
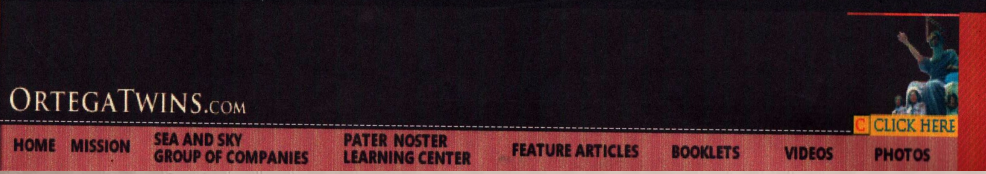


## A. Highlights of Ortega Twins Religious Awakenings

### 1. Chronological Spiritual Experiences

 	
<p><b>* Chronological Spiritual Experiences</b></p>	
<p><b>1. First Step - Oct. 19, 1999—Jan. 18, 2008</b></p>	
<p><b>1999_ Year of God the Father</b> October 19, 1999</p>	<p>Oct. 19, 1898 - Got date from Marker at Barasoain Church, Malolos Bulacan. La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God the Father. Bishop Antonio Tobias. Ilocos Sur Consecration to God Our Father Archbishop Edmundo Abaya</p>
<p>December 9, 1999</p>	<p>p. 14 - 17 God Father p. 18 - 20 God Father</p>
<p><b>2000_ Jubilee Year</b></p>	
<p>March 2000</p>	<p>Invited Congressman Manoling Ortega as Graduation Guest of Honor and Speaker Re: Divorce Bill Attend Elim invited by BSP trainor</p>
<p>April 7, 2000</p>	<p>Feast day of God Our Father</p>
<p>Aug. 6</p>	<p>Pilgrimage for Pilipinas Dambana ng Bayan at Nayong Pilipino</p>
<p>Aug. 18</p>	<p>Jubilee Pilgrimage Europe and Holy Land Carmel of Lisieux</p>
<p>Oct. 25 - Nov. 12</p>	<p>Mass at Mt. Carmel of the Prophet Elijah LOB found newspaper where picture was published dated Nov. 17</p>
<p>Dec. 15</p>	<p>p. 56 - 57 God Father p. 83 God Father</p>
<p><b>2001</b></p>	
<p>Jan 4, 2001</p>	<p>Ortega twins visit God the Father Propagator's House in Manila. Got hold of prayer for Glorification of Mother Eugenia Elizabeta Ravasio _ bought God the Father booklet, rosaries, scapulars, medals. EDSA DOS broadcasting franchise approved</p>
<p>Jan. 16, 2001</p>	<p>p. 28 God Father</p>
<p>Oct. - Nov. 2001</p>	<p>Left for a 2 months training on microfinance in Nueva Ecija due to intense desire to pursue this program in the Ilocos Sur Picture Holy Family</p>
<p>Nov. 26</p>	<p>p. 6 God Son</p>
<p>Dec. 6, 2001</p>	<p>Deposit money for Jesus Christ Crucified statue (good not chopped)</p>
<p><b>2002</b></p>	
<p>March 14</p>	<p>LOB Picture with God the Father at Pannzian Beach Resort placed at the back of car parked at Pindangan</p>
<p>April 17</p>	<p>Statue of God the Father at Pannzian featured at Beh Bote Nga!</p>
<p>April - May</p>	<p>Summer enrolled Saint Louis University Masters of Arts in Religious Studies</p>
<p>May 6, 2002</p>	<p>Bangko Rural ng Sta. Lucia closed</p>
<p>July 16</p>	<p>Hermana Mayor Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</p>
<p>Aug. 4</p>	<p>p. 80 God Father P. 98 Holy Spirit p. 74 Mother's Arms</p>
<p>September 17</p>	<p>Could not sleep __ God The Father want to go Fatima Saw Poster of Father of All Mankind (Anzio) at Harrison Plaza near BSP Marian Pilgrimage Europe_ Fatima Coimbra Went to see the Italian Motherhouse Soure Missionare Unitas in Cristo Ad Pater at Anzio, Rome, Mother Eugenio Elizabeta Ravasio , Servant of God</p>
<p>October</p>	<p>Attended canonization of Jose Marie Escriva de Balaguer of Opus Dei</p>
<p>Nov. 22</p>	<p>Marie Diane attended Basic Rural Banking Course. LOB provided graduation cake</p>

2003

January 2003 4th World Meeting of Families p. 27 God Holy Spirit  
 God the Father booklet  
 February 11, 2003 Sea and Sky Broadcasting, Inc. DZUL Spirit FM 104.3 p. 12 God Holy Spirit  
 recognized member of the Catholic Media Center  
 April 22 Our Lady of Lourdes\_ Bernadette

July 16 Carmelite clothing p. 76 Mother's Arms

August 3, 2003 Parade of 10 floats depicts scriptural history of the sal-  
 vation of all mankind at Luneta Grandstand. Passed by  
 BSP

August - March 2004 Lectures for Formation of North Luzon p. 77 Mother's Arms

September 21 25th Wedding Anniversary at Transfiguration Chapel,  
 God the Son booklet

2004

Jan. 16 Twins 50th birthday celebration. Sponsored mass wed-  
 dings of employees

April 20, 2004 Holy Spirit Booklet

April -June Recipient of scholarship at Gregorian University, Rome p. 61 Mother's Arms

May 5 Fr. Vaquilar celebrated 7th sacerdotal ordination. At-  
 tended mass he officiated at underground of St. Peter's  
 Basilica p. 62 Mother's Arms

May 19 Papa Papa! Gave Pope God the Father Statuette as b-  
 day gift  
 Class break\_ went to Avila, Spain p. 71 Mother's Arms  
 Canonization Hannibal

December 8 Hermana Mayor 150th Proclamation p. 3 Mother's Arms  
 Mary Booklet

December 13 Prayer Ravasio BSP / Sta. Lucia Feast

2005

July 16 Bishop blessed statues of God the Father.

July 19 Luz spoke at the Clergy meeting and distributed statues to  
 parish priests of La Union

September 11-12 Overnight vigil San Sebastian Cathedral Lipa City; procession  
 to Carmelite Monastery; Marian Conference

November 8 House robbery. Got Luz money inside Liturgy of the Hour  
 leather cover. Good left prayer at lawn and nobody harmed.

November 22 Passed Public lecture (comprehensive exam.). Proceed  
 Thesis 1.

<b>2006</b>	
April 25	Defended thesis_ Towards an Inculturated Understanding of Luke 1:26-56 through the Ilocano Experience of Our Lady of Namacpacan
	TV test broadcast (Biday etc...)
May 11	
October 17	Saw statuettes of God the Father for sale at Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila
November 8 - 25	Speaker at University of Manoa Hawaii Bethel Street at Hawaii Pilgrimage to Mexico City
November 26	Attended Christ the King Feast Mass (Burgos, La Union)
November 30	Slept at Sea and Sky College (police patrol)
December 3	Attended Marian Procession (Instramueros, Manila) Feast of Immaculate Conception
<b>2007</b>	
March 26	Annunciation_ Transfer Nagasat A Rosa bones to San Juan Cemetery Thy Will Be Done
Aug. 5	Feast of God the Father/ Rafael B. Buenaventura Foundation
October 3	Blessing life-size statue of St. Teresa of Avila
October 15	Live TV Test Broadcast / Death Anniversary of Judge Evaristo Ortega 425th Death Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila
November 21-27	Mass and procession and open house OCDS house of prayer OCDS East Asia Congress (Tagaytay City)
December 9	Got copy of President Thelma's letter to Monette: Re-Our Love for Luz and Nila
<b>2008</b>	
	<b>2. Second Step_ January 19, 2008—October 18, 2008</b>
January 1	Providence Rural Bank Calendar
January 17	Sta. Lucia Magalang, Pampanga Barangay Chapel
January 19	Countdown: 640 days to October 19, 2009_ La Union
January 29	Consecration of the Philippines to God Our Father Meet the new Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, Archbishop Edward Adams General Assembly Philippine Federation of Catholic Broadcasters at National Office of Mass Media, Santa Ana, Manila
February 1 - 3	Attend Retreat with General Delegate Fr. Aloysius Deeney, OCD
October	Scheduled to defend thesis of Our Lady of Namaepacan
<b>2009</b>	
	<b>3. Third Step _ Oct. 19, 2008—Oct. 19, 2009</b>
March	Scheduled to graduate MA Religious Studies
October 19	10th Anniversary La Union Consecration of the Philippines to God Our Father

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## 2. Pilgrimage

In the Footsteps of La Madre: STA. TERESA DE AVILA

### 8.3 2000 Jubilee Year 2000 Pilgrimage

A Pilgrimage is a path of conversion. An interior preparation for renewal of the heart.

With the heightened on-going war in Jerusalem, Nila was hesitant to proceed with our Jubilee Pilgrimage, but Luz was determined.

## PILGRIMAGE EXPENSES

*"MONEY SAFELY PLACED IN THE BANK OF HEAVEN WHERE HIGH INTEREST IS PAID."*

The Great Jubilee in 2000 was a major event in the Roman Catholic Church, held from Christmas Eve (December 24) 1999 to Epiphany (January 6) 2001. Like other previous Jubilee years, it was a celebration of the mercy of God and forgiveness of sins.

Before Departure:

### *Jubilee Pilgrimage*

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#### Six Statuettes for the Jubilee Pilgrimage

In Manila before the pilgrimage, we sent letters and left statuettes for Archbishop Antonio Franco, Papal Nuncio and His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Sin who were both in Manila. In these events, I learned that Fr. Cosmenio Sammy Rosimo who served at St. Paul Metropolitan Cathedral of Vigan was assigned to the Papal Nuncio's Office. We saw him at the EDSA shrine.

From the shrine, we proceeded to Intramuros where Archbishop Orlando Quevedo holds his office as President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), but he was with Cardinal Sin. We got the address of His Eminence Cardinal Jose Sanchez \_ Congregation for the Clergy, Palazzo delle Congregazione, Piazza Pio XII, 3 Roma. At this time, Filipinos were rallying in the streets to remove President Joseph Erap Estrada.

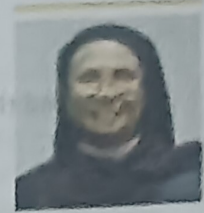
I brought along two big traveling bags and one hand-carried luggage for my things. However, I had to make room for six statuettes of God the Father. One of the bags held five statuettes and I put the 6th in the bag I hand-carried. In one of the airport terminals, the security men could not make out what they saw on the monitor. We explained that they were statuettes of God the Father.



(Above L-r): Luz and Nila visit the residences of Papal Nuncio and Cardinal Sin. The twins meet Fr. Rosimo at the EDSA Shrine. Most Rev. Tobias blesses four statuettes of God at Bishop's Residence, San Vicente, San Fernando, La Union, on September 17, 2000. Luz wedding anniversary (below l). Letter of Luz to Bishop Tobias (r).



DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS  
Carmelite Monastery  
68 Retreat Road  
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**Jesus of Teresa is truly risen!  
He is in our midst today, Alleluia!**

The sudden arrival of the Ortega twins, Maria Luz and Maria Nila in our Carmel of St. Joseph in Cape Town, South Africa on Easter Sunday, heralded the Good News of the resurrection after their pilgrimage to the 17 Carmelite foundations of our holy mother St. Teresa of Jesus in Spain. Their resurrection experiences shared with exuberant joy revealed to us the presence of the living Christ of Teresa who appeared to his disciples after His resurrection. Filled with overflowing joy they spread abroad the wonders of what they had seen and heard. It is the same joy which empowers us to do greater things for His glory, come what may.

For the Ortega twins, the necessary nights and crosses of their journey through life made them enter deeply into the heart of Christ's Paschal Mystery to be open and allow the transforming action of the Holy Spirit to happen, and share the foretaste of our holy mother St. Teresa's great experience of God through Prayer and Contemplation-the gift, she had handed over to all her Sons and Daughters in Carmel, we claim to be our own. The light of Christ must shine brightly through the lives of the Carmelites, to become beacons of light, sowers of the joy of the Gospel, humble servants of love and harbingers of peace in our violence-stricken world in dire need of God's healing and mercy.

Our missionary journey to become JESUS in the name of the Father and the Holy Spirit has long since begun with the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph in baptism confirming our dignity as children of God. Consequently, the Holy Innocents of the Church in the past and in the present in their martyrdom testifies to this.

Retracing the footsteps of our holy foundress is not a burdened 'determine determination' to do, 'but a joy in giving birth to good works' and with impassioned desire to do great things. It is without doubt that the providential pilgrimage of the Ortega twins, marked by the resurrection joy, in flying colors, has a significant urgent message to convey to our Carmelite family and to all Consecrated Persons in our celebrations both of the quincentennial birthday of the first woman doctor of the Church and the Year of Consecrated Life proclaimed by our Holy Father Pope Francis who addressed us, "Wherever consecrated people are, there is joy".

The voices of 'Jesus of Teresa' and 'Teresa of Jesus' combined blend into one song of love inspiring us, their friends, with urgency to make a new beginning in our Teresian Carmelite way of living as our Lord promised, "Behold I make all things new", and also "Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Are we really aware of our call to witness?... by being missionary contemplatives and contemplative missionaries?

After his 27 years of silent suffering and communion with God in his exile in Robben Island, South Africa hero Nelson Mandela himself resonates with Jesus and Teresa as he said, "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us, it is in everyone."

Let us sing over and over again the words of, 'Teresa Bookmark' to realized fully that God alone suffices.

Congratulations, our dear Maria Luz and Maria Nila for your new, Spirit-inspired book and we, you Sisters in Cape Town Carmel are in communion with you in singing God's mercies forever, celebrating in deep gratitude this year of grace with joy.

Sr. Mary Joan of the Cross, OCD  
Prioress - Carmel of Cape Town

Proposed Itinerary



SEA AND SKY TRAVEL & TOURS  
Greenhills Subdivision, Pagdaraon  
City of San Fernando, La Union

EASTERN EUROPE & TURKEY



**First Stop: Portugal**

Arrival – Portugal

Visit Lisbon: Lisbon is Portugal's hilly, coastal capital city. From imposing São Jorge Castle, the view encompasses the old city's pastel-colored buildings, Tagus Estuary and Ponte 25 de Abril suspension bridge. Nearby, the National Azulejo Museum displays 5 centuries of decorative ceramic tiles. Just outside Lisbon is a string of Atlantic beaches, from Cascais to Estoril.

Depart Lisbon to Fatima

*The journey from **Lisbon to Fatima** takes 90 minutes. **Bus** tickets must be purchased before the journey and can be bought from Sete Rois bus station or from the internet at [www.rede-expressos.pt](http://www.rede-expressos.pt).*

Visit Fatima : Fátima is a central Portuguese town that's home to the Sanctuary of Fátima, a Catholic pilgrimage site. The Capelinha das Aparições marks the spot where the Virgin Mary allegedly appeared in 1917. Other sacred sites include the Basílica de Nossa Senhora do Rosário, with its golden angels, and the modern church of Igreja da Santíssima Trindade. The Museu de Arte Sacra e Etnologia exhibits religious artifacts.

**Second Destination: Russia**

Arrival Moscow, Russia

Visit Moscow: Moscow, on the Moskva River in western Russia, is the nation's cosmopolitan capital. In its historic core is the Kremlin, a complex that's home to the president and tsarist treasures in the Armoury. Outside its walls is Red Square, Russia's symbolic center. It's home to Lenin's Mausoleum, the State Historical Museum's comprehensive collection and St. Basil's Cathedral, known for its colorful, onion-shaped domes.

## SYNOPSIS

**84 days around the world is a chronicle of the pilgrimage cum sight-seeing journeys of Secular Carmelites Ortega Twins Maria Luz and Maria Nila in 2017.**

Jet travel has helped make the world a smaller place. Boeing 707 had its maiden flight in 1954, when the Ortega Twins from the City of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines were born. It was exactly 707 days before October 13, of the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun when they excitedly planned their pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.

Having watched the 1873 classic adventure novel "Around the World in Eighty Days", by Jules Verne the twins were inspired. Thus, an adaptation of the fiction movie into a modern day journey that narrates their travel around the world to Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Oceania, and Asia was filmed.

It must have been heaven blessed that on the day of their departure on October 5, the gospel of Luke 10:1-27 is on the mission of the 72. Why 84 days around the world travel of Ortega twins? There are 12 apostles and 72 disciples.

84 days around the world is a chronicle of the Ortega Twins' unique spiritual journeys and adventure in 17 countries:

At Fatima, Portugal known as Our Lady's mountain, Maria Luz narrates encounters with fellow Carmelites St. Teresa of Avila and Lucia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos, O.C.D. for six consecutive days.

On arrival October 8, they join the nightly candle light procession of Our Lady of Fatima. On October 11, 2017 they prayed before the ancient and miraculous image of Our Lady of Ortiga. October 12, Luz encounters the Spanish mystic St. Teresa of Avila at the staircase pointing on the name of St. Teresa engraved on the wall of the colonnade. On top of the colonnade were saints statues, and that the first from left to right, is St. Teresa of Avila.

Then on October 13, 2017, which marks the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, twin Maria Luz namesake of Sr. Lucia, ocd recalls, upon setting foot at the colonnade to attend the culmination mass, she received a revelation from God. "People were moving



A Maltese priest at the Greece airport sketched Luz's face and give it to her before embarking to Turkey. Remarkably, Maria Lucia of God the Father, ocds and Lucia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos, OCD looks similar. Sr. Lucia of Fatima, ocd at 75 years old and Maria Lucia of God our Father, ocds at 63 years old are both wearing round frame eyeglasses.



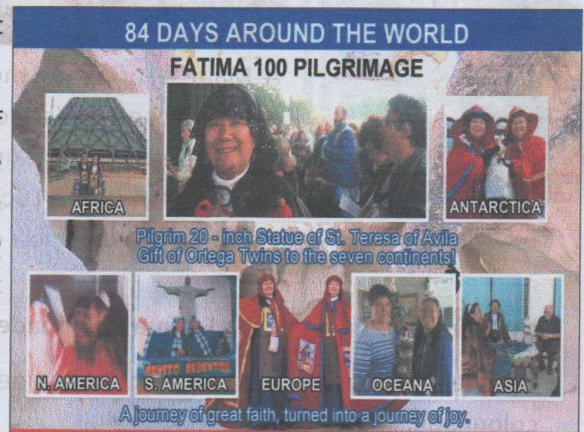
Ortega twins join a water cruise at Copenhagen, Denmark admiring the iconic The Little Mermaid statue. At the tour bus, they saw Edinburgh Castle at Scotland. The tour at Novosibirsk, Russia brought them to the Trans-Siberian Railway. The twins had the best sights of Athens, Greece in their Hop-On Hop-Off Tour - the Acropolis, Parthenon, Mars Hill, and the Ancient Agora of Athens, Constitution Square, House of Parliament. Istanbul, Turkey is considered European, yet it occupies two different continents: Europe and Asia. Praise God for a camel ride and wonderful hot air balloon at Cappadocia, Turkey with its magical, fairy like landscape. At Ghana, Africa, the twins had a unique experience delivering bread and juice made by Carmelite sisters to the community; prayed before the shrine of the Uganda Martyrs; and took a short dip Victoria Lake, Tanzania. Nicaragua's president's name is a fusion of the people closest to twin Luz' heart - Daniel Ortega, the reason for including this country in this Pilgrimage.

The twins rode on a Funicular going up to Montserrat Monastery, Bogota, Colombia. They were at the famous Christ the Redeemer statue of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Imagine senior citizen-twins, walking a long distance, then climbing up a very steep hill to sit next to dinosaur footprints at Sucre, Bolivia!

The twins prayed at the Monastery of St. Dominic which houses three of Peru's five saints - St. Martin the Porres, St. John Macias, and St. Rose of Lima and at the Shrine of St. Teresa de Los Andes, the first Saint.

Antarctica offers a "unique adventure at the End of the World of planet Earth. At Villa Las Estrellas then to Ardley Island on a zodiac boat, the twins came close to penguins. New Zealand is a country marked by volcanoes and glaciation. Rare Maori artefacts and the stories behind them brought the twins back in time with the sights and sounds of pioneering days. Fr. Aloysius Deeney, OCD,

in-charge of Secular Carmelites in East Asia including the Philippines, received the 7th and last statue the twins brought for their Fatima 100 Pilgrimage at the monastery of Kupang, Indonesia. The twins successfully fulfilled their mission of giving the 7 Pilgrim statues of St. Teresa of Avila in each of the 7 continents of the world. Indeed, it was a Journey of "Great Faith" turned into a journey of joy. May this film be a testament that indeed, God works within and among us.



Noteworthy in 'The 13th Day', the first major motion picture on the Miracle of Fatima is the remark of Lucia's mother \_ "what makes you so special Lucia dos Santos"? Coincidentally, a man at the Greece airport sketched Luz's face and give it to her before embarking to Turkey.

They successfully left a pilgrim 20-inch statue of St. Teresa in all the seven continents of the world.

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**Unbelievable sights at the Fatima Colonnade:**

October 12, Luz saw the name St. Teresa de Jesus on the walls and her statue atop the colonnade.

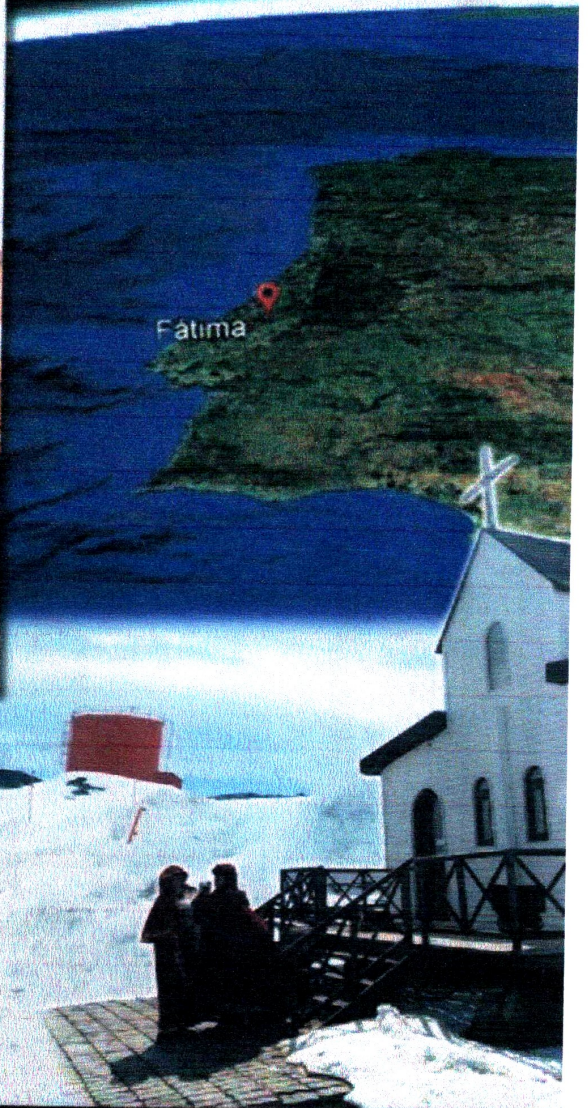
October 13, Luz received a personal revelation from God. A joyous greeting ... I knew that lady is somebody special ... I took a portrait of her.

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# FOOTSTEPS

84 days around the world



A FILM BY ORTEGA TWINS

### 3. Statues/Statuettes

the Footsteps of La Madre: STA. TERESA DE AVILA  
 PART VII\_ STATUES / IMAGES  
 List of Statues  
 Statues Lead to Prayer

Souls without prayer are like bodies, palsied and lame, having hands and feet they cannot use.

TERESA OF AVILA, *The Interior Castle*

In an article **Theology's Visual Side** written by Claudia Soberon Bulle Goyri, an artist Fabio Nones, doctor in theology and director of a center of iconography in Trent, Italy explains **How Icons Lead to Prayer**. Nones said "prayer is communion with God; is it not necessarily only to recite formulas but rather to live in communion with his presence and thus certainly in painting an icon. I pray to have a very strong communion with God." And, he noted, icons do not serve just those who create them, but also those who contemplate them.

Ma. Luz, delighted with her name which means light says that she received God's wonderful gift to initiate a project which lifts up the whole Philippines to God the Father through a song which runs, "You are the Lord of Sea and Sky." From this stampita of the Holy Trinity she was inspired to have a statue of God the Father made. Indeed, icons lead to prayer. From statues of God the Father came God the Son and the Holy Spirit followed by Mary, Saints and Angels.



Luz is surprised to see on October 17, 2006 Statuette of God the Father for sale at Tayuman, Sta. Cruz, Manila. Also sold at Zamboanga and Baguio.




Bishop Antonio Tobias, D.D. blesses four statuettes of God the Father at the Bishop's Residence, San Vicente, City of San Fernando, La Union on September 17, 2000.

Statues / Statuettes		Year Ordered	Materials / Size	Price
God God the Father _ 12 foot statuettes	Holy Family Religious Store	May 25, 1999	fiber glass	P100,000.00
God the Son Crucified / Jesus Triumphant Entry to Jerusalem	Antonio & Remedios Garcia	Dec. 6, 2001 Blessing March 19, 2002	wood	33,000.00
God the Holy Spirit		April 2002	stained glass	140,000.00
St. Mary _ Madre Santissima de Luz		August 2003	Cement / 7 Ft.	110,000.00
Our Lady of Namacpacan		Blessing Feb. 25, 2009	spandex	
Saints_ Sta. Lucia			carving / glass etching	
Ss. Cosmas and Damian			wood	
St. Teresa of Avila life size and statuette	Arliver Corporation	Oct. 1, 2007	tin / fiber glass	
St. Elijah				
Angels _ Angelic chair			metal	
Angel of Peace and three shepherds			wood and luminous	

#### 4. Videos

Around the World: Teresa Forever

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Miracle of the Sun  
Our Lady of Fatima

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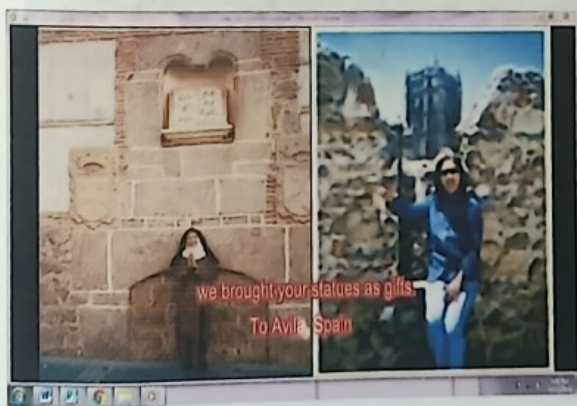
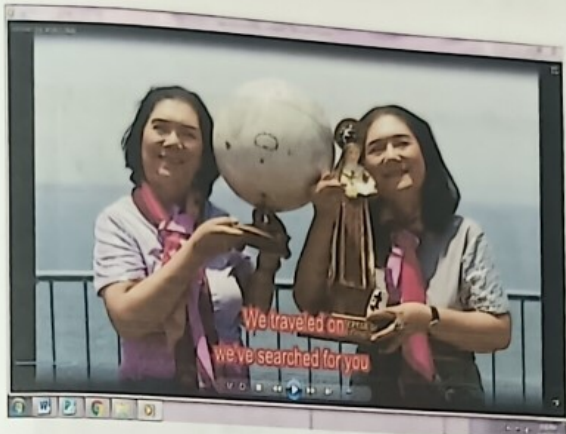
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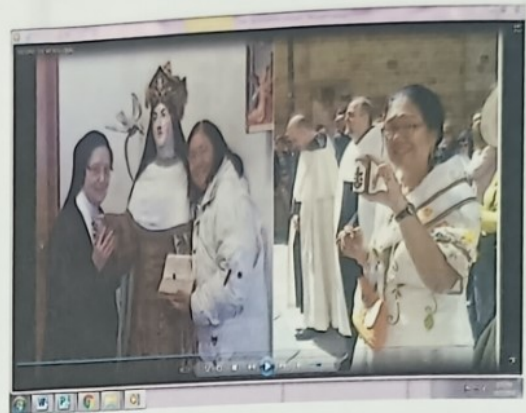
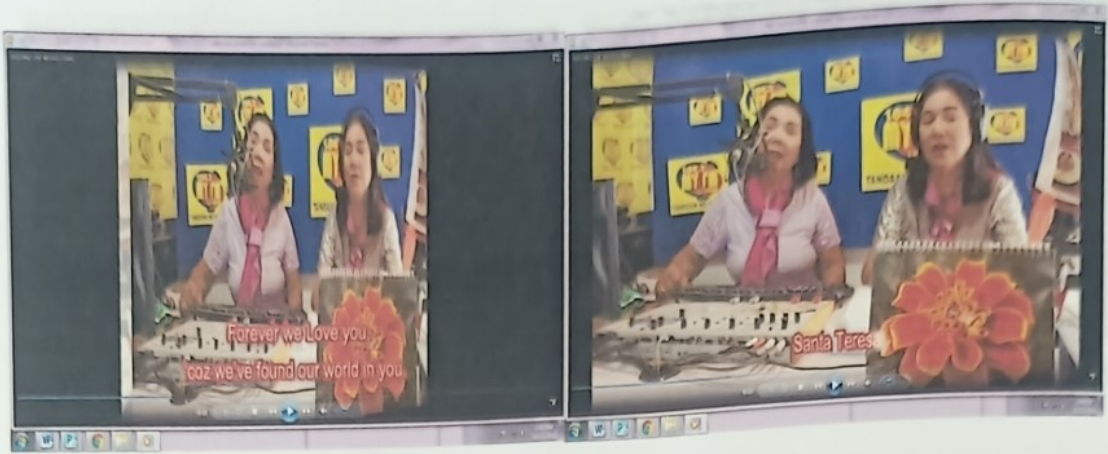
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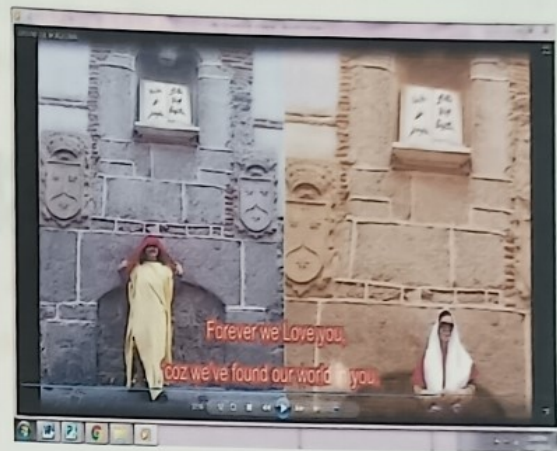
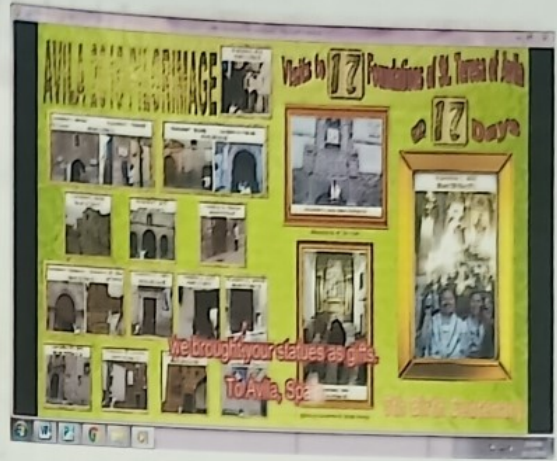
AROUND THE WORLD: TERESA FOREVER 1. Around the world we've searched for you. We traveled on when we're inspired to keep a rendezvous. We knew somewhere, sometime, somehow. You'd look at us and we would see your smiling face and nod. 2. To Avila, Spain we brought your statues as gifts. Next we go to Antartica and Fatima. Then no more tours 'coz we've found our world in you. Forever we love you, Santa Teresa

Watch at Twin TV Fb Page: <https://fb.watch/gWOWb3ccsb/?mibextid=F44Fru>



Around the World: Teresa Forever





Throughout the world Christmas from the seven continents of the world  
 Christmas is the joy of all birthdays. Why? Have you ever wondered where you  
 are the birthday of the infant Jesus. From favorite traditions came from? Let us  
 check out these international traditions.  
 In the heart of the magnificent cathedral,  
 Christmas services of great beauty are  
 held and countless worshippers attend  
 them. For many the midnight service is  
 the glory of the season.

## Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

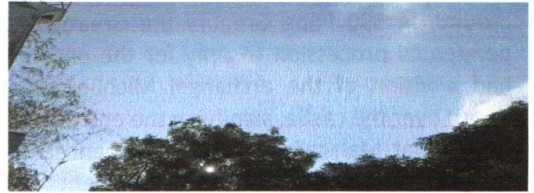
Today, May 13, 2020 is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We heard mass at the Carmel of the Holy Family Monastery Chapel.

Our Lady of Fatima made me so happy last night. Luz wants us to wear our t-shirt with Our Lady's picture.

I tried to look for it in many places but found only one t-shirt. I told myself, "Well, I will just let Luz wear it for she is so in love with Sr. Lucia of Fatima". When I entered our room to sleep, I touched the t-shirt I found which I already placed in a hanger. Then I felt an urged to look for the other t-shirt again. So I went back to the sala to look once more at the cabinet. I couldn't believe it, I found the 2nd t-shirt.

Mary wants us to have identical attire for her special day.

## 2020 Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Celebration



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“The message of the miracle is really peace. Hopefully with the crisis we’re experiencing in the world, people will be more attuned to the message.”



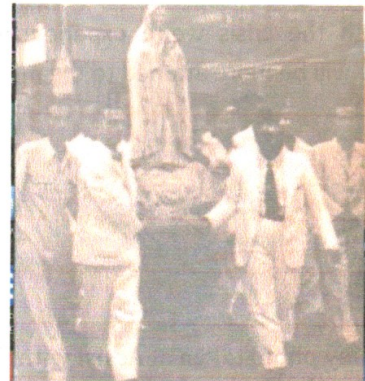
Here is my photo taken at Assisi with the word PAX adorned at the garden. St. Francis has a beautiful prayer on peace.



**LORD, MAKE ME AN  
INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE.  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED,  
LET ME SOW LOVE,  
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;  
AND WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.  
O DIVINE MASTER, GRANT THAT  
I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK  
TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE,  
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND,  
TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE.  
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE,  
IT IS IN PARDONING  
THAT WE ARE PARDONED,  
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE  
BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



Most parents saw religion as a way of life that was transmitted between generations. They considered it part of their parenting responsibility to pass on their faith.



I am glad that twin Luz gave me a picture of our papa Evaristo carrying the grand statue of Our Lady of Fatima to share it with you. It was taken on March 31, 1949, on a visit of the image to San Fernando, La Union. At the other photo were Hon. Pio Ancheta, Fiscal Juan Aquino, Pedro Arciaga and Dr. Quintin Balcita.



Just as our parents, the late Evaristo and Rosa Ortega had done their parental duty, we twins also would like to pass on to our children our faith in God.



The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money but faith in God.



Proverbs 13 verse 22 says: "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children." This verse keeps our life goals, our vision and our legacy front and center when we're choosing how to use our money today.

At the Chapel while gazing at the image of Our Lord Crucified at the center altar, the idea on how to present our pictures taken during my travel from Vigan to Sta. Maria and Luz' travel from San Fernando and our meeting together at Tagudin came to my mind.

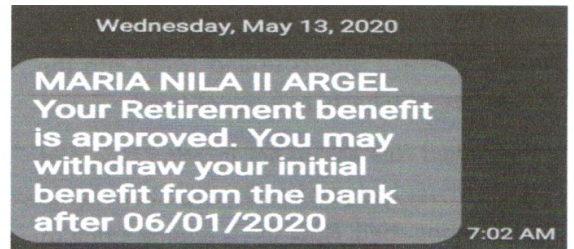
While at the Sea and Sky College, to start the day's work, I got a message from SSS that my retirement benefit is approved.

In Christianity, the Visitation is the visit of Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, to her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist as recorded in the Gospel of Luke chapter 1 verses 39 to 56.

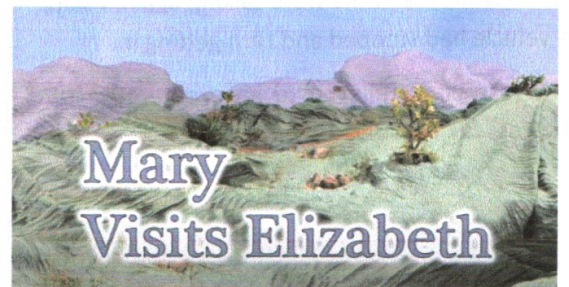
At around 8 in the morning of May 6, 2020 I, Nila went to UV EXPRESS TERMINAL to inquire if there is a ride going to Tagudin. Then I went to the office of Barangay VIII to ask for a special permit to travel, being 66 years old, a senior citizen.

At home, I told my husband, Pacifico "Chicoy" that I am going to San Fernando, La Union.

At around 12:30 in the afternoon I took the available public transport that stops at Santa Maria with 8 passengers.



**Nila travels from Vigan to Sta. Maria ...Tagudin and meet twin sister Luz at Tagudin going to San Fernando**



After Mary consents to become the mother of Jesus, she arose and went into the hill country with haste to a city of Judah.

I called Nila asking her location. She said that the driver had just let her step out at Santa Maria waiting shed. Now she is hoping a ride to Tagudin will arrive soon. I told her I am meeting her at Tagudin.

After having my snacks at the store beside the waiting shed, I called twin Luz that I am having a hard time waiting for a vehicle. In fact, somebody suggested that I hitch ride.

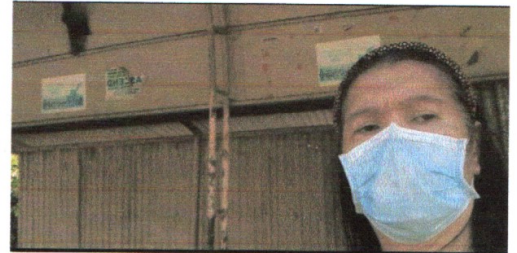
While we twins were talking again, I said, a vehicle had stopped and I am getting in.

I was so relieved to have entered a UV Express for Tagudin. Had a selfie.

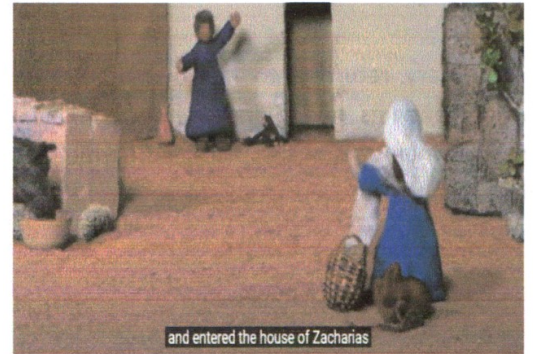
With Lito as my driver we start our trip from San Fernando, La Union, informing Nila that we are at Lingsat. It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

At Sudipen, I was already excited to see twin Nila. Then we reached the Welcome Arch for the Province of Ilocos Sur.

At Sta. Cruz public market, I am just one municipality away from seeing Luz.



While entering the house of Zacharias, Mary praises God, and speaks the words of the well known Magnificat.



“My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant. For behold, from henceforth, All generations will call me blessed. And Mary remained with her about three months.



I called Luz that I am already at Tagudin Landbank but they have already passed it.



They came back and just for a few minutes at 4:10 we saw each other. We had snacks before proceeding to San Fernando and reached the Sea and Sky Hotel at 5:30.



Mary returned to her own house. And we twins had dinner with our co-secular members of the Discaled Carmelites at our OCDS House of Prayer.



We had our dinner and showed the mask hat given by sister Flor.



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Queen of Heaven, rejoice.  
 Alleluia.  
 For He, whom thou wast worthy  
 to bear. Alleluia.  
 Has risen as He said. Alleluia.  
 Pray for us to God. Alleluia.



V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary.  
 Alleluia.  
 R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

*Let us pray*

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy  
 Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hast been  
 pleased to give joy to the whole world,  
 grant we beseech Thee, that through the  
 intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
 His Mother, we may attain the joys of  
 eternal life. Through the same Christ, our  
 Lord. Amen.



It is included in our book entitled *In The Footsteps of La Madre 2nd Edition*, as our contribution to the 500th anniversary of the Philippine Christianity fulfilling to the responsibility entrusted upon all of us that we have been gifted in order to give.

Like Mary, we twins are determined in listening to God's will and live accordingly. We live doing God's Will for God knows what is the best thing to do.

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