

Glimpses of FFRGOC 1993 - 2013

Prologue

This commemorative book was prepared to help us reflect on the 20 years existence of FFRGOC, from where we started, where we are today and help us look forward to the years ahead. We are hoping that these pictures will do that.

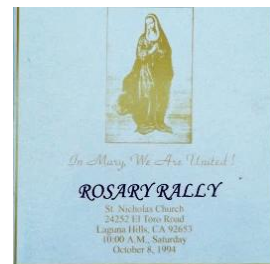
Holy Rosary – Our Main Activity

Every week, we pray and reflect on the Holy Rosary's sacred mysteries on the homes of area members and friends, for Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus.



Annual Rosary Rally

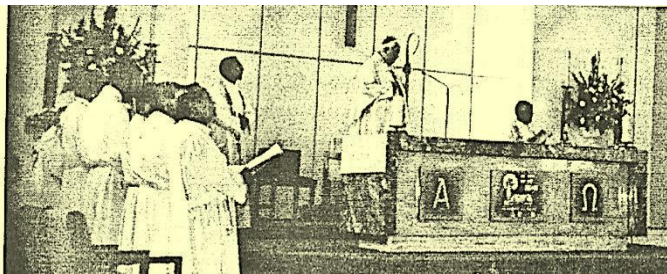
This is the event for which FFRGOC live for – the Annual Rosary Rally that brings all of FFRGOC areas together in affirmation of the devotions we faithfully keep every week. Our rally starts with the praying of the Holy Rosary then we process to the church with the icon of our Blessed Mother and color guards. Inside the church we have rally talk followed by the Mass officiated by the bishop of the Diocese of Orange assisted by other diocesan priests. A reception follows the Mass with cultural presentations.



1994 - St. Nicholas Catholic Church celebrated by the Most Rev. Norman McFarland, Bishop of Orange



1995 - St. Anthony Claret Church (Anaheim) celebrated by the Most Rev. Norman McFarland, Bishop of Orange. The event also launched the Filipino Pastoral Ministry of Orange led by Fr. Marito Rebamuntan



1996 - St. Polycarp Church (Stanton) celebrated by the Most Rev. Norman McFarland, Bishop of Orange



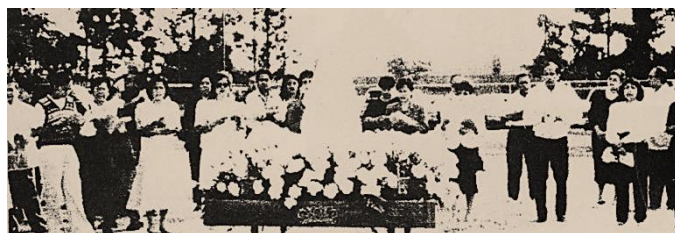
2000 - St. Anthony Claret Church (Anaheim) celebrated by the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



1997 - Holy Family Church (Orange) celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



2001 - Santiago de Compostela Church (Lake Forest) celebrated by the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



1998 - St Mary's Catholic Church (Fullerton) celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael P. Driscoll, DD, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



2002 - St. Pius V Church (Buena Park) celebrated by the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



1999 - St. Columban Church (Garden Grove) celebrated by the Most Rev. Norman McFarland, Bishop of Orange





2003 – St. Vincent de Paul (Huntington Beach) celebrated by the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



2004 – St. Joseph Church (Placentia) celebrated by Reverend Michael Heher, Vicar General Moderator of the Curia



2005 – St. Polycarp Church (Stanton) celebrated by the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



2006 – St. Cecilia Church (Tustin) celebrated by the Most Rev. Jaime Soto, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



2007 – St. Irenaeus Church (Cypress) celebrated by the Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop of Orange



2008 – St. Joseph Church (Placentia) celebrated by the Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop of Orange



2009 – Holy Spirit Church (Fountain Valley) celebrated by Most Rev. Cirilo Flores, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange



2010 - St. Timothy Church (Laguna Niguel) celebrated by Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop of Orange



2011 – St. Anthony Claret Church (Anaheim) celebrated by Most Rev. Dominic Luong, Auxilliary Bishop of Orange



2012 – Holy Family Cathedral (Orange) officiated by Msgr. Douglas Cook, Rector



2013 - St. Columban Church (Garden Grove) celebrated by the Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange

FFRGOC Lenten Retreat

We also offer an annual Retreat for our members. We spend a day of reflection to take a look at ourselves and examine our relationship with God and others. The Lenten Retreat also called as Day of Recollection and

Spiritual Advance allow us to turn away from the complexities of our daily grind. In acknowledging our human frailties and sinfulness, in meditative prayers, and seeking reconciliation with our Creator, we welcome the blessings of Lent as we look forward to the glorious Easter.



April 8, 2000 – FFRGOC Retreat, Heart of Jesus Retreat Center, Santa Ana



Day of Recollection, with Fr. Gerry Cosgayon as Speaker – St. Nicholas Church Large Hall

From 2001 to 2013, all the Lenten Retreats were held at Marywood Center.



Four of our Lenten Retreat Speakers



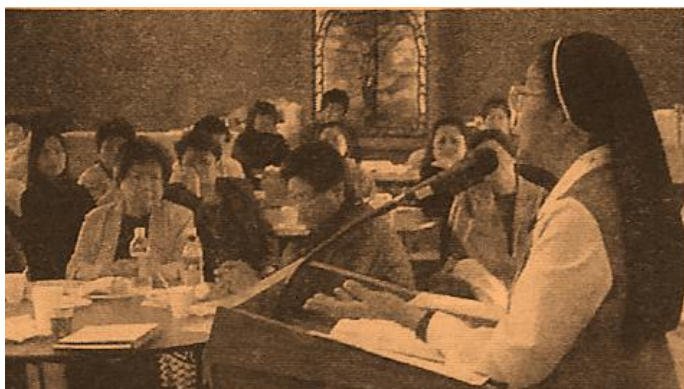
Fr. Charbel Grbavac



Fr. Ben Tran



Fr. Tom Naval



Sr. Cristina Sevilla

Share A Meal – Charity begins at home, and FFRGOC shows its generosity on these two charity programs we've attend to every year for more than a decade now. The Share A Meal program allows FFRGOC to participate in St Joseph's Fish & Loaves Soup Kitchen feeding program on a Saturday, in the Spring and Fall – to serve almost 800 needy of Santa Ana, with traditional Filipino fares of pancit, adobo and lumpia. Fish & Loaves also provide bags of dry goods and other goodies for each family who line up early in the morning to get a ticket for lunch.





Christmas with OCH Children - Christmas with OCH Children ushers in the Christmas season very early in December with lunch, a Christmas program and gift-giving for the wards of Orange County at the Orangewood Children's Home. Thanks to the FFRGOC choir, and hosts of volunteers from chapters and areas, Christmas with OCH Children is always a happy event where FFRGOC shares the blessings of the year with the children of Orange County.



Summer Picnic – A time to get-together, away from the daily rigors of the week, to reenergize ourselves, albeit informally, over home cooked meals and games and a picnic Mass with Fr. Juan Caboboy. Regardless that there were ongoing fiestas at various parishes, there were over a hundred picnickers -- a great turnout of members to picnic-together on this day.







Pista Ni Maria and Simbang Gabi – Every May of the year, nine parishes of the Diocese host a Pista Ni Maria (an optional) Mass and Novena, crowned by a festive *Flores de Mayo/Santa Cruzan* and **Mass** at St Irenaeus in Cypress.



The 9 *Simbang Gabi* Masses at 9 host churches in the Diocese usher in Christmas, commemorating the birth of Christ and reminding us of its blessings of peace and joy, and the promise of the New Year.





The FFRGOC Christmas Party held after the 9th Simbang Gabi at St Vincent de Paul in Huntington Beach.



Luau, 18th and 20th Anniversary Celebration

— We also dance, to the thrill of companionship and camaraderie. The promise of music and remembered dance steps move members of various chapters to wear Hawaiian attire and leis at Luau's, or tuxedos and suits and gowns as at the FFRGOC 18th anniversary dinner-dance and fund-raiser.





18th Grand Anniversary Ball Cotillon Dancers



20th Grand Anniversary Ball Cotillon Dancers

Miscellaneous

There were other happenings within FFRGOC worth mentioning, Memorial Masses, First Saturday Novena Masses at St. Nicholas Church with Fr. Caboboy, San Lorenzo Ruiz Masses at St. Polycarp and St. Irenaeus Church and casino turn-around fundraisings. Our members also participated in Filipino Fiestas, Sto. Nino Masses, and other activities in different parishes throughout the Diocese of Orange. The FFRGOC Board had regular meetings to ensure a continued oversight over the chapters and areas and in the conduct of the organization programs and activities.



Memorial Mass at St. Nicholas Church – November 2002.



San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass at St. Polycarp Church



First Saturday Devotion and Officers' Induction Mass



Sinulog and Santo Nino Mass at St. Pius Church



Filipino Fiesta at St. Martin de Porres Church in Yorba Linda

FFRG-OC Barona Casino Turnaround Fundraiser Saturday-April 28, 2012



All chapters participants – leaving Casino
Barona Casino Turn-Around Fundraising



FFRGOC Board Meeting at Romito Hall in St. Columban Church

NOTE:

This section will be updated/revised with data/photos thru 2020.