

Sessions for sustainability of mission in Philippines – Japan Province



The Ministry Team composed of Sr. Anya Borbon, Sr. Ailyn Binco, Sr. Angelita Clemen and Sr. Minela Alvarez in coordination with the different Province Teams (Province Leadership Team, Formation Team, Good Shepherd Partnership Team and MARTA Team) is tasked to give the sessions on Mission Development Program which

the Team created to ensure effectiveness and sustainability of mission and for better delivery of services considering both the human and financial resources of the Province.

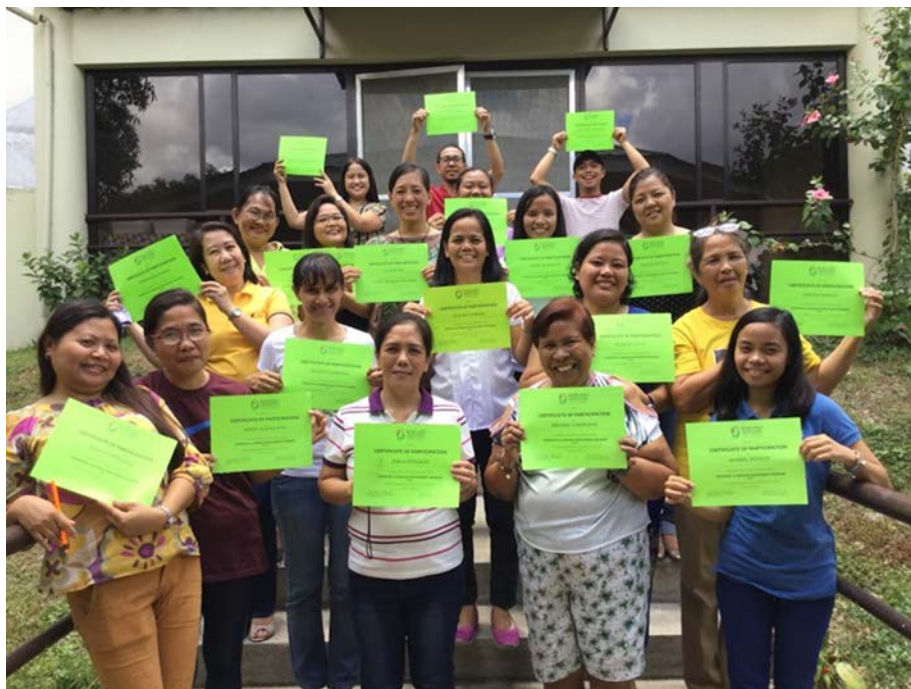
The different representatives of the different teams sat down to finalize the content and the process of the program from Phase 1 to Phase 3.

Phase 1 – is **GENERAL ORIENTATION** (*Pagkilala sa Mabuting Pastol* – Getting to know the Good Shepherd) which aims to: (1) To review the RGS history and mission, (2) To appreciate the role of St. John Eudes and St. Mary Euphrasia in the Good Shepherd mission, and (3) To get acquainted with the GS Congregational Thrust and Mission Standards

Phase 2 – is **EMBRACING THE MISSION:** (*Pagsunod sa Yapak* – Following the footsteps) which aims: (1) To deepen understanding of the GS mission in the Philippines-Japan Province, (2) To review and listen to the sharing of GS mission partners on the best practices related to the guidelines and policies for the RGS mission, and (3) To appreciate the value of stewardship and accountability

Phase 3 – is **MISSION LEADERSHIP:** (*Pagyakap at Pagtataya sa Misyon* – On Commitment for the Good Shepherd Mission) which aims (1) To provide professional trainings in areas needed in the mission and (2) To be with the lay mission partners in committing themselves in the GS mission

The first group who underwent the Phase 1 were the LAY MISSION PARTNERS who are in leadership positions in the various Good Shepherd ministries in the Province. A total of 19 participants joined the three – day session last 30 April – 2 May, 2018.



The happy first batch who participated in the MDP Session Phase 1, at Good Shepherd Retreat House in Lipa City last April 30 – May 2, 2018.



Sr. M. Lourdes Fabia (from the Formation Team) as she gives the session on Good Shepherd Spirituality Heritage, one of the very first topics for Phase 1 sessions.



A pose with the first batch of MDP participants during the workshop.



Mrs. Teresita Barzaga, former member of the Good Shepherd Partnership Team (2008 – 2014) as she shares her experiences being a lay mission partner in the Good Shepherd Mission for more than 30 years.



Another session for MDP Phase 1 was given to twenty-nine lay mission partners in Cebu City. The joyful and active participation of everyone were evident from day one up to the last session in the afternoon of day three with much enthusiasm as they look forward to attending Phase 2 of the MDP.





Sr. Ailyn from the Ministry Team leads the **Ritual of Blessing** to end the sessions in Phase 1.

Looking forward to the succeeding Mission Development Sessions in the Province:

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| 27 – 29 October 2018 | - | Phase 1 for National Capital Region group |
| 4 – 10 November 2018 | - | Phase 2 for Lay Mission Partners in Leadership Positions |
| 21 – 23 November 2018 | - | Phase 1 for Mid – Level Administrators of Bridget Schools |
| 20 – 22 January 2019 | - | Phase 1 for Bicol Region |



Loving Shepherd, thank you for the presence of our lay mission partners, thank you for giving us the opportunity to come together and strengthen our partnership in mission so that we can ensure sustainability and effectiveness of this mission you have entrusted to our care. Give us the grace to continue to hear your call so that like St. Mary Euphrasia and St. John Eudes we can be channels of your compassion and mercy. We make this prayer through Jesus, our Shepherd, AMEN.