



Welcome to the Philippines
Mabuhay

The Republic of the Philippines

- Geography: 7,107 islands
- Land area: 300,000 km² or 115,830 sq mi
- Population: 98,000,000 inhabitants in 2008
- Religion : Christians are 90%
- Official languages: Tagalog and English, but there are 180 different languages and dialects.

Tagalog 26%
Cebuano 29%
Ilocano 10%
Hiligaynon 9%.
- The capital city is Manila.



The Republic of the Philippines

Three main geographical regions:

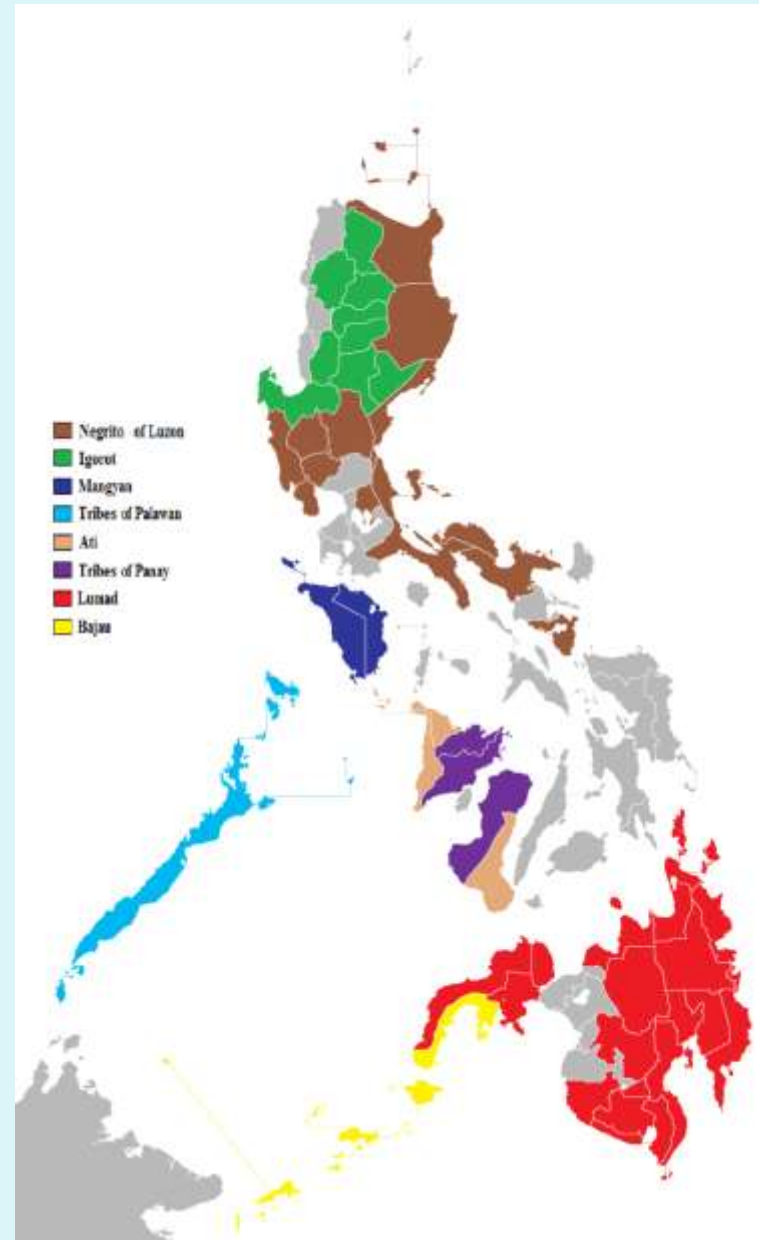
- Luzon in orange
- Visayas in yellow
- Mindanao in green



Cultural diversity in the Philippines

- The Philippine islands are inhabited by a number of different ethnic groups.
- The Philippines has over 180 indigenous ethnic groups, over half of which represent unique linguistic groups.

Map of the ethnic groups of the Philippines by province.



Cultural diversity in the Philippines

The Mangyan live in Mindoro.



Mangyan necklace



MANGYAN SYLLABIC SCRIPT

	a	ə/i	o/u		a	ə/i	o/u
V	ʌ	ʌ̣	ʌ̤	N	ɲ	ɲ̣	ɲ̤
B	ɓ	ɓ̣	ɓ̤	ŋ	ɕ	ɕ̣	ɕ̤
K	ɸ	ɸ̣	ɸ̤	P	ɸ	ɸ̣	ɸ̤
D	ɗ	ɗ̣	ɗ̤	R	ɹ	ɹ̣	ɹ̤
G	ɠ	ɠ̣	ɠ̤	S	ʂ	ʂ̣	ʂ̤
H	ɥ	ɥ̣	ɥ̤	T	ʈ	ʈ̣	ʈ̤
L	ɭ	ɭ̣	ɭ̤	W	ʋ	ʋ̣	ʋ̤
M	ɯ	ɯ̣	ɯ̤	Y	ɣ	ɣ̣	ɣ̤

SAMPLE: ʌ = a; ʌ̣ = ə/i; ʌ̤ = o/u // ɓ = ba; ɓ̣ = bi; ɓ̤ = bi

Handwritten examples of Mangyan syllabic script characters, showing various combinations of consonants and vowels.

Mangyan scriptures

Cultural diversity in the Philippines

Atea girl



A Mamanwa Festival



Cultural diversity in the Philippines



Moro, they live in the southern Philippines.

Maguidanaon Moros performing on the agung using two balus.

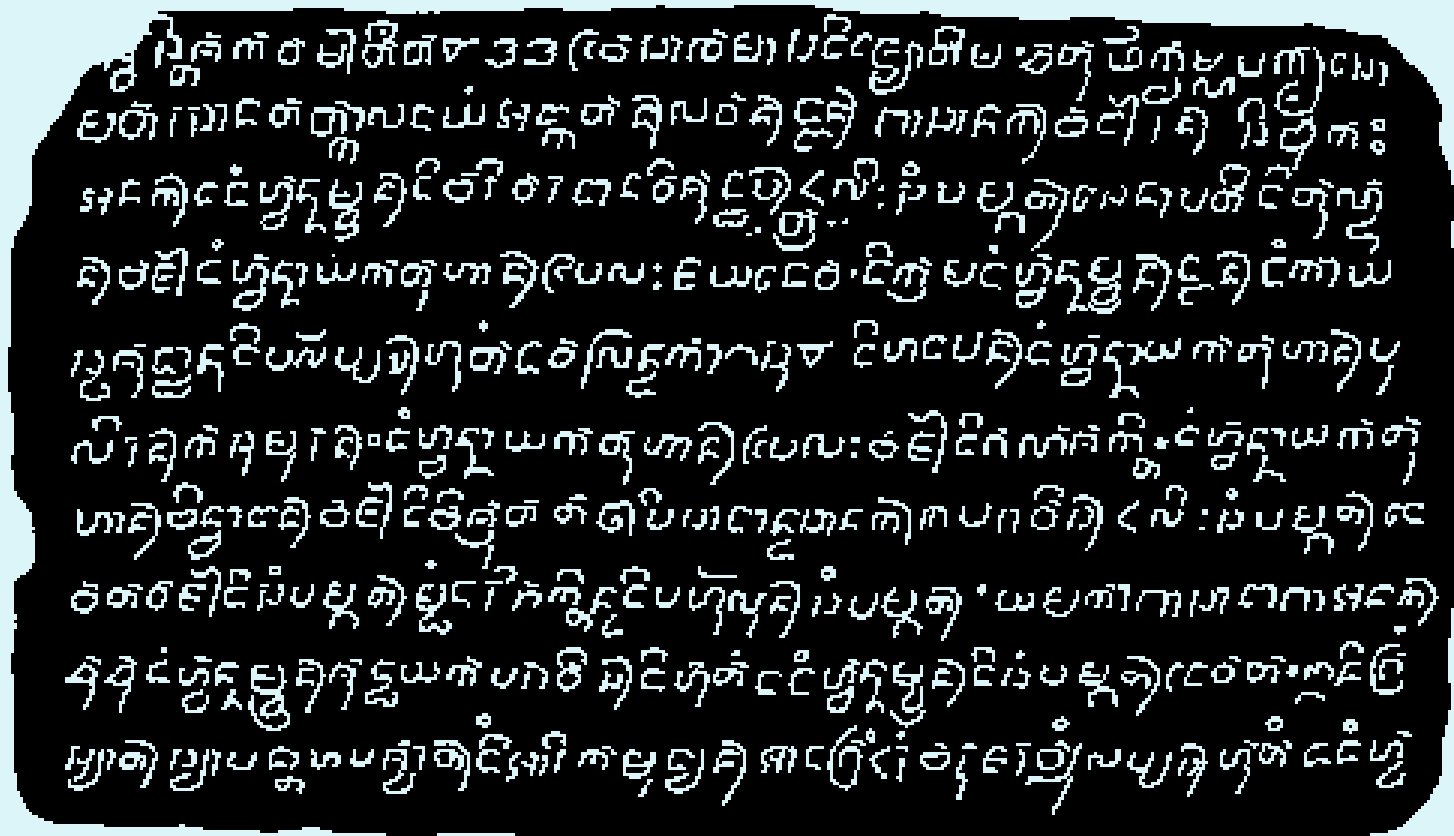


The barung is one of several significant weapons of the Moros.



History of the Philippines before Colonization

In the year 900 the Dynasty of Tondo centered in Manila Bay flourished via an active trade with Chinese sea traders in the area.



The Laguna Copperplate Inscription: The oldest known legal document from the Dynasty of Tondo.

History of the Philippines before Colonization

- Since at least the 3rd century, the indigenous peoples were in contact with other Southeast Asian and East Asian nations.
- Trading links with Sumatra, Borneo, Thailand, Java, China, India, Arabia, Japan and the Ryukyu Kingdom flourished during this era.
- A thalassocracy had thus emerged based on international trade.

A Tagalog couple of the *Maharlika* nobility caste depicted in the Boxer Codex of the 16th Century.



History: Under the Spanish Rule



- The name Philippines is derived from that of King Philip II of Spain
- The first recorded visit from the West is the arrival of Ferdinand Magellan on March 16, 1521.

Magellan's Cross in Cebu



Chieftain Lapu Lapu.
His army killed Magellan.

Ferdinand Magellan

Christianity arrived in the Philippines with the landing of Magellan, in the same time arrived the Rule of Saint Augustine.

Missionary activity during the country's long colonial rule by Spain and the United States transformed the Philippines into the first Christian nation in East Asia.

The revolution and the American war



Jose RIZAL: Father of the Philippine revolution

- The Philippine revolution against Spain began in August 1896, culminating two years later with the proclamation of independence and the establishment of the First Philippine Republic.
- The Treaty of Paris, at the end of the Spanish-American War, transferred control of the Philippines to the United States.
- This agreement was not recognized by the Philippine Government which, on June 2, 1899, proclaimed a Declaration of War against the United States.
- The USA defined its territorial mission as one of tutelage.

The Japanese occupation

- In 1935, the Philippines was granted Commonwealth status.
- Plans for independence over the next decade were interrupted by World War II when the Japanese Empire invaded and established a puppet government.
- By the end of the war it is estimated over a million Filipinos had died. On July 4, 1946, the Philippines attained its full autonomy.



The advancing Japanese troops toward Manila.

Marcos era and the return to democracy

- In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was elected president. He declared martial law on September 21, 1972.
- On August 21, 1983, Marcos' rival Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino ignored warnings and returned from exile in the USA. He was assassinated as he was deplaning at Manila International Airport.
- In 1986, Corazon Aquino, his widow, was elected and recognized as president.



Corazon Aquino



Benigno « Ninoy » Aquino



Ferdinand Marcos

Role of His Eminence Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Manila Jaime Lachica Sin

- Events in the Philippines under President Ferdinand Marcos forced Sin to become involved in the politics of the region.
- Sin appealed to Filipinos of all religions to follow the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and use peaceful means to change the political situation in the Philippines.



EDSA Revolution and the Philippine Revolution of 1986

- It was a series of nonviolent and prayerful mass street demonstrations.
- It was the inspiration for subsequent non-violent demonstrations around the world including those that ended the communist dictatorships of Eastern Europe.
- In a speech before the United States Congress, given 7 months after her inauguration, President Aquino observed that "ours must have been the cheapest revolution ever!"

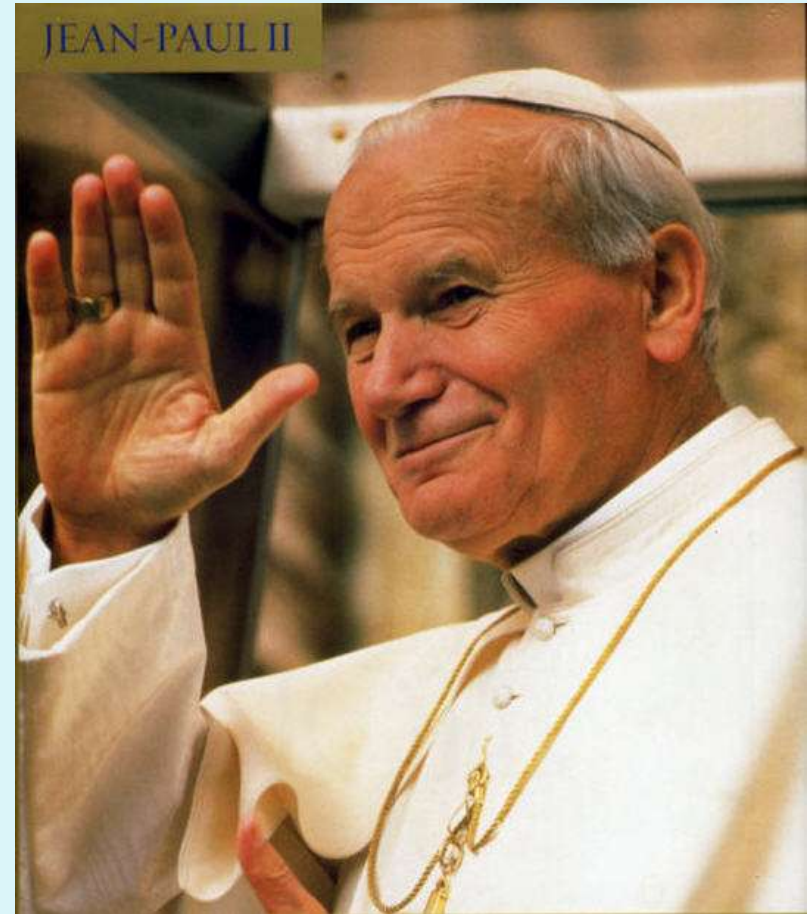


An estimated one to three million people filled EDSA from Ortigas Avenue all the way to Cubao.

Pope John Paul II's 1995 visit



- On 15 January 1995, during the X World Youth Day, he offered Mass to an estimated crowd of between five and seven million in Luneta Park, Manila, Philippines, which was considered to be the *largest single gathering* in Christian history.



Present times

- In 2001, amid charges of corruption and an impeachment process, President Joseph Ejercito Estrada was ousted from the presidency by the 2001 EDSA Revolution and replaced by Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.
- Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is a former student of the Assumption (alumni), her grandchildren are also studying at the Assumption San Lorenzo.



Joseph Ejercito Estrada



Gloria
Macapagal-Arroyo

Philippine general election, 2010:

- On Monday, May 10, 2010. **Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" Cojuangco Aquino III** has been elected as the XVth President of the Republic of the Philippines.



Benigno « Noynoy »
Aquino Jr

Violence in the Philippines

- High incidence of unresolved murders of journalists. According to the UN, the Philippines is the second country in the world, after Iraq, where the number of unresolved murders of journalist is the highest for the last ten years.
- The government is fighting against the National People's Army and several Muslim Liberation Fronts.

- National People's Army



- Moro Islamic Liberation Front



Economy and poverty in the Philippines

- 47th largest economy in the world
- agricultural sector: 32% of the workforce
- industrial sector: 32%
- service sector: 46.5%
- The number of poor people has increased from 23.8 million in 2003 to 27.6 million in 2006.
- One third of the families in Manila live on 100 pesos a day (an average of 20 pesos per person).
- 12.2 million Filipinos do not eat to their full.
- The price of food has risen by 17% from January 2007 and November 2008. The Philippines is the number one importer of rice!

Economy and poverty in the Philippines



Philippine Daily Inquirer. March 17, 2009.



Philippine Daily Inquirer. June 3, 2008.



Philippine Daily Inquirer. September 16, 2008.



Philippine Daily Inquirer. July 6, 2008.

Filipino Overseas Workers

- There are about 8.7 to 11 million overseas Filipinos worldwide, equivalent to about 11% of the total population of the Philippines.
- Each year, more than a million Filipinos leave the country to work abroad.
- These workers send back more than 16 billion US Dollars a year.

Regions with significant populations	
United States	2,802,586
Saudi Arabia	1,066,401
UAE	529,114
Canada	462,935
Australia	250,347
Malaysia	244,967
United Kingdom	203,035
Japan	202,557
Qatar	195,558
Singapore	156,466
Kuwait	139,802
Hong Kong	130,537
Italy	120,192

Demography of the Philippines

- Highest birth rate of Asia: 5,800 children every single day

- In 2050, the Philippines will be the tenth most populated country in the world according to the Asian Development Bank.

- Population:

- 1948: 19,2 million people

- 1995: 68,6

- 2000: 76,5

- 2007: 88,5

- 2009: 92

- 2040: 140



Street children in Manila

Popular Religion in the Philippines



Quiapo Church or the Basilica Minore of the Black Nazarene is home of the statue of the Black Nazarene, the much venerated statue of Jesus Christ.



Procession of the Black Nazarene, Quiapo, Manila



Grand Marian Procession of Manila signifies the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thousands of devotees join the procession with hundreds of images of Mother Mary.



Popular Religion in the Philippines



Crucifixion
on Good Friday



Christmas in the Philippines is the longest in the world. It is celebrated from September to February.



San Augustin Church in Manila is the oldest church still standing in the Philippines.

Santo Niño de Cebú



Religion in the Philippines

- 90% of the population are Christians.
- More than 80% are Roman Catholics.
- 86 dioceses
- 5% to 10% of the population are Muslim.
- Buddhism, Taoism are dominant in Chinese communities.



The different archdioceses in the Philippines



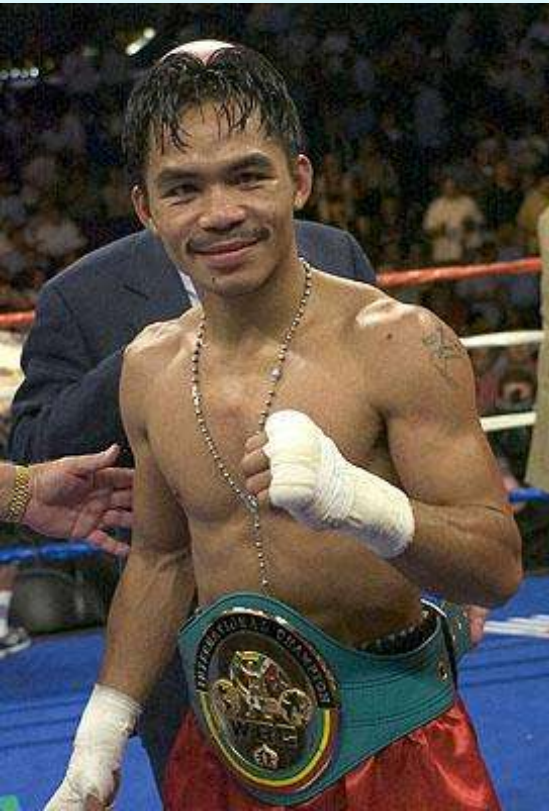
Mosque in the southern Philippines

Religion in the Philippines

- The Catholic bishops call the laity to take their full responsibility in the political life of the country and to actively take part in the debate. They have recommended *“a Year for Prayer and Work for Peace building and Lay participation in Social change”*, adding a special prayer that was read at all the Masses on a given Sunday.
- *“The struggle against poverty in the Philippines calls for honesty, integrity and an unwavering fidelity to the principles of justice, especially on the part of those entrusted with position of governance and public administration.”*

Pope Benedict XVI

Famous in the Philippines



Manny Pacquiao, world's best boxer ever.



SM Mall of Asia is the 4th largest shopping mall in the world and the first in Asia.



Cockfight is one of the Philippines' national sport

Famous in the Philippines



The country is also well known for its numerous important fiestas all year long.

Balut is a delicacy from the Philippines.



San Miguel is the largest beer producer in the Philippines.



Assumption in the Philippines and Thailand

The Assumptionist family in the Philippines:

1892: Religious of the Assumption

2000: Little Sisters of the Assumption

01/25/2006: Augustinians of the Assumption

01/07/2010: Orantes

02/06/2010: Oblates



Assumption in the Philippines

Some of our communities:

NOVITIATE COMMUNITY 2009-2010



Standing Behind Clockwise: Sr. Marie Thuy, Sr. Monica Eugenia (Cty. Economy), Sr. Mary Francis (Mistress of Novices, Provincial Councilor), Sr. Smitha, 1st Yr. Nov. Anna Marie Phuong (Vietnamese).
 Foreground from L to R: 1st Yr. Nov. Therese Eugenie (Filipina), 1st Yr. Nov. Marie Joan (Thai), 1st Yr. Nov. Mary Elizabeth Dung (Vietnamese), 1st Yr. Nov. Maria Xuan Hong (Vietnamese), 2nd Yr. Nov. Esamaria Eugenia (Filipina)

ANTIPOLO COMMUNITY 2009-2010



Top Row: Sr. Pilar Emmanuel, Sr. Iris Marion, Sr. Irene Cecile (Principal), Sr. Julia Asuncion (Cty. Economy)
 Middle Row: Sr. Elaine Marie (6th Yr Junior in discernment in San Simon), Sr. Marie Leonie, Sr. Luz Emmanuel, Sr. Ma. Estela (Superior)
 Below: Sr. Ma. Minda (4th Yr. Junior)

Main Apostolate: Assumption Antipolo
 Basic Education, Retreat House, Center for Service and Sharing (CSS), PACEM (Peace and Care for the Earth Ministry) Eco Park

SAN LORENZO EMMAUS COMMUNITY 2009-2010



Top Row: Sr. Ma. Assita, Sr. Ma. Simera, Sr. Mary Joseph (1st Yr. Junior), Sr. Regina Victoria, Sr. Trinidad Andrea (Cty. Economy), Sr. Te Desamonia (Superior), Priscy, Tricelmaria, Priscy Gonzalez
 Middle Row: Sr. Ma. Patricia, Sr. Yvonne Ma., Sr. Immaculata Ma., Sr. Landula Ma., Sr. Edith Marie
 Bottom: Sr. Rachel, Provincial House (Filipina), Provincial in Mind (Brahminian), Provincial Sr. Thuy (Vietnamese), Sr. Ma. Levisia

SAN LORENZO - SCHOOL COMMUNITY 2009-2010



Clockwise: Sr. Filomena Ma., Sr. Cristina Augusta, Sr. Anna Carmela, Sr. Ana Maria (Superior), Sr. Mary Ignatius (Junior Sister), Sr. Sylvia Ma., Sr. Annunciata Ma., Sr. Mary Sheryl, Sr. Mary Gertrude (on Sabbatical - Iloilo)

Main Apostolates: Assumption College (AC) - Basic Education and Higher Education
 Sisters of the Community:

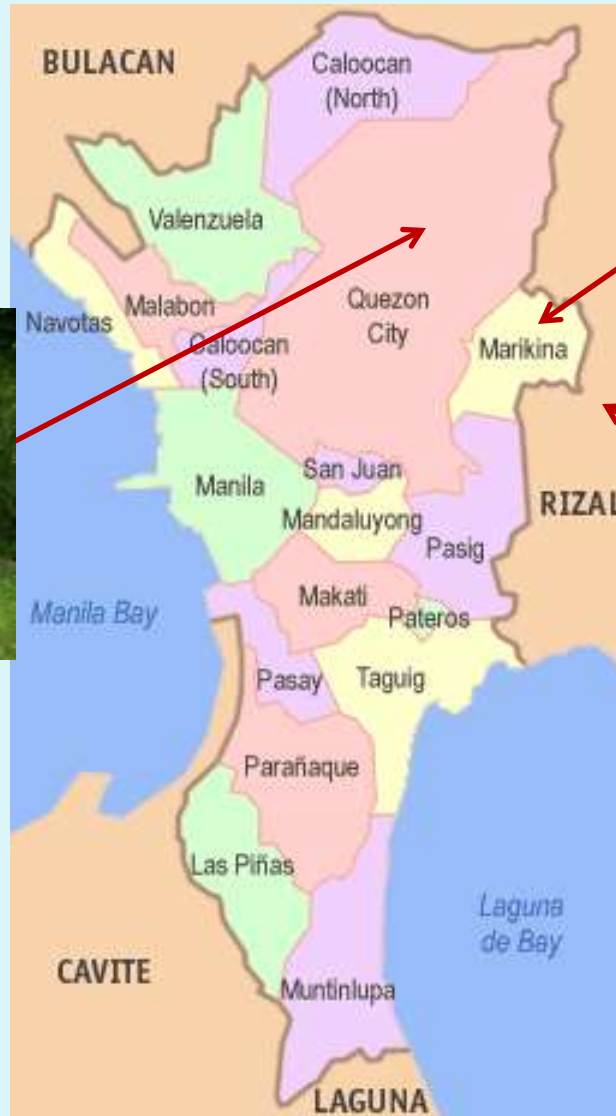
- Sr. Cristina Augusta
- Sr. Annunciata Ma.
- Sr. Ana Maria - Superior and Acting OIC of AC
- Sr. Filomena Ma.
- Sr. Mary Gertrude - Sabbatical (Iloilo)
- Sr. Anna Carmela - Dean, Higher Ed; Provincial Councilor
- Sr. Mary Sheryl - Cty. Economy and Principal, Basic Education
- Sr. Sylvia Maria - Treasurer, AC
- Sr. Mary Ignatius

Augustinians of the Assumption – Philippine Delegation

Some of our communities:



Adveniat House in Quezon City



Pavel House Marikina



Emmanuel d'Alzon Novitiate in Antipolo.



SALAMAT PO!

January 2010



