



“Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva is hailed by Philippine bishops as ‘A Prophet of Our Time’,”

- Radio Veritas Asia



Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD, is the only Filipino among the 2025 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees.



**ARNOLD JANSSEN
KALINGA CENTER**

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A True Beacon of Hope: Father Flavie and the Kalinga Mission

Since its founding in 2015 by Father Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD, the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center has become a sanctuary of hope and dignity for Manila's homeless. More than just offering a meal or a place to rest, Kalinga provides a holistic and caring approach to help people rebuild their lives through its Kain, Aral, Ligo, Nang Ayos Program.

The program follows three simple steps: first, it helps restore self-image by providing freshly cooked meals, showers with soap and shampoo, clean clothes, and a safe place to sleep. Next, it builds self-respect through education, skills training, and values formation. Finally, it supports self-worth by helping individuals find employment and start a livelihood, ultimately guiding them toward independence and a meaningful life.

The Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center continues to be a shining example of compassion and care, where every person is treated with respect and given a real chance to restore their dignity.





SIX SEMINARIANS DIVE INTO MISSIONARY LIFE THROUGH KALINGA'S HONEST TALKS AND VOLUNTEERISM



Six seminarians from Lorenzo Mission Institute arrived at Kalinga Center, led by Rev. Fr. Jose Vidamor Yu, LRMS, ready to dive into the missionary way of life during their Orientation Year. In June, they rolled up their sleeves to volunteer among our homeless beneficiaries, sharing stories and laughs with Batch 11 Bevolts — getting a real taste of life on the ground.

Then came July and August, when these six brought more than just presence — they shared wisdom in a series of talks about living honestly, sparking curiosity and lively questions from the Bevolts. Honesty, it seems, is still a journey for many; some are just beginning to unpack what it truly means to live that value day by day. The conversations opened doors, and everyone left thinking a little deeper about what it means to be honest in a world that often challenges it.

From June 27 to August 29, the Sanlakbay program brought a fresh wave of hope and healing right across the street from the Catholic Trade Building. Mr. Fernan Ferrer, Program Officer, led attentive sessions introducing the 12-Step Program to Batch 11 beneficiary-volunteers, many of whom had once struggled with drug use. It was not just a routine talk; it was a heartfelt journey filled with honest questions, moments of hesitation, and ultimately, gratitude for newfound perspectives.

Joining in was Fr. Roberto De la Cruz, Sanlakbay's Program Minister, who shared words of wisdom and encouragement that echoed through the sessions. What started as curiosity soon bloomed into understanding, with volunteers appreciating the chance to reflect and grow. Plans are already underway to gather their written impressions, as the partnership looks forward to continuing this vital support through ongoing counseling and group sessions — walking hand in hand on the path to restoration.



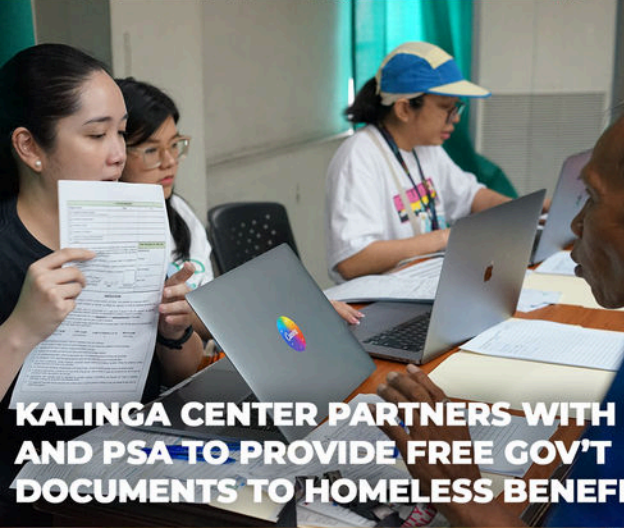
SANLAKBAY PROGRAM: HOPE AND HEALING FOR BATCH 11 VOLUNTEERS





On June 19, Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center partnered with Canva Philippines and the Philippine Statistics Authority to bring a much-needed One-Stop Government Service Help Desk to our homeless community. Beneficiaries were able to access free birth certificates, death certificates, certificates of no marriage, national IDs, and other essential documents that often seem out of reach.

This collaboration proved to be a game-changer, easing the burden on those who struggle to obtain vital records. We are deeply grateful to Canva Philippines for this meaningful partnership that truly made a difference in the lives of our beneficiaries.



KALINGA CENTER PARTNERS WITH CANVA AND PSA TO PROVIDE FREE GOV'T DOCUMENTS TO HOMELESS BENEFICIARIES



“Home isn’t where you’re from; it’s where you find light when all grows dark.”

These words echoed through the recent 10th anniversary celebration of the Arnold and shared memories, Janssen Kalinga Center, a beacon of hope and compassion for Manila’s homeless community. Board members, staff, mission partners, and special guests

came together to honor ten years of dedicated service marked by dignity, care, and transformation. The evening was filled with heartfelt stories and highlighting the profound impact that the Kalinga way has had on countless lives. A special moment was the launch of the Kalinga Book, a collection of prayers, stories, and reflections penned by Founder and President, Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD, documenting years of healing and restoration in the community. The celebration was more than a milestone—it was a recommitment to the mission of pag-KALINGA, fueled by hope and the steadfast belief that everyone deserves a chance to rebuild and shine anew. The journey continues, with passion and purpose lighting the way forward.



A NIGHT OF HOPE AND HEALING: CELEBRATING A DECADE OF KALINGA'S MISSION

A Joyful Day of Thanks: Celebrating 10 Years of Service at Kalinga Center

On July 16, 2025, the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center marked a decade of unwavering dedication to Manila's street dwellers. Since its blessing and inauguration by the former Archbishop of Manila, His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle in 2015, the center has been a sanctuary of hope and transformation. Cardinal Tagle envisioned that after ten years, the Kalinga Center would no longer be needed—not because of politics, but because true healing and restoration would have taken root.

The day began with a heartfelt thanksgiving Mass led by Rev. Fr. Eduardo Vasquez, Jr., OMI, alongside priests from the Society of the Divine Word (SVD). Following the solemn celebration, joy filled the air as beneficiaries enjoyed a lively Kalinga Day complete with food, games, and souvenirs, fostering a spirit of community and belonging. Deep gratitude was expressed to all donors whose generosity fuels the ongoing mission of the Kalinga Center. As the Bible reminds us, "From the fullness of His grace, we have all received one blessing after another" (John 1:16), a fitting reminder of the blessings poured out through Kalinga's ten years of loving service



A Papal Blessing for a Decade of Compassion and Care

The Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation recently received a heartfelt blessing and special recognition from Holy Father Pope Leo XIV on the occasion of its 10th anniversary. This momentous acknowledgment honors a decade of faithful commitment to providing dignified, systematic, and holistic care to Manila's homeless and wounded—those whom society often overlooks. The portrait, featuring a

The portrait, featuring a dedication from the pontiff, was a gift from Cardinal Chito Tagle, a mentor and friend of Fr. Flavie L. Villanueva, SVD. Now located in the Kalinga Center at the SVD Provincialate-Catholic Trade Manila Building, this portrait includes words of encouragement for the AJKFI staff. This blessing stands not only as a tribute to the foundation's enduring mission but also as inspiration to continue illuminating paths of hope, healing, and restoration for many years to come.



Leo PP. XIV

On August 5, 2025, thirteen Batch 11 Bevolts, together with Arnold Janssen Kalinga staff, spent a morning immersed in culture, art, and history at the National Museum of Fine Arts and the National Museum of Natural History. For some, it was their very first visit, opening their eyes to the richness of Filipino heritage and creativity within the museum's grandeur. Others had been before, stepping confidently as guides to share stories about familiar artists and historic moments with their co-volunteers.

The day was more than just a tour; it was a journey of discovery and connection, as the group bonded over the beauty and significance of the exhibits. From classic masterpieces to natural wonders, the experience sparked curiosity and pride, enriching the volunteers' appreciation of their roots while inspiring new perspectives on life and community. The museums welcomed them with open doors and free admission, making history and art accessible and unforgettable.



A Warm Gathering: Batches 1 to 10 Alumni of Kalinga Center's Formation Share Stories and Support

On August 24, the beneficiary volunteers of Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center came together for a special day of friendship and catching up. They spent time remembering their journeys from life on the streets to building meaningful and dignified lives. This event, called Kamustahan, was a chance to check in and hear how everyone is doing now.

Bernon, once a house parent and cook during the pandemic, now works as a real estate agent. He shared how much he missed their bilogs which were simple circle chats for kamustahan and Bible sharing. He said that in his present corporate job, the only circle gatherings are formal meetings, missing the warmth and of the Kalinga Community. He also fondly recalled serving others at the Kalinga Center, and how that spirit still motivates him today as he works hard to care for his family.

The gathering was a reminder of the strong bonds and support they continue to share.

MEET THE TEAM

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