Lasalyano's *Masarap Meals* Feeding Program, another highlight for AJBK residents, launched its operations from AJBK. The five remaining AJBK residents volunteered to serve different PWD communities in Bagong Silang, Caloocan City as part of the program. The increase in body weight of the participants and the absence of school dropouts were good indicators that it was a success!

AJBK temporarily ceased to accept new batches of the homeless for stay-in formation, but it continued to welcome former AJBK residents through *Balik-Kalinga* or Post-Care for those struggling with personal crises or relapses. On the side, AJBK residents also launched income-generating projects like the cooking and selling of *puto* (rice cakes) and *kutsinta* (native cake). This project boosted the residents' confidence and sense of personal agency.





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Balik-Kalinga & Post-care returnees who were welcomed at AJBK to process their personal challenges from March to December 2023

1

Resident qualified for an LGU scholarship & is taking up a vocational-technical course at the University of Caloocan City

6

Residents who set up & managed urban vegetable & mushroom growing & harvesting at AJBK

14

Residents who finished trainings on SMAW NC II & bread & pastry production, in partnership with the Arnold Janssen Catholic Mission Foundation

6

Residents who were successfully matched with employers for job referral & placement

## *Skill & Grace Intertwine:*

### *The Story of 'Chef Randy' by Venice Narisma*



*Randy prepares nutritious meals as chief cook for the Tulong Lasalyano Feeding Program. He cooked a meat viand and a vegetable side dish thrice a week for 225 PWD children.*

Thin, lethargic, and evidently suffering from a medical condition.

This is how I would describe Randy when I first invited him to join KALINGA Formation Program's batch 5. I was quick to note, however, that he remained optimistic about his recovery even while he loitered around the Lawton area in Manila, homeless and slept on cold concrete. At first, he seemed hesitant to join the "Come and See" program, but one of his friends reassured him, "Makakapagpahinga at gagaling ka doon sa KALINGA

(You'll be able to rest and recover there in KALINGA)." This was what finally got Randy to agree.

#### **A.k.a 'Chef Randy'**

The sickly man with the gaunt face turned out to be a seasoned chef with more than twenty years of experience in the food industry. Fittingly, he would later be known as "Chef Randy" in AJ Bahay Kalinga (AJBK). As one too many tragic stories of the homeless go, he quickly went downhill from the peak of professional success not just because of the COVID-19 crisis but because of his

sibling's stinging rejection after finding out he had tuberculosis. He wanted to stay in her house in Valenzuela to recover but she turned him away, afraid of getting infected.

As Randy extended his stay at AJBK beyond the 5-day "Come and See" program, he started slowly revealing his real sentiments and the extent of his depression.



## *The sickly man with the gaunt face turned out to be a seasoned chef...*

He shared that he was depressed not so much because of his being diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis (PTB) but because no one had been with him during one of the darkest chapters of his life. Neither his sister nor his friends reached out to him despite knowing that he was both homeless and sick with a potentially fatal disease. Despite such painful experiences, Randy dove deep into the KALINGA formation activities and sessions, never wasting a second.

### **Cooking 675 meals and more...**

It didn't take long before the other AJBK residents warmed up to Randy who was open yet humble about his personal achievements. Who could imagine that the formerly homeless would be treated to gastronomic delights like squash *maja blanca* or marinated roast chicken pasta, with Chef Randy taking over as chief cook?

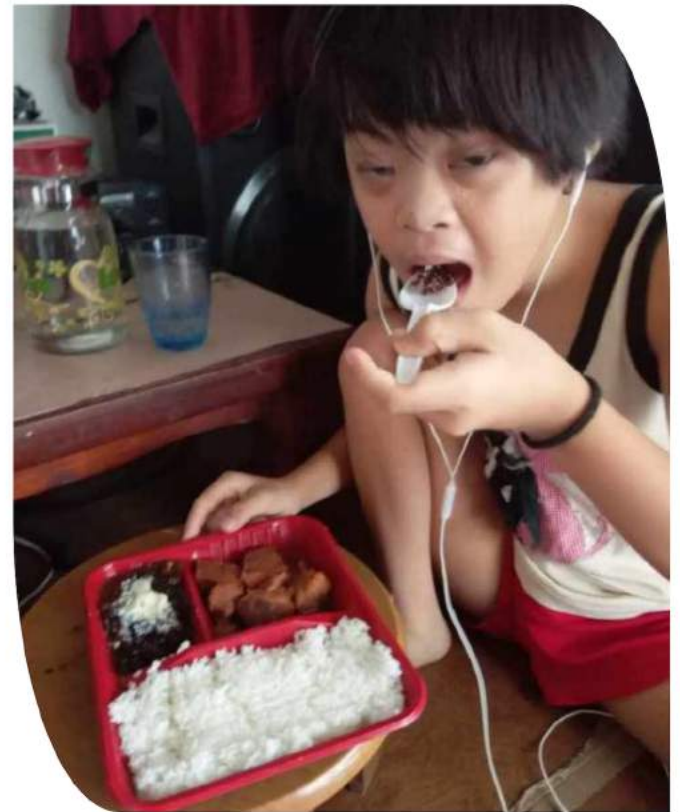
After recovering from TB, his culinary talents would be put to use even more when he became the chief cook for the Tulong Lasalyano Feeding Program from September 2022 to July 2023. Chef Randy would cook 675 meals weekly for children with disabilities in different communities in Bagong Silang, North Caloocan. The sweet desserts and the balanced flavor of the viands were enough to make every child look forward to the packed meals.

### **The next chapter**

Carrying with him the missionary spirit he

learned to embrace in AJBK, Randy is now working at the Kapatiran-Kaunlaran Foundation Inc. as chief cook, managing their canteen. He is also in-charge of cooking for the foundation's feeding program for 250 children in Smokey Mountain, a settlement in Tondo, Manila, which was a former landfill. His professional skills and God's grace have beautifully intertwined.

His passion has now become his mission where his God-given talents flourish even more at the service of marginalized communities. What an honor for us to be have been part of his journey!



*A PWD child, a beneficiary of the Tulong Lasalyano Feeding Program, enjoys a meal prepared by Randy.*



# PROGRAM PAGHILOM





# PROGRAM *Paghilom*

2023 was a year of several key developments for Program Paghilom, notably, the groundbreaking of the first ever memorial site for EJK victims in the Philippines, *Dambana ng Paghilom*, in December 2023 at the La Loma Catholic Cemetery, Caloocan City. From learnings in 2022, the Paghilom team saw the need to give special attention to the needs of EJK children and orphans, resulting in 3 PSI youth camps, which aimed to address their spiritual and psychological health and healing through group dynamics, talks, sharing, and prayer.

Other regular programs like the Psycho-spiritual Interventions (PSIs) continued, this year, welcoming batches 17-19 with a total of 37 new members. The program also extended legal documentation to 26 new members who were able to file their sworn statements on the killings of their loved ones. 32 members also availed of free tuberculosis screening. Notably, the program and its advocacy reached more partners in the international community through *Teatro Paghilom*, which performed for the European Union Representative for Human Rights Mr. Eamon Gilmore and Mr. Damon Wilson of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

# PROGRAM PAGHILOM

## Key Metrics



**261**

EJK children who have received educational assistance

**43**

EJK family members who have availed of loans for their small businesses through the Paghilom Livelihood Loan Program (PLL)

**22**

EJK victims' remains exhumed

**25**

EJK victims' remains that underwent post-mortem examination, were cremated, & turned over to their families

**21**

Members who have been trained to become Area Coordinators, who are, in turn, assisted by 15 Assistant Area Coordinators

# *How are the Orphans Doing?*

*Agnes Shares Her Story* by \*Agnes, an EJK orphan



*EJK orphans & youth of Program Paghilom perform at one of Teatro Paghilom's showcases.*

I am \*Agnes. I'm already 17-years old, and we are a brood of 5 brothers and sisters, aged 14-years old; 12-years old; 9-years old; and, 7-years old. We are 5 siblings in my grandmother's care. Before, we were a happy family because we had both our parents with us.

They were loving and caring to us, their children. But when President Duterte came to power, that's when all our dreams in life were shattered, and I never imagined that

something as bad as that would happen to us.

## **No chance**

I was 11-years old when my papa was shot on February 6, 2017. He had just been visiting one of his good friends' wake, and even when he had his hands up in the air, the police still fired at him.

I was so hurt by what they did to my papa even if I was so young at the time. And my papa died just like that without

getting the chance to get back together again with my mama. My parents had been separated for two years.

Sometimes, I thought I should just stop going to school because I felt that I have had enough difficult challenges in life. I was, however, grateful to my grandmother who never abandoned us.

Sometimes, when I see her crying by herself, I can't help but feel discouraged, especially when August 13, 2017 came around. That was when my uncle was also shot. More children were placed under my grandmother's care, which made me wonder, "Did God curse us?" This was my question before. Now my grandmother looks after 12 orphaned grandchildren from her two sons.

### **Finding joy again**

There was a time I didn't even know what to do anymore; I also wanted to find a job, but my grandmother wouldn't let me. She had been looking for someone who could help us ; this was when she found Program Paghilom. She felt the care and concern of Fr. Flavie for our family as she underwent psycho-spiritual interventions through Program Paghilom.



*Some of the EJK orphans in the care of Program Paghilom pose together at the program's first ever youth camp in April 2023.*

Now I am in grade 9, and Fr. Flavie has never stopped looking after our educational needs, especially that of my cousins. Every month, we receive an allowance from the program. Ever since Fr. Flavie started taking care of us, we've never gone hungry again. He has given us so much help, especially during the pandemic.

The Program has been bearing the responsibilities that should've been my parents'. Fr. Flavie is now like a father to us, who never thinks twice about helping us. We are so happy because we've regained the joy we lost for so long and are now living our dreams. Now I am studying, and I don't worry about anything except to focus on my academics. I pray that we will not waste all the love and support we've been given.

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



**...We've regained the joy we lost for so long  
& are now living out our dreams.**





***SVD PHC Provincial Fr. Jerome Marquez, SVD; Fr. Eduardo Vasquez, OMI; former VP Leni Robredo; Kalookan Bishop Pablo David; Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD; former Senator Leila de Lima, among others, were present at the groundbreaking of 'Dambana ng Paghilom' at the La Loma Catholic Cemetery on Dec. 11, 2023.***

*Designed by Ar. Anthony Nazareno, the 6.10 x 8.10-meter memorial site features a minimalist design & elements that symbolize the rough & tragic events that the EJK families went through, as well as aesthetics that point to faith, hope, & heaven's embrace.*



*'Dambana  
ng Paghilom'*

# *'Dambana ng Paghilom' Groundbreaking Held*

**by Nirva Delacruz**

The groundbreaking of the first EJK memorial site at the La Loma Catholic Cemetery in Caloocan City on December 11, 2023 shows that EJK families continue to call for justice and miss their loved ones whom they lost so suddenly and violently, especially this Christmas season.

“Nakakamiss ka po, Pa. ‘Pag umuuwi ka sa bahay tahimik ka lang pero tuwing nagbobonding tayo lumalabas ‘yung pagiging makulit mo, palabiro. Nakakamiss magkaroon ng Papa na katulad mo (We miss you a lot. When you get home, you’re so quiet, but when we have bonding moments, your playful, funny side comes out. I miss having a father like you),” said Cristina Abliter, fighting back tears during one of the opening messages.

## **Call for a Truth Commission**

Meanwhile, Randy delos Santos, the uncle of 17-year old Kian delos Santos, renewed the call for a truth commission to investigate the violent deaths linked to former President Duterte’s war on drugs.

He spoke on behalf of some 30 other EJK families under the care of the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation (AJKFI)’s Program Paghilom.

Also present were special guests like former Vice President Leni Robredo; former Senator Leila De Lima; Kalookan Bishop Pablo Virgilio David; forensic pathologist Dr. Raquel Fortun; SVD - PHC Provincial Superior Fr. Jerome Marquez; and representatives from the embassies of Germany and the Netherlands, as well as UN Joint Programme on Human Rights Programme Coordinator Andrew Pearlman; Netherlands Deputy Ambassador Robert van der Hum; Senior Policy Officer Jaymie Reyes; and First Secretary for Political Affairs Alexander Schmidt of the German Embassy.

## **‘Dambana ng Paghilom’**

After messages from several of the guests, the groundbreaking ceremony signaled the beginning of construction for the “Dambana ng Paghilom” edifice that is set to be completed in April 2024, in time for Lent. AJKFI Founder and President Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD explained the different design elements of the memorial and placed a list of the names of EJK victims inside an urn to show that they are all remembered and prayed for at the event. The EJK families also placed white roses on top of the symbolic hole dug by the guests as a remembrance of their loved ones whose presence they especially miss during Christmas. Designed by the team of Ar. Anthony Nazareno, the memorial site, the first of its kind, will be a permanent resting place for the mortal remains of EJK victims and will be built on a plot donated by the Diocese of Kalookan through the goodness of Bishop David. ■



***‘Pag umuuwi ka sa bahay tahimik ka lang pero tuwing nagbobonding tayo, lumalabas ‘yung pagiging makulit mo...Nakakamiss magkaroon ng Papa na katulad mo...***



Visibly moved, European Union (EU)'s Special Representative on Human Rights Eamon Gilmore, watched EJK widows & orphans perform at their 12th Teatro on March 30, 2023.



Together with her cohort, led by German Ambassador Anke Reiffenstuel, Hon. Gabriele Katzmarek, Chair of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Relations with the ASEAN States, a member of the Bundestag (German Parliament), met with EJK widows on March 22, 2023.



NED president Damon Wilson, together with Senior Director for Asia Programs John Knaus; Senior Program Officer for Southeast Asia David Angeles; & Assistant Program Officer Duncay Dounay, met with an EJK mother & orphan on July 20, 2023.

The Foundation welcomed key personalities from the international community who personally listened to the stories of our EJK families and homeless, helping them see the mission and the advocacy of AJKFI up close. It was a common sight to see them shed tears after hearing the plight of the families in our care.

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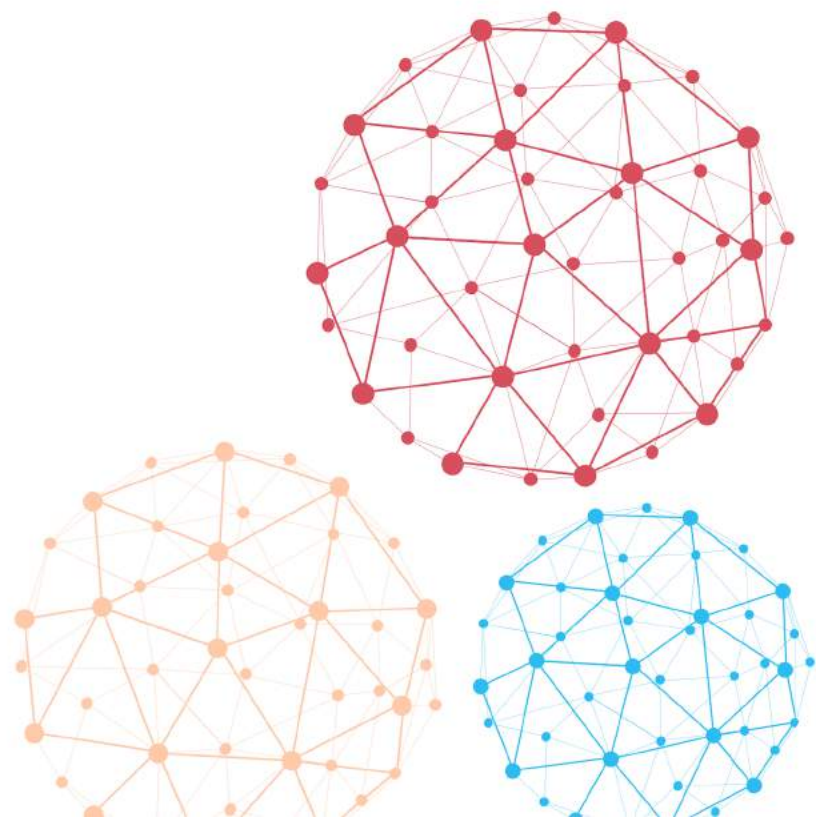
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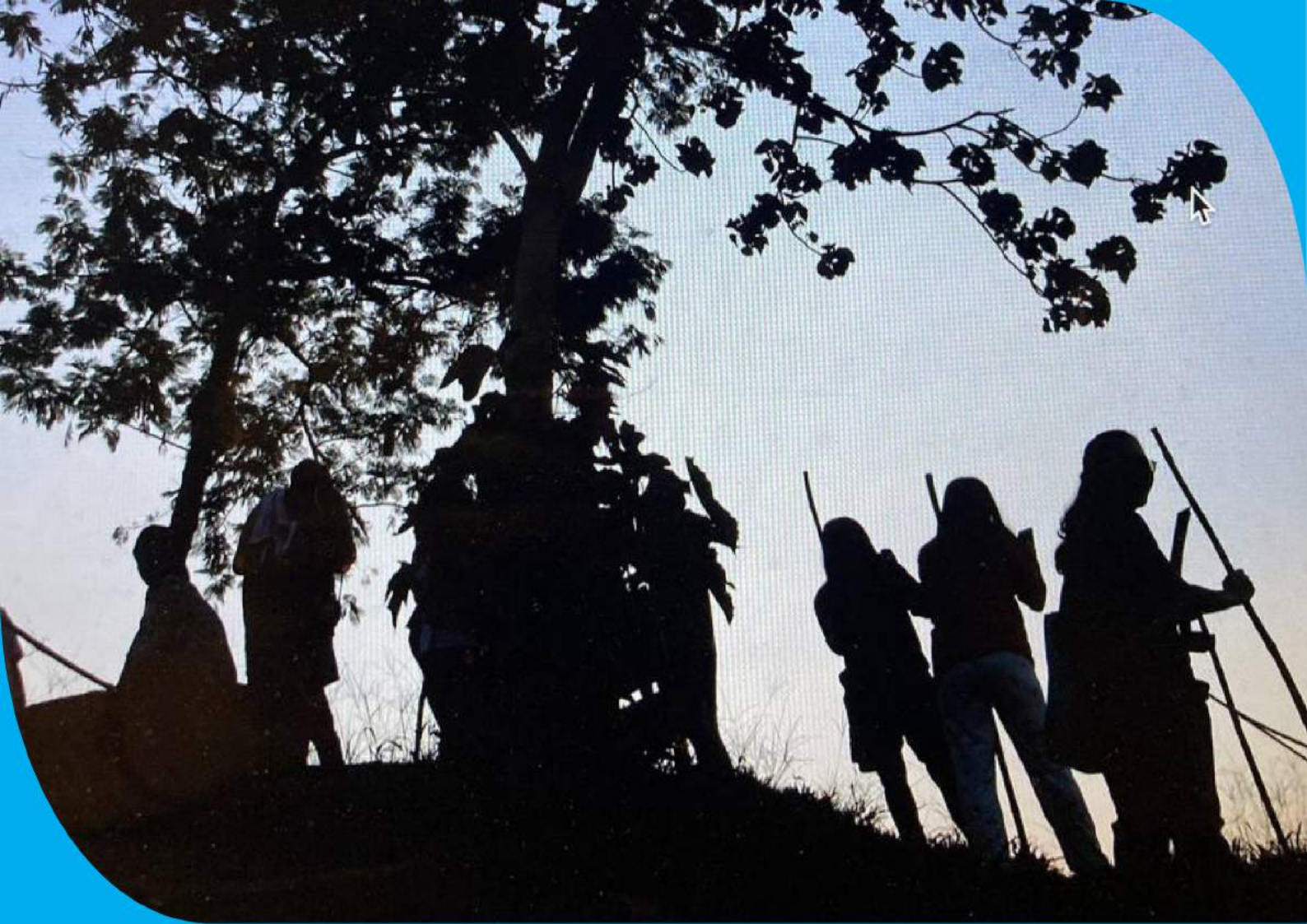
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***- The Other Face of God, Mary Jo Leddy***