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Introduction

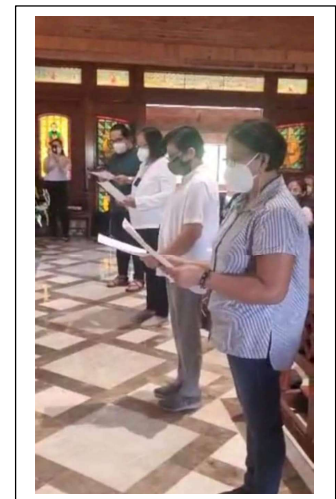
The Association of Salesian Cooperators – Philippine North Province (ASC-FIN) was established in 1969 with the (Don Bosco Seminary) Canlubang Center. As of this reporting period, the Province has a total of 15 Local Centers.

Province Statistics as of April 30, 2023

- 424 - Number of Inducted Members
- 272 - Number of active members
- 99 - Number of Aspirants

The number of inducted members does not include those who passed away. The number of active members account for those described as;

1. Updated membership dues
2. Constant and consistent attendance to monthly local center meetings and formation activity
3. Active participation in the Province level activity and the Salesian Family events
4. Active contribution and participation in the Center's program and project for the young
5. Personal involvement in the youth apostolate.



The inactive members are described as those who are still reachable however already have limitations to actively participate due to old age, sickness, transfer of residence/work, and other acceptable reasons.

Project for the Young:

The FIN Province has continued its

A. Parish/Diocese Youth Ministry

Seven (7) out of 15 local centers namely Tondo, Mayapa, Paranaque, Mandaluyong, Sta Rosa, DB Canlubang and San Ildefonso Parish (SIP) are actively involved in the parish apostolate through the Parish Youth Ministry where Salesian Cooperators sponsors and organize youth recollections, youth camps, catechism, and other liturgical services and activities. These projects for young cater to about 400 young people.

B. Public School Catechism

Four (4) out of 15 local centers namely MHC Canlubang, MHC Pampanga, Pampanga, and Tarlac are actively involved in giving catechism classes to public schools which are government funded and non-Salesian schools. This includes preparing the poor students for their first communion and for their continuing Christian values education. This project serves about 500 poor youth and children.

C. Assistance to Migrant Youth and Technical Vocational Education Training Center

Four (4) out of 15 local centers namely Makati, Tondo, Sta Rosa, San Jose are actively involved in providing assistance financially, spiritually and formation needs of poor migrant youth housed in Salesian dormitories for the duration of their training and preparation for employment at the Technical Vocational Courses of Don Bosco . These youngsters are away from their families and the Salesian Cooperators assist and spend some time with them for the weekly formation sessions, prayers and evening rosary, and delicious meals during monthly birthday celebrations. The Salesian Cooperators also commit regular financial share to augment expenses for their stay in the dormitory. This project caters to about 400 poor migrant youth.

D. Youth Oratory and Social Services (values education, feeding & nutrition, school supplies, games/sports activities & creative works

Almost all local centers of the Province that are based in the parishes, schools and training centers are engaged in youth oratory and social services apostolate. The centers of Sta Mesa, Mayapa, Sta Mesa, Canlubang and Pampanga are facilitating weekly oratory and occasional nutritional feeding to public schools. This project serves about 300 youth and children.

E. Scholarship

At least one (1) center namely Mayapa provides scholarship for high school and college students. At the time of this reporting period, the center is supporting 30 scholars. Their school performance and grades are monitored and the Mayapa centers ensures that they are actively attending formation activities.

F. Laudato Si

As a response to the Laudato Si, the FIN province sponsored tree-planting activities in Bicol, a widely flood-devastated province in the Philippines during succession of typhoon calamities in 2021 and in 2022. This project engaged the youth and their families in the area and planted about over 1000 seedlings that will protect the area for future flood/typhoon devastation. The FIN also endeavors the initiative called #HBF or hashtag Homebound Farming to promote sustainable agriculture at the confines of home being spearheaded by the Youth Council.

Formation

Taking on from the inspiration of the Formation Workshop in Cambodia back in 2019, the FIN committed to continue with different Province and Local center levels formation activities such as annual retreats, advent and Lenten recollections, pilgrimages, and also taking all opportunities with the Salesian Family formation talks onsite face-to-face and online platforms.



Meantime the works on the 24-Lesson Formation Modules that the Province has started as reported during the Formation Workshop in Cambodia in 2019, have yet to be continued since the shift in priorities due to covid pandemic. The status of the modules is now at 60% completion. The Province targets to complete the work by end of the incumbent provincial term in 2024.

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