

GARDEN OF EDEN

NEWS OF THE MARIANIST NOVITIATE, PHILIPPINES

January 2013

FAREWELL 2012 & WELCOMING 2013



The Bros. from Sta. Anna Community and Novitiate Community gathered together at the Novitiate on December 31. Every one of us shared about what have done and has happened in our personal lives in the past year. We did this during the mass. After having dinner we enjoyed playing Uno and Yahtzee until close to midnight.

On New Year's Day we celebrated the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and we went hiking on the range of Mt. Talomo. It was a really good experience.



NEW WATER TANK



Recently we have had a shortage of water at the Novitiate. Accordingly we made a plan to have a water tank installed to get some water from the roof of the community building and the chapel whenever it rains. In Mindanao, particularly Davao it rains quite often. We are pretty sure that the water problem will be solved by using this new water tank.

BRO. DENNIS SCHMITZ VISITS THE BROTHERS



Bro. Dennis came to visit us for several days from January 7th to 12th. He met all of the Marianists in Philippines as well as the three novices and two Aspirants. Thanks Bro. Dennis for being with us! We welcome you always!

BALAY PASILUNGAN STAFF MEETING In The NOVITIATE



On Thursday January 17th, 2013 Bro. George Kemmett and his fellow staff of Balay Pasilungan came to the Novitiate and had their annual planning meeting. Bro. John was the only one home and he showed hospitality to the staff of Balay Pasilungan.

THE NOVICES ON RETREAT



The three novices Minyong, Joseph, and Renz went to retreat at the monastery of Benedictines in Malay Balay for two weeks from January 13th to 27th. Fr. Pablo was retreat master and guided them in the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius. During the first week of the retreat some Sisters of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary joined together on retreat.

May the all retreatants be strengthened in their faith and spiritual life by the Lord Jesus Christ!