



**PHILIPPINE JESUIT
PRISON SERVICE
FOUNDATION, INC.**

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Certainty in the Uncertainty

Dear friends,

“Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget you, see, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name....” These words from Isaiah 49:15-16 fit the closure of the year 2021-2022.

Even though the pandemic continued to wreak havoc on our lives, it was also a year where God continued to remind us in so many ways that He did not forget us, that He is true and faithful to His Word. In and through the many and diverse experiences during the year, God proved yet again that He is MERCY, and He is LOVE. He proved in so many instances that He can never be outdone in generosity. All we needed was to ask and our prayers would be answered. This gave us the strength, faith, and inspiration to carry on our work of Rebuilding Lives, Rekindling Hope, and Restoring Dignity.

The incarcerated are seen as unlovable by many in the free society. Many felt forsaken, forgotten, and even abandoned. Sad to say, these included some family members. But God in His goodness continued to shower them with love. Despite the difficulties and challenges of being behind bars, given the congestion and the lack of facilities, there were so many instances when what was needed by the PDLs was more than provided for. These were amazing and inspiring. In this annual report, you will get to see how truly faithful and generous our God was this year. It was AMAZING GRACE literally as He constantly amazed us with the volume of His provisions, the perfect time when these arrived, and the people He used as His instruments. Truly, we were reminded that this is God’s Mission. We are but instruments in this vineyard.

Although there was no certainty as to the end of the pandemic with the virus constantly evolving, there was an absolute certainty that God was in control. It was overwhelming, to say the least, of having witnessed God’s Hand. I have always been conscious that what PJPS was able to do, was not because of me or anyone in PJPS. It was and will always be about God making things possible. We were all but channels of His grace.

I pray that as I present our PJPS annual report for 2021 to 2022, albeit briefly, you will witness the reality that in the uncertainty of everything, there was a certainty of God and how He provided everything that was prayed for and even more. Thank you for being the hands and the feet, the eyes and the ears, and the heart of a Loving God. In the name of the Philippine Jesuit Prison Service Foundation, Inc., our most profound gratitude.

God bless.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,


Fr. Eli Rowdy Y. Lumbo, SJ
Executive Director



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For the school year 2021-22, the Scholarship Program accepted a total of 100 scholars: 74 renewees and 26 new.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARS PER GRADE AND YEAR LEVEL																
ELEM (Grade)						JHS (Grade)				SHS (Grade)		COLLEGE (Year)				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5
1	8	1	7	9	8	8	6	6	11	6	10	5	5	5	3	1
SUBTOTAL 34						SUBTOTAL 31				SUBTOTAL 16		SUBTOTAL 19				
GRAND TOTAL: 100																

Still with the pandemic, the school year opened last September 2021 and ended last June 2022 for Elementary, July for High School, and July and August for most college scholars.

The candidates for completion, moving up, or graduation are as follows:

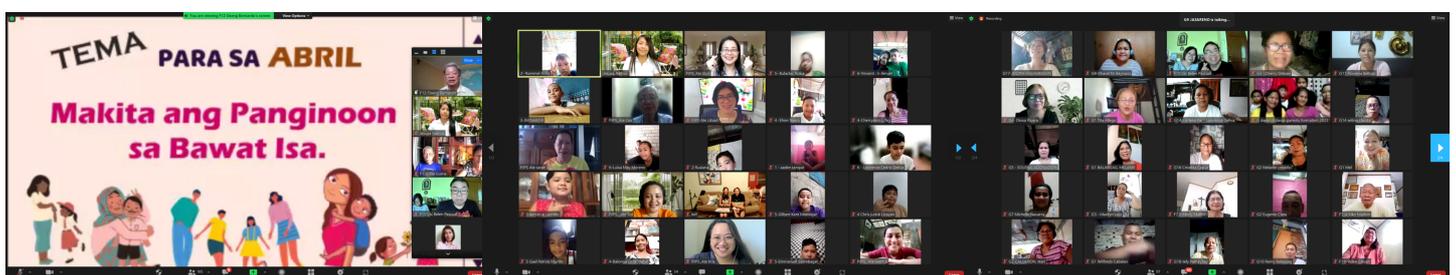
Elementary level	–	7
Junior High school	–	11
Senior high school	–	10
Bachelor's degree	–	4

Different learning delivery modalities such as asynchronous, synchronous, modular, and seminars were among the different methods used by educators during this pandemic. Later on, some schools gradually opened their gates for the classes to return to the classroom, albeit with a limited number of students. The scholars appreciated this progress and looked forward to the resumption of the usual manner of face-to-face classes in the classroom which they missed the last two years. To ensure continuous participation of scholars, especially those in the blended learning modality, four scholars were provided with smart phones, and 3 scholars were lent with laptops.

A total of seven (7) scholars replaced to the scholars of MCX and Ateneo Grade School who had graduated last year. A new partner this year was CFC - ANCOP Global Foundation, Inc. which took in two (2) scholars.

Formation Sessions

Regular formation continued to be done online: all levels used the first hour for the plenary discussion and were followed by breakout groupings or “shepherding” for the remaining hours. This year’s formation theme revolved on St. Ignatius’s 500th anniversary of his conversion, and other themes on Ignatian Spirituality.





Scholarship beneficiaries prepared birthday greetings—making their own cards, tokens, or video greetings for the volunteers. This also became an important venue for them to show their appreciation to the volunteers, and became a therapeutic activity as well as an opportunity for bonding for some of the clusters residing within or close to other members

Year-End and General Assembly

The Year-End and General Assembly last October 15, 2021. The events were held on the same day due to the closing of the previous school year and the opening of the succeeding year almost overlapped. A half-day each was spent for each event.

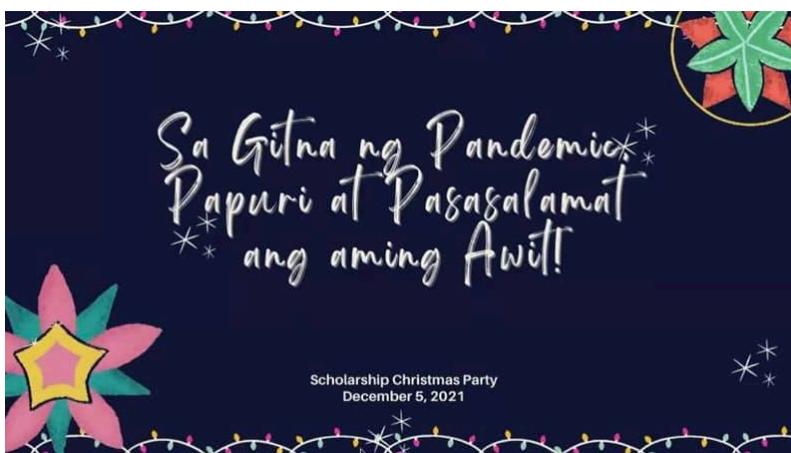
Only two (2) college scholars and parents were absent from the total of ninety-five (95) scholars in the NCR. Eight (8) volunteers graced the occasion amidst their busy schedules. The Year-End highlighted the scholars' successful completion of another school year; recognition of graduates and those who are moving up; and academic and recipients of the core value awards in the various levels.

Likewise, the Katarungan 2 cluster was given recognition in appreciation of their outstanding performance as a cluster shown by their on-time submission of deliverables, united efforts, and consistent cooperation.

The program also gave recognition and acknowledged the active volunteers who accompanied the scholars and parents/guardians throughout the onslaught of the pandemic through the monthly formation and shepherding activities.

The General Assembly, on the other hand, centered on the review and reminders of rules and policies of PJPS Scholarship Program and introduction of the accepted scholars (renewees and new). The activity ended with a Eucharistic celebration presided by Fr. Eli Lumbo, SJ

Scholarship Program Christmas Party



Virtual Scholarship Christmas Party was merrily conducted and participated by all scholars and parents/guardians. The theme was “*Sa Gitna Ng Pandemya, Papuri At Pasasalamat Ang Aming Awit.*” A highlight of the party was the pre-recorded video presentation of each cluster for the presentation contest. All the 12 cluster groups showed variety of talents in singing, dancing, role playing, storytelling, poem composition, and declamation.



During the party, we also recognized Core Value Awardees among the scholars. Interactive participation was highly noted among scholars, mothers/guardians, and volunteers. They cheered each other while watching the presentations. Virtual games and raffle prizes added up to the joy of the celebration. The fun and excitement were evident in the participants even the party was done online. Food was distributed through GCash money transfer. The activity ended with a Eucharistic celebration where everyone was reminded to recall how God has been faithful to them throughout the year.

Christmas goodies and cash gifts were also distributed to one hundred (100) scholars and their families. This ensured that all families had food to celebrate Christmas and New Year.



Online Program Orientation

A thorough online program orientation conducted by the program coordinator was attended by the new scholars and families. Fourteen (14) attended the orientation while others were not able to join due to internet/load problems, conflict with class schedules, and some parents/guardians were at work. During the orientation, program policies, rules, and regulations, as well as available services for scholars, were carefully discussed

Evaluation and Planning with Basic Leadership Session for Cluster Leaders

The first session on evaluation and planning with basic leadership was conducted with ten (10) cluster leaders. Through the session, the participants became aware of the effective leadership attributes and learned the basic ways of working with a member and group management. At the end of the session, cluster leaders pledged to improve in carrying out tasks and responsibilities as well as team communication and delivery of group outputs.



Scholars and mothers' recollection

Series of recollection for scholars and mothers were successfully participated by scholars, mothers/guardians except for four (4) college scholars who had scheduled examinations. The activity had given the participants the motivation to continue moving forward and staying hopeful amidst the challenges and uncertainties in life



Volunteers Orientation Seminar

Twenty-seven (27) volunteers of the Scholarship Program attended the Orientation Seminar, and volunteers appreciated the orientation content. It gave them a fresh start and a mutual understanding of the Organization's direction, which had prepared them for the S/Y 2021-22.

Cluster meeting

Conducted and facilitated quarterly cluster meetings to generate updates, concerns or difficulties and ensured these were addressed accordingly. Likewise, the meeting was maximized in providing motivational inputs to re-energize those who were tired and sustain hopefulness while going through the difficulties and personal struggles brought about by the pandemic. Group performance/ dynamics were also assessed and needed intervention or support were provided.

Virtual Fellowship with Ateneo Grade School / Christmas party

Sixteen (16) PJPS scholars participated in the virtual *Kumustahan* with their respective Ateneo Grade School class sponsor. This served as an alternative to the face-to-face on-site activity in the past. The virtual *Kumustahan* was able to allow the students to get to know the scholar assigned to them.

Bigay Puso Program was able to generate more funds for the scholarship of the PJPS scholars because of the activity which provided a venue not only for the class to see and know their scholar. There were parents of the scholars who were present in the online activity and who were touched by the interaction as well.

The amount donated by this year's *Bigay Puso* Program amounted to Seven Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two Pesos and Forty Centavos (P721,542.40). The ceremonial turn-over of the donation in the Ateneo Grade School was attended by Fr. Eli Lumbo, SJ together with three (3) scholars. During the activity, class parent representatives were present aside from the school officials.

Sponsoring classes were inspired to extend more assistance for their scholars that gifts and tokens such as art materials and a laptop for a scholar's use.

Online Tutorial

Three (3) scholars, (2 in elementary and 1 in high school) attended online tutorial classes provided by Ms. Tin Pacheco, new volunteer. Through this initiative scholastic performance of scholars improved.

Online Bible study

Four (4) scholars (1 in elementary and 3 in high school with their younger siblings) were invited and continuously attended the Bible Sunday class organized by Family Disciples of the World, a Catholic community of families rooted and nourished with the Word of God. The scholars were able to make new friends and had fun while learning the word of God with the use of animation with other children.



Security and Resiliency Webinar

Forty (40) parents/guardians attended the three-hour webinar on Mental Health Wellness conducted by AHA Foundation. The participants were given tips on how to fight mental exhaustion and stress through the development of tiny habits and conscious use of the self.

Commission on Human Rights and partner agencies Consultation meeting with children of PDLs

Nineteen (19) PJPS youth scholars engaged in the consultation dialogue organized by the Commission on Human Rights in partnership with UNICEF, Children Right's Network (CRN), Philippine Legislator's Committee on Population and Development (PLCPD) and Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC). The organizing group listened to the children of PDLs and became aware of their predicaments, difficulties, and thoughts. From the dialogue, the need for a follow up session in the form of a group.



Cluster Leader Supervision and Team Mentoring

The activity was a venue to guide the leaders in terms of direction, management of members, and empowerment through supervision and mentoring. For the year, three (3) additional cluster groups showed significant improvement in terms of good leadership and cooperation among members. It was also an opportunity to share good practices among clusters.



COVID – 19 assistance

All scholars/families received rice, dry goods, grocery items, vitamins, and hygiene kits to augment their basic need for food and health assistance through the donations received from PJAA, various individual donors, and different partners.

Case Management

1. Conducted series of planned group work sessions to identified five (5) scholars as response to the relational and parenting issues that arose from the youth consultation activity, ensuring that their right to protection, development and participation is given. They were provided with a safe venue to freely talk and share the physical and emotional struggles experienced in their homes. They were capacitated to better understand and manage themselves especially in inconvenient situations. They were provided with activities to help them deal with stressful situations. These activities included journal writing, drawing, sharing with support group, positive talk, engaging in dialogue with members of families, and reaching out for assistance from the program coordinator or volunteers.
2. With the limited opportunity to meet face to face or for physical gathering, the use of the digital platform was continued and maximized. Psychosocial support was provided



in terms of counselling to twelve (12) families who had faced difficult relational problems.

3. Successfully identified a sponsor for one (1) scholar with ADHD condition. Her enrollment in a private school was seen as necessary given the situation of the scholar. The therapeutic environment and activities were highly considered to ensure that the needs and interests of the scholar be attended to, and that guidance was being provided.

Staff Development

1. The scholarship coordinator attended the ten-day intensive webinar workshop on Family Dynamics and Counseling organized by RMT-CEFAM. It was a refresher course for the coordinator which helped her gain additional tools that will be useful in facilitating and addressing issues and concerns of the scholars and their families.
2. A five-day webinar on Trauma Informed Care for service providers was organized by Consuelo Foundation. This was attended by the scholarship coordinator. The webinar validated the coordinator's way of handling traumatized clients and learned additional processes in carrying out assistance to trauma clients.
3. Three (3) days of trainers' training on Adolescent Reproductive Health were participated by the scholarship coordinator in preparation for handling the practical basic concerns of scholars and parents. The training provided new insights and taught innovative approaches which are responsive to the needs of the time.



SOCIO-PASTORAL PROGRAM

Two years since its onset, the ill effects of the COVID-19 pandemic are still heavily felt. Thankfully, our situation has been improving in recent months. To some of us, especially those vulnerable, it may still be an uphill struggle. The PDLs inside the different prison camps and their families are not spared from this continuing ordeal.

In its almost 28 years since PJPS was established, the last two years have probably been, by far, the most challenging years for the organization. Though the health crisis is ebbing away, this does not leave PJPS in a complacent position. We continue to do what we have been doing and remain responsive as always to the pressing needs of the PDLs and their families. We remain to be one of the active partners of the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) in augmenting the provision of the needs of the PDLs of New Bilibid Prison (NBP) and Correctional Institution for Women (CIW) and their families.

Social Services

1. In-kind Donations



Helping the BuCor in providing the basic needs of the PDLs (including that of their families) has been one of the focus areas of PJPS, especially during the pandemic.

In terms of in-kind donations, PJPS continues to be a channel of the generosity of our partners and benefactors who want to help our brethren inside the prisons. The goods commonly donated include the following:

- Toiletries (bath soap, shampoo, laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrush)
- Hygienic items (face masks, alcohol, surgical gloves)
- Food items (fresh vegetables, rice, meat, packed meals, milk, noodles)
- Sleeping materials (folding beds, blankets, mosquito nets, corrugated cardboard)
- Medical (medicines and medical instruments/equipment)

Below is the summary of the total in-kind donations during the year
(as of April 30, 2022)

Items	Total Value of Received Donations	Total Value of Distributed Donations
Food & Water	2,476,753.90	2,114,277.72
Soaps & Detergents	2,128,486.68	269,251.43
Vitamins & OTC Meds	1,964,097.23	545,792.06
Office & Other Supplies	853,286.74	452,998.99
Alcohol & Disinfectants	149,449.00	179,999.84
Beds & Beddings	97,580.00	59,583.00
PPE	13,360.00	54,958.52
Grand Total	7,683,013.55	3,676,861.56



During the year, Colgate-Palmolive (Col-Pal), No One Left Out (NOLO) and Tanging Yaman Foundation were among the consistent donors of PJPS.



Col-Pal donated more than Php13 million worth of toiletries which included handwash containers, shampoo sachets, conditioners, mouth wash containers and toothpaste tubes. These were distributed to all the PDLs of NBP and CIW Women during the celebration of 27th National Corrections Consciousness Week.

We were also able to provide the same items to the families of our scholars.

On October 28, 2021, PJPS, represented by Fr. Eli Rowdy Y. Lumbo, SJ, turned over the donations of goods to the Bureau of Corrections represented by Assistant Secretaries Gabriel P. Chaclag, Deputy Director General Administration, Milfredo M. Melegrito, Deputy Director General for Reformation, and John Paul Santos, Acting Director for Administration.

During the ceremony, volunteers from Quezon City Diversity Eagles Club, Malasakit sa Pilipino GenTri Eagles Club, and Montero Sports Pilipinas helped transport the goods from Xavier School Nuvali to the NBP Reservation. More than forty (40) vehicles were used to bring the goods to the sunken garden stage.

2. Feeding Program



During the pandemic, feeding the PDLs, especially the sick and elderly was one of the focal programs of PJPS. From the period of June 2021 to May 2022, we even expanded in terms of the number of PDL-beneficiaries and prison camps covered. In previous years, we used to consistently feed only 250 PDLs in the Minimum Security Camp, but this year we were able to expand to Reception and Diagnostic Center (RDC), Medium and Maximum Security Camps.

In RDC, we started the feeding program last September 2021 for at least 150 PDLs every month. While in Medium Security Camp through the help of the Consuelo Foundation, we have been feeding the almost 70 Children in Conflict with the Law on a weekly basis. In the same prison camp, we have been feeding also at least 100 sick and elderly PDLs every month. Since October 2021, an average of 600 PDLs per month in Maximum Security Camp, including the NBP Hospital patients, benefit from the feeding program of PJPS.



In a special event, during the culmination of Flores de Mayo in CIW, we were able to feed 200 PDLs in Medium Security Camp and more than 500 PDLs in Maximum Security Camp.

More partners started helping us in this particular endeavour this year. Cooked meals and even raw ingredients for the feeding poured from St. James the Great Parish and Sacred Heart Parish in Alabang, Feeding Metro Manila South, South Green Heights' St. Joseph Chapel servants, Compassionate Servants of the Divine Mercy, Ms. Gwen Llano (through the help of Marian Missionaries of the Holy Cross and friends). There were also new institutional partners who gave us financial support for the feeding including Ayala Group of Companies, Philippine Racing Commission, and Philippine Charity and Sweepstakes Commission.



Under the feeding program of PJPS was the Give Joy on Christmas project which was in its second year already. This project aims to ensure that PDLs would have something for a *salusalo* with their fellow PDLs despite they are away from their loved ones and have not been visited for the past two Christmas due to the pandemic.

This year, we gave a kilo of spaghetti package and a kilo of fruit salad package to every ten (10) PDLs. We were able to provide for all PDLs of both NBP and CIW. The biggest contributor to this project was the Metrobank Foundation.



37 PDLs

were given assistance in their paralegal/legal concerns which included follow-ups on the status of their release and securing some of their documentary requirements. This was made possible through our collaboration Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS), Inc. and UP Law Karapatan ng Komunidad sa Loob ng Selda (KAKOSA).



27 FAMILIES

were provided with our coffin assistance for their deceased PDL. Due to the pandemic, we implemented "referral system" — coordinating with partner funeral homes for availability of donated coffins, the family of the deceased PDL with the help of the BuCor Transportation Section took charge of having the coffin picked up.



24 ex-PDLs

who just got released from prison, availed of the post-release financial assistance of PJPS for their food or transportation.



3,000+ LETTERS

of PDLs were mailed, most of the letters were to facilitate their release either through parole or by serving their definite sentence.



Health Services

In this time of a health crisis caused by COVID-19, we are reminded that health is indeed especially important. Hence, PJPS has always been responsive to the health needs of PDLs and their families.

For the past two years, however, we have just been limited only to providing medicines, medical equipment, and other medical supplies. We have not been able to conduct medical and dental missions since the pandemic started in 2020.

During the year, there were three major benefactors who supported our medical programs. The first was the Immaculate Conception Academy Batch '78 spearheaded by Ms. Jasmine "Jay" Tan. Their group donated medicines worth Php 100,000 and medical apparatus valued at more than Php 130,000.00. The group of Dr. Noel Chua, one of our volunteer doctors in our Optical Mission the previous years who conducted cataract and pterygium surgery, gave two thousand two hundred (2,200) pairs of reading glasses. Of these, one thousand two hundred (1,200) pairs were given to the PDLs of New Bilibid Prison while the remaining one thousand (1,000) pairs were sent to the Iwahig Penal Colony, as requested by Dr. Ruth Algonos, NBP Hospital physician assigned in the said penal colony.



We also helped the families of our scholars and indigent PDLs who needed laboratory procedures but had no means to avail of these. So far, as of May 31, 2022, thirty (30) PDLs and four (4) scholars and their guardians received assistance from PJPS.

Benefactors of the medical program who gave financial support included the long-time partners of PJPS: the St. James COPA (Php100,000), PCSO (Php300,000) and Ayala Group of Companies (Php100,000)

On the other hand, Consuelo Foundation in their effort to care for the helpers provided the PJPS staff with COVID-19 response kits. The kits include grocery items, medicines, vitamins, hygiene items and medical instruments such as thermometer and oximeter. The CICL, their primary beneficiaries, are allocated with the same kits.

Pastoral Services

1. Volunteers Formation

PJPS continued to provide for the pastoral needs of not just our beneficiaries but of our other stakeholders-- our volunteers, partners, and benefactors, as well. We have conducted recollections for three occasions this year—during the 27th anniversary of PJPS, Advent, and Lent.



For the 27th anniversary celebration of PJPS, we held a series of recollections for our stakeholders last July 2021. All these were done online.

Here is the line-up of recollections with the corresponding participants and points-giver:

- Ex-PDLs – given by Fr. Roseller Atilano, SJ last July 4, 2021
- Scholarship Alumni – given by Fr. Robert Boholst, SJ last July 10, 2021
- Volunteers – given by Fr. Jordan Orbe, SJ last July 17, 2021
- Scholars – given by Bro. Erwin Arandia, SJ, Ms. MK Guanio and Ms. Michelle Severino last July 18, 2021
- Parents/Guardians of scholars – given by Ms. Cynthia Baga last July 24, 2021
- All stakeholders (except the PDLs) – given by Fr. Jose Ceclio “Jojo” Magadia, SJ last July 31, 2021

The Advent Recollection for various stakeholders was given on December 11, 2021, with Fr. Michael “Mike” Pineda, SJ as the points-giver and Fr. Gabriel “Gabby” Lamug-Nañawa, SJ as the Mass presider. More than seventy (70) participants attended it. On the other hand, the Lenten Recollection was given by Fr. Michael Pineda, SJ and the Mass was celebrated by Fr. Eli Lumbo, SJ, PJPS Executive Director. It was attended by ex-PDLs, parents/guardians of our scholars and volunteers, partners, and benefactors of PJPS.

2. Formation of PDLs

Lenten Recollection

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, face-to-face recollections were conducted for the PDLs during the Holy Week of 2022. Making these possible were the five (5) Jesuit Scholastics brothers who had their Lenten apostolate in the prison ministry, they were Bro. Rex Coz, Bro. Martin Candelaria, Bro. Jaclay John, Bro. Samuel Gan and Bro. Winston Heng. They gave recollections in all prison camps in NBP (except for Maximum Security Camp) and in the Medium and Maximum Security Camps of CIW. They also helped in the liturgy preparations and served in the Holy Triduum. Below are the total attendees of the recollections during the Holy Week:

- NBP-RDC – around 50 PDLs
- NBP-Minimum – more than 30 PDLs
- NBP-Medium – 200 PDLs
- CIW – Medium around 40 PDLs
- CIW – Maximum 50





Recollection for PDLs soon-to-be-released

This year, the External Affairs Section (EAS) of BuCor initiated greater efforts in preparing the PDLs for their reintegration into the free society. Part of the efforts was for them to attend a recollection.

To empower and prepare the team from the EAS, training on facilitating group discussions was offered to the EAS personnel who will assist in the recollection sessions. This was conducted last October 19, 2021, by Fr. Lumbo, SJ, together with Mr. Gene Alolosan and Mr. Matthew Delgado.

There have been three recollections conducted in Medium Security Camp last December 8, 9 and 10, 2021 with a total attendee of 100 PDLs. While in Minimum Security Camp, one session was conducted last November 14, 2021, participated by 26 PDLs. In all these sessions, Fr. Lumbo was the points-giver.



Chapel Workers formation

Given the transitory status of PDLs in RDC, there was a need to continuously train new chapel workers. Fr. Lumbo trained and installed two batches of lay ministers during the year. The first batch was composed of 15 PDLs while there were 12 PDLs in the second batch.

Learning Sessions for CICL



On top of the assistance of the Consuelo Foundation to the PJPS scholars and their families, they started last August 2021 a holistic formation program for 75 CICL of Medium Security Camp of NBP.

Part of the formation program was for the CICL to participate in the bi-weekly (Tuesday and Saturday) learning sessions. The Tuesday sessions are geared towards hygiene and nutrition and were given by the PDL teachers assigned to the CICL. The Saturday sessions covered a wide array of topics that helped in the personal development and well-being of CICL. Resource persons included Fr. Lumbo, Ms. Gwendolyn Llano, Ms. Eleanor Aracid, and Mr. Gene Alolosan. The learning sessions last year ended in December 2021.



Seeing the need and possibilities, Consuelo Foundation and PJP partnered again, now for a full-year program, for the Restorative Justice Program. This started on January 1, 2022, will end on December 31, 2022.

In both bi-weekly sessions, lunch was provided; packed lunch were distributed every Tuesday while for Saturday, raw food or ingredients were provided and was cooked by a team from the CICL. However, around March of 2022, lunch was provided only once a week due to the change of policy in the Medium Security Camp.

This year, we also started the learning sessions for more than ten (10) CICL in RDC on February 23, 2022. But it was halted after a couple of weeks as most of the CICL were transferred to Medium Security Camp. This is due to the stay of PDLs in RDC being temporary and lasting only for a couple of months

3. Liturgical Celebrations Inside the Prison Camps

Since the onset of the pandemic, it was only this year that the celebration of the Masses had become more regular and frequent. In addition, feast days of the patron/patroness of the different camp chapels were celebrated with Triduum Mass in preparation of the feast day. In the spirit of the feast day celebration, food was provided.

The tradition of celebrating the Simbang Gabi in anticipation of Christmas Day was resumed as well as the New Year's Eve Masses. Ash Wednesday and Holy Triduum liturgies for the Holy Week were allowed. During these celebrations, PDLs freely participated while health protocols were strictly observed



Special Projects

PJP also addressed the needs of PDLs in terms of prison facilities to improve their living conditions and the exercise of their faith. Among the special projects sponsored by PJP were the following:

Repair of the Water Facility in MedSeCamp

Water is life! Water is primarily important to the PDLs given that congestion is a prevalent concern in the prison camps and the hot weather that aggravates the situation. Given this, PJP went to the rescue when the water facility in MedSeCamp was damaged. Through our generous donors, we helped in the repair and replacement of the submersible pump that costs more than Php500,000.00.

As the generous donors were able to raise more than the needed funds for the purchase and installation of the submersible pump, water stations were also installed with water filters donated by MBA students from De La Salle University. This made accessible and cleaner water to the PDLs possible. The past year a water station with six (6) faucets with attached water filters were placed outside Building 6.



Pending projects that will be completed in the next few months are the two (2) other proposed water stations in MedSeCamp wherein it will bring better access to the PDLs of Buildings 1, 2, and 5.



St. Joseph Prayer Garden

St. Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, became the official patron of Quadrant 2 in MaxSeCamp in 2019. In 2021 the statue of St. Joseph and the prayer garden in Quadrant 2 in Maximum Security Camp was installed through the generosity of our donors. Chaplains, Fr. Lumbo and Fr. Bargayo concelebrated in the Holy Mass with Fr. Dominic Librea, the NBP Chief Chaplain, as main celebrant, and was followed by the blessing of the prayer

garden last August 26, 2021.

Minimum Chapel Repair/Renovation

The Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima in MinSeCamp has been in existence for more than two decades now. Since the time it was fully built, it faced a major improvement last year which included the following:

- repainting of the walls
- repair of the altar cross
- installation of new lighting
- renovation of the pews
- replacement of the stained glass with the Sacred Heart of Mary and Jesus on the front wall
- construction of canopy leading to the main entrance
- make-over of the garden in front of the chapel with the installation of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima



The improvement cost more than Php200,000.00. Almost half of it was funded by the proceeds of the “Panagutan: Gifted To Give,” an online Lenten concert that was presented by the PJPS and Puhon Initiative last March 2021. The said concert showcased various artists who offered their talents for the benefit of the renovation of the Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in MinSeCamp



Dormitory of CICL in MedSeCamp

Over the years, the CICLs have been housed in the same building together with the regular/adult PDLs in the MedSeCamp. Ideally, it should have not been so as they are supposed to be given particular care under our law. In response to this, with the resources from our partner, the Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation, PJPS proposed to create a dormitory devoted to the CICL and that is isolated from the regular PDLs. The total cost of this project is almost Php1 million pesos.



ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The disruption of COVID-19 pandemic in the world made prison life more difficult. PJPS had to cope with the magnitude of the effect of the pandemic to ensure that the programs and services continued to impact the lives of the beneficiaries—persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), scholars, their families, and the prison community.

Community Engagement

PJPS was fortunate to have **Community Engagement Partners** such as higher education institutions, corporations, NGOs, non-sectarian organizations, and individuals who contributed to the mission of rebuilding lives, rekindling hope, and restoring dignity to all those affected by incarceration.

1. Capacitating Beneficiaries through Online Service-Learning

With the spouse behind bars, most families worry about dealing with the difficult realities linked to incarceration such as relational problems and reduced family income. It is, thus, important to capacitate the families and provide them with the needed financial, emotional, and spiritual support allowing the incarcerated parents to be relieved of the burden of worrying about their family's future and focus more on their personal rehabilitation.

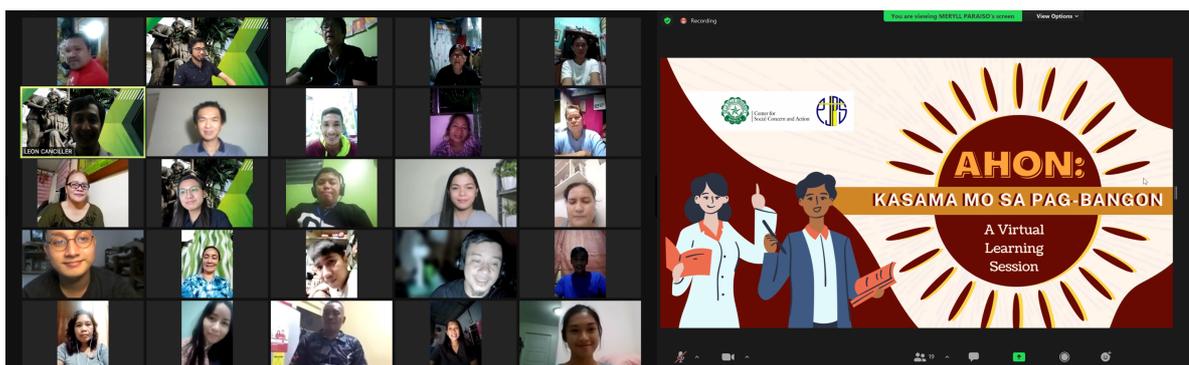
PJPS maintains partnerships with higher education institutions and other organizations that organizes service activity that meets identified community needs. After their interaction with the people in the corrections community, partners engage with PJPS in service-learning to come up with projects that would have a positive impact on the prison community, supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) and their families.

- Php200,000+ worth of donations were distributed to the beneficiaries
- 700+ total beneficiaries actively participated in the implementation of projects
- 500+ hours of service rendered
- 110+ students and young professionals transferred their knowledge and skills.
- 23 service-learning projects and capability sessions organized

Our Partners



- De La Salle University – Master of Business Administration – Lasallian Business Leadership and Ethics and CSR Class
- Ateneo de Manila University – Office of Social Concern and Involvement (OSCI) – Praxis Program
- AHA Behavioral Design inc.
- PCOO- FOI





2. Online Kuwentuhang Piitan

At the onset of the pandemic, our partners were forced to migrate from face-to-face engagement to online modality. Despite the challenges faced due to internet connectivity, this did not hinder the students to impact the lives of the beneficiaries. The online *Kuwentuhan* with PJPS beneficiaries (former PDLs, children and spouses of PDLs) aimed to raise awareness to the realities that confront individuals in the prison community. The following are our partners who engaged with PJPS this program year:

- Ateneo de Manila University School of Law
- Ateneo de Manila University – Office of Social Concern and Involvement (OSCI)
- Binhi, Punla and Praxis Program
- De La Salle University – Office of Student L.I.F.E
- De La Salle University – Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA)
- Master of Business Administration – Lasallian Business Leadership and Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Class (BUS560M)
- Miriam College - Miriam Identity, Spirituality and Mission Office (MISMO)
- Singapore School of Manila
- Xavier School Nuvali
- Xavier School San Juan

3. 34th Prison Awareness Week

In the observance of the 34th Prison Awareness Week from 25 to 31 October 2021 with the theme: *“The Jail/Prison Chaplains and Volunteers: Gifted to Give Love That Heals, Restores Life and Brings Hope to the Prison Community”*. PJPS urged communities, through lay and religious, individuals and organizations, sectarian and non-sectarian schools, churches, and private corporations, to pray for the needs of all those affected by incarceration. The weeklong celebration did not just raise awareness but also encouraged all stakeholders to share their time and gifts in prisons and in their own communities.



As we are at a time of public health emergencies, the PDLs were often the most at risk. Given the fact that they are not in a position to avail themselves of their needs and the over congestion in prisons, it was really difficult for the PDLs to protect themselves from infectious diseases. Hence, PJPS focused a lot of its effort on helping defeat this pandemic and the challenges associated with it inside the prison camps, where the majority are visitor-less, indigent, sick, and old. We have aligned on the Church’s celebration of the **34th Prison Awareness Week** to raise funds and be able to provide care packages containing soaps to all the 33,000 PDLs at the NBP and CIW and to all 100 families under the Scholarship Program.

- **Php13,528,030.30** million pesos worth of in-kind donations were received from Colgate-Palmolive Philippines, Inc.
- **Php355,146.00** total cash donations received from our generous donors: parishes, CSOs, religious and non-sectarian organizations, schools, and all our anonymous individual donors.

Part of the celebration was an online *Kuwentuhang Piitan* held last October 31, 2021. This activity was both for those who have been privileged to enter the prison camps and interact with the PDLs, and those who have not been inside the prison but desire to know and understand the programs and services of PJPS. Around a hundred (100) total participants attended the activity including the facilitators, former PDLs, family members and the working team. Fr. Bargayo and Asec. Melegrito shared their experiences working in the prison ministry.

4. Give Joy on Christmas

As part of its Secretariat duties, the Program facilitates the resource mobilization for the Give Joy on Christmas Project. PJPS targeted this year to provide spaghetti and fruit salad packages for all the dormitories in the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) and the Correctional Institution for Women (CIW) for their Noche Buena and Media Noche. Through this simple project, we were able to give the PDLs once again something to celebrate on Christmas and New Year.

- Php1,884,595.34 worth of donations received
- 4,000+ people reached, 100+ shares, and 500+ engagements across all social media engagements (Facebook & Instagram)



Other Resource Mobilization Projects

- December 2021: Noche Buena Package worth PHP25K for PJPS Scholars through the generous support of iVolunteer Philippines and its partners
- August 2021: A birthday fundraiser was organized by one of the PJPS Staff. More than Php95,000.00 worth of donations received. All the 83 families of scholars that PJPS is supporting will be able to pay for the groceries and necessities to protect their families as COVID-19 continues to spread.



Linkages, Networking and Alliance Building

Throughout the year, PJPS advocated for a holistic rehabilitation of incarcerated persons, their families, and the prison community. We worked on many projects and collaborated with other organizations and partners. These were the following:

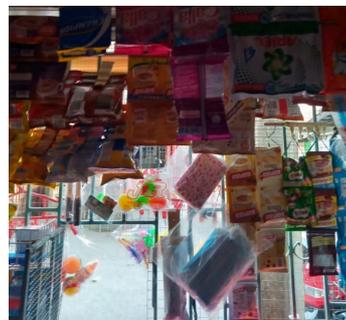
Partner Organization	Activity
Commission on Elections (Comelec) – Vulnerable Sectors Office (VSO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination Meeting in connection with the 2022 National and Local Elections, June 8, 2021
Commission on Human Rights (CHR) – Policy Advisory Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the International Guidelines on Human Rights and Drug Policy, June 23, 2021
St. Paul University Quezon City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration meeting with the Dean of Students Affairs and Head, Community Development & Advocacy Center, August 27, 2021
De La Salle – College of Saint Benilde.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration meeting with Service-Learning Unit Center for Faculty Development, October 26, 2021
SJSA Colloquium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 1 – 2, 2021
AHA Behavioral Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration Meeting last Dec. 16 regarding the possibility of conducting a pro-bono Mental Health Session with former PDLs and spouses of PDLs. The session was initially set in February 2022
Freedom of Information – Project Management Office (FOI-PMO) of the PCOO Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploratory Meeting last January 26, 2022, on how PJPS can collaborate with them particularly on the program CSO Hangout Activity and FOI Bridging Activity.
Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting in preparation for the <i>Kuwentuhang Bayan!</i> Voter's Education for the spouses, scholars, and partners of PJPS in April 2022
De La Salle University (DLSU) – Center for Social Concern and Action (COSCA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners Orientation, June 4 • Service-Learning Partners Meeting, October 13, March 26, February 5 • Annual Partners' Recollection, December 11 • Partners' Christmas Gathering, December 11 • PAASCU Accreditor Conversation with Community Partners, March 31
DLSU – Office of Counseling and Career Services (OCCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Campaign & Promotions during Virtual Career Expo & Roadshow, August 10 & April 7
Coalition Against Death Penalty (CADP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Coordination Meeting, April 28, May 19, July 15 • Partners' Lenten Recollection, March 26

Episcopal Commission on Prison Pastoral Care (CBCP-ECPPC)	
iVolunteer Philippines, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Bayani</i> Learning Series: Fundraising in the New Normal, June 26 • Tara Volunteer Tayo (TVT) 2021 Kick-off for NGOs, July 17 • <i>Bayani</i> Learning Series: Adaptive Leadership for the Nonprofit Sector, August 28 • General Assembly, January 22 • Partners Appreciation Night 2022, February 26

Re-integration Program for Ex-PDLs (RIPE)

The Re-Integration Program for ex-Persons Deprived of Liberty (RIPE) is an intermediary capacity building program that seeks to provide immediate assistance, accompaniment, and much needed support to newly released Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

There are many difficulties encountered by these individuals upon their release. For those who have spent long years in prison, life outside can be unfamiliar and even be threatening for them. For those who have no families to go home to, freedom can be really challenging. For some, finding a source of income can be as difficult as finding a needle in a haystack. These among others, are reasons why it is necessary to support the PDLs once they are released.



1. A total of Php20,000 grants were released.
2. Two former PDLs were granted the funding needed for their start-up micro-business.
3. Four (4) former PDLs were assisted with their employment application.
4. As part of its Secretariat duties, the Program assisted the Formation Team to organize spiritual formation sessions to help nourish and intensify the faith of the ex-PDLs.
 - Anniversary Recollection for former PDLs (July 4) – 40 attendees
 - Recollection for former PDLs (Oct. 24) – 51 attendees
 - Advent Recollection (Dec 11) – 15 attendees
 - Lenten Recollection for All Stakeholders (April 9) – with 18 attendees
5. PJPS engaged former PDLs and helped build their capacities through participation in learning sessions, socio-pastoral formation, and capacity building activities that were offered while in prison.

Electoral Engagement Project

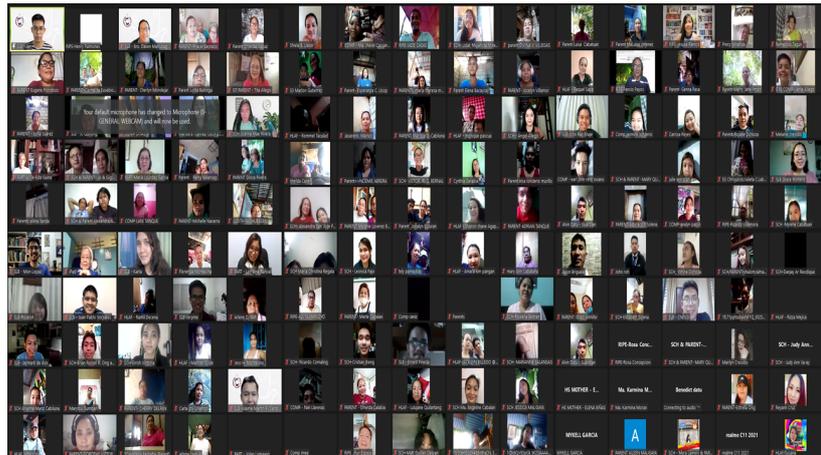
In the recently held National and Local elections, we partnered with Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB) to engage in an electoral engagement project called *Kuwentuhang Bayan* last April 24, 2022.

The *Kuwentuhang Bayan* is the flagship program of SLB for Voter's Engagement and Good Governance. It is a

safe space where participants can honestly and respectfully talk with each other on relevant issues our country and local communities are facing. It is also an avenue where participants can try to identify certain challenges in our national and local governments, and work out solutions that are grounded, doable and inclusive.

Through the session, we listened to and captured the story of the more than 300 participants which enabled them to form an accurate picture of the challenges and aspirations of the Filipino people.

Moreover, the project also extended social support to all PDL voters in New Bilibid Prison by providing them meals on election day.





ADMIN & FINANCE

Human Resources

The Philippine Jesuit Prison Service Foundation, Inc. (PJPS) hired Matthew “Matt” Delgado as Communications Coordinator last July 19, 2021, and as the main person responsible for Socio-Pastoral projects funded by Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation. Matt was a former JVP assigned to PJPS for two consecutive years.

Jose Tuazon from the Jesuit Volunteers Philippines provided workforce support to the Advocacy Program and Socio-Pastoral Program.

Due to the pandemic, various work arrangements are still in place (WFH, stay-in/out), but there were employees who reported to the office once or twice a week when the Covid-19 infections decreased. Looking forward to going back to 100% face-to-face once the situation permits.

PJPS held an offsite Evaluation and Planning last May 2022 at Xavier School Nuvali.

Administration & Finance

The room adjacent to PJPS has been awarded by BuCor to PJPS for its perusal.

PJPS received a new DSWD Certificate of Registration (no expiry) last October 6, 2021, and the License to Operate with a coverage period of October 18, 2021 - October 19, 2024, as a Social Work Agency (SWA) in NCR and as Auxiliary Social Welfare and Development Agency as Resource Agency for Region XI.

Continued the practice of printing calendars as giveaways for PJPS donors, partners, and volunteers. In addition to the calendars, beaded alcohol containers were also given away. The beadwork was done by PDLs from CIW.

NetSuite’s pro bono program was renewed for the accounting system of PJPS.