

# The Eudists of the Philippines

## Incorporation and Deacon Ordination of Serge Kabamalan, CJM

September 2011

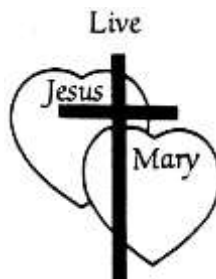


On September 8, 2011, Cirio Sabio Kabamalan (better known to us as Serge) made his definite commitment to the Congregation of Jesus and Mary through an act of Incorporation.

Thus he becomes the first Filipino (in fact, the first Asian) member of the Eudist Congregation.

Shown in the pictures are Fr. Ron Bagley, CJM, Provincial Delegate to the Philippines; Fr. Francois Jourdan, CJM; and Fr. Jose Angel Carrillo, CJM.

The Act of Incorporation took place during Mass celebrated on the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel of Maryridge Spiritual Renewal Center.



The four incorporated members of the Eudists in the Philippines posing after the Mass with their founder, St. John Eudes.



Joining us for the Incorporation were other members of the Eudists Family, namely the Good Shepherd Sisters. The Sisters in the photo above include the Maryridge community, Bahay Pastulan, Bukid Kabataan, and the Contemplative Sisters. We were honoured that Sr. Cecile Torres, Provincial of the Philippines was able to join us.

Below is the entire Eudist community of the Philippines, incorporated members and candidates, posing after the Mass. Our five seminarians provided the music for the Mass.



Some members of Serge's family were able to join us for the Mass. Shown here are two sisters, an aunt and nephews.

# Ordination to the Diaconate

## September 10, 2011



Fr. Ron calls the candidate to the Order of Deacon and presents him to the Bishop. Testifying to the candidate's worthiness, he assures the Bishop that he is ready to take this step.



The entire congregation kneels and prays for Serge as he humbly prostrates himself on the floor during the singing of the Litany of Saints. The litany included saints and blessed of the Eudist Family as well as the Philippines.



The ordaining bishop was our good friend Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle, Bishop of Imus. Here he gives the homily and instructs the candidate on the responsibility of the office he is accepting.



Bishop Chito prays the prayer of consecration. This along with the laying on of hands are the central parts of the ordination to the diaconate.



After having been vested with the dalmatic and stole, Serge receives the Book of the Gospels from Bishop Chito.



The Eudist community gathers for a picture with the Bishop and the newly ordained deacon.



The Rite of Ordination concludes with the Bishop and other deacons offering a sign of peace to the newly ordained deacon.



The Chapel of Bethlehem House of Prayer was full with over 200 people. Among those attending were Good Shepherd Sisters from Cavite, Batangas and Metro Manila.



Here Rev. Serge poses with members of the choir who came from his home parish in Kalayaan, in the neighboring province of Laguna.



This picture shows the priests who concelebrated as well as some deacon classmates of Serge from the seminary.



Among those in attendance were our cook and housekeeper Nimfa and her two daughters. Nimfa has been at Ave Cor (our residence) almost since the beginning of our time here. Doesn't she look proud of one of her boys?



In all of the excitement after the ordination, Good Shepherd Sisters assemble for a picture with the Bishop and the newly ordained deacon.