

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTRE FOR MIGRANTS (Filipinos)

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Jubilee Year 2025

MIGRANTS AS PILGRIMS & MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

*As Pilgrim Missionaries, God filled our hearts with the gift of hope
and through us it flowed freely to others ...*

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND



On 1st November 1986, Cardinal Baptist Wu, then Bishop of Hong Kong, formed a Committee to minister to Filipino migrant workers. The Committee was soon raised to the level of a Diocesan Commission for Pastoral Services to Filipino Migrants. On 4th January 1987, the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Filipinos (DPCF) was formally opened. The Centre serves as the executive arm of the Commission. It occupies the 18th Floor of Grand Building, Connaught Road Central.

The Centre is the concrete expression of love and care of the Diocese towards the migrants. Initially, it catered mainly to Filipinos when there were only 25,000 in Hong Kong. Over the years the population of migrant workers has changed with the coming of the Indonesians, the Sri Lankans, the Thais, and other Asians. Thus the Centre extended its services to other Asian domestic workers in Hong Kong.

Presently, the Centre has extended assistance to any ethnic minority groups. Some Consulates have referred their nationals for shelter care as victims of human trafficking, abuses, including referrals from the Hong Kong Police, hospitals, other agencies and organizations. Now, it is known as the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Migrants (DPCM).

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTRE FOR MIGRANTS

VISION-MISSION-CORE VALUES

VISION

We envision DPCM (DPCF) as a life-giving Centre where migrant workers and distressed women experience the faith lived in a community that empowers them to be effective witnesses in their own homes, workplace, community, Church and society.

MISSION

DPCM is committed to provide a conducive place and shelter, caring community, with integrated human formation, programmes and services enabling migrants and other ethnic minorities to become caring, committed, service-oriented and Christ-centered persons.

CORE VALUES

- Caring** - One who is aware of and can sympathize with the suffering and needs of others, and responds with compassion.
- Committed** - One who is dedicated and responsible for carrying out her/his mission.
- Christ-centered** - One who focuses on and is motivated by Christ in her/his decisions, choices and whatever she/he does in daily life.
- Service-oriented** - One who is sensitive to the needs of others, and serves others freely and joyfully.

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YEAR-END REPORT

I. A. Jubilee Year 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The late Pope Francis declared the Year 2025 as a Jubilee Year: PILGRIMS OF HOPE with the opening of the Holy Door on the eve of Christmas 2024 until the Epiphany of January 2026. As Christians we were summoned to open our hearts to welcome Jesus as our Guide in our journey towards our salvation.

DPCM's communities started the journey as pilgrims by deepening their faith-life through prayers, reception of the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, Advent and Lenten retreats, Bible reflections, pilgrimage to different Pilgrim Churches in Hong Kong and Macau, and more reflective devotions to Our Blessed Mother Mary and other Saints.

(See attachments of the DPCM Communities' Report, Attachments pp. 38-47)

"Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and your hope grows, it takes a step forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope." Pope Francis



"... FAN THE FLAME OF HOPE, LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH OPEN, TRUSTING HEART..."

Pope Francis

Jubilee Year: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year was highlighted by the different groups' Pilgrimages in the different Pilgrim Churches in Hong Kong, and the Simbayanan-KAMMPI (solidarity group) initiated inter-Parish and organization's **Celebration of the Jubilee Year** with the theme: *Pilgrims of Hope in the Light of the Saints* on **May 5**.

(See: **Simbayanan-KAMMPI's Report**, pp. 27-29)

The Saturday and Sunday groups reflected on the life and Christian values, lived and exemplified by **St. Teresa of Calcutta** and **St. Martha**. They creatively presented their lives as **bearers of hope** to others today.



DPCM's Mother of Good Counsel Community presented Mo. Teresa of Calcutta as its model Saint



DPCM's Sunday Community's Presented St. Martha

Jubilee Year 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

In the spirit of Synodality and inclusion, DPCM actively participated in the preparation of the **Jubilee Celebration: FUN DAY 2025 for the Asylum Seekers and Refugees (AS & R) on July 26**. The DPCM Community led the welcoming songs for the 400 AS/R and children and about 300 Volunteers together with Card. Stephen Chow, SJ, Philippine Consul General Romulo Israel, Sr. Corazon and other organizers.

(See: [PCDP Fun Day 2025](#), p. 35)



In the opening song “*Welcome to the Family*”, the Choir joined the crowd and brought up to the stage some children together with the Cardinal, Sr. Cora, Con.Gen. Israel and other guests while singing. This set the atmosphere for the celebration.

I. B. Jubilee of Migrants: MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

The **Jubilee of Migrants** was declared on **October 4-5**, within the Jubilee Year. In his message, Pope Leo XIV invited everyone: *“Let us fill our lives with the gift of HOPE that God gives us, and through us, let us allow it to reach everyone who is looking for it.”* He emphasized that **migrants are missionaries of hope**, calling the Church to rekindle its missionary spirit by welcoming them as a chance for spiritual renewal, fostering hope, and upholding human dignity over national interests.



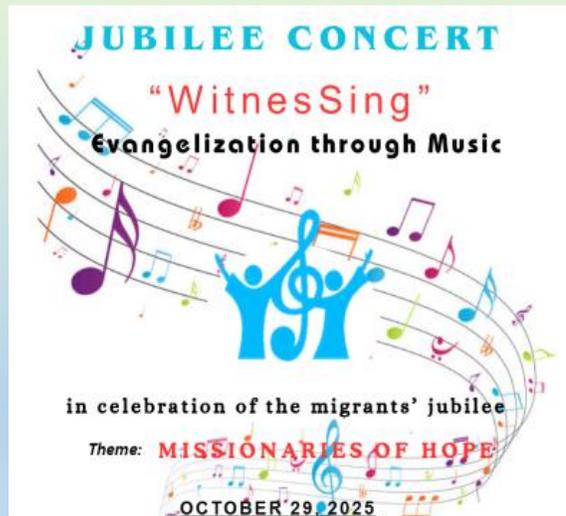
The **Diocesan Commission on Pastoral Services to Migrant Workers**, of which DPCM belongs, organized the **Migrants' Jubilee Celebration on October 7**, with the **Theme: Migrants as Missionaries of Hope**. The Eucharistic Celebration, officiated by Card. Stephen Chow, SJ, was followed by shared cultural practices and food delicacies from different nationalities.

The DPCM Sunday Community presented a Marian Devotion: Flower Offering to the Blessed Mother in the month of May and prepared the special “Biko”, a sweet sticky rice cooked with coconut milk and of different flavours.



Jubilee of Migrants: MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

Series of reflections on the experiences of Migrant Workers as missionaries/evangelizers in foreign lands started in July. The recognition and appreciation of their contributions in the Church in spreading the Gospel through their daily life in their families, in their workplace (employers household), in Community, at DPCM and in their Parishes gave them greater hope and inspiration to be better Missionaries and Bearers of Hope wherever they are.



The fruits of their reflections and sharing were collated and became the lyrics of their Jubilee Theme Song: **With Hearts Inflamed**. The musical score was written by **Fr. Manuel Francisco, SJ** from the Philippines. This was sung at the Jubilee Concert, organized by DPCM-Sim-KAMMPI, held on **29th October 2025** which was participated in by 15 Filipino Choirs in 12 Parishes and 3 other Communities.

(See more in Simbayanan-KAMMPI Report, pp. 30-33)

WITH HEARTS INFLAMED

(Migrants' Jubilee Song, HK)

1. *We cross the seas with hope and grace,
Bearing Christ in every place.
In silent work, in daily strife,
His Word we preach through humble life.*
2. *We thank the Lord for His guiding hand,
For leading us to this blessed land.
Full of joy, we sing with one voice,
In your holy name, we rejoice.*

Chorus:

***Joyful pilgrims, we share God's love,
The Lord's compassion and kindness from above.
Hopeful pilgrims, missionaries of joy,
We bring God's love to all.***

***Blessed pilgrims, each called by name,
By the Lord in whom we are saved.
Missioned pilgrims, with hearts inflamed,
To all the world, God's love we proclaim.***

3. *We share, we love, we sacrifice.
Though we fail and fall at times.
Through his Word and Sacrifice,
Our hope grows strong, once more we rise. **(Chorus)***



DPCM's Mother of Good Counsel Choir



DPCM Sunday Groups' Choir





“You Filipino Migrants give life and dynamism in the Church... I hope the locals will be influenced by your presence.”

Card. Stephen Chow, SJ, Bishop of HK

*"We see it in your eyes,
in your look, in your
songs and in your
prayers.*

*I want to thank you for
the joy you bring to the
whole world and to our
Christian communities."*

Pope Francis



II. STATISTICAL DATA 2025

Fig. 1 : Foreign Domestic Workers Statistics 2025 (Source: B. of Immigration)

Month/Year	PHILIPPINES	INDONESIA	INDIA	THAILAND	S. LANKA	Others	TOTAL
Jan 2024	204 134	156 708	5 472	1 756	1 094	1 126	370 290
Feb 2024	204 913	157 575	5 469	1 750	1 107	1 130	371 944
Mar 2024	205 038	157 598	5 442	1 731	1 105	1 155	372 069
Apr 2024	204 798	158 513	5 405	1 728	1 106	1 166	372 716
May 2024	204 814	158 826	5 412	1 734	1 120	1 183	3 73 089
Jun 2024	204 778	159 232	5 428	1 740	1 106	1 174	373 458
Jul 2024	204 420	159 809	5 422	1 741	1 100	1 189	373 681
Aug 2024	205 353	160 577	5 431	1 731	1 127	1 197	375 416
Sep 2024	205 709	161 767	5 384	1 739	1 114	1 202	376 915
Oct 2024	205 688	162 109	5 364	1 728	1 126	1 195	377 200
Nov 2024	205 661	162 694	5 319	1 719	1 115	1 202	377 710
Dec 2024	205 764	163 718	5 312	1 714	1 111	1 211	378 830

Looking at Fig. 1, there was a 10,859 increase in the number of Foreign Domestic Workers (FDW) in Hong Kong in 2025.

Out of 378,830 FDWs at the end of the year, 54% were Filipinos and 43% Indonesians.

Fig 2 : Number of Residents Served, 2025

Month	Filipinos	Indonesia	Others	Total
Jan 2024	37	2	0	39
Feb 2024	64	11	0	75
Mar 2024	63	8	1 (Sri Lankan)	72
Apr 2024	46	7	0	53
May 2024	35	7	0	42
Jun 2024	34	8	1 (Indian)	43
July 2024	69	9	0	78
Aug 2024	59	13	0	72
Sep 2024	62	9	0	71
Oct 2024	53	10	0	63
Nov 2024	58	8	1 (Columbian)	67
Dec 2024	34	9	0	43
TOTAL	614	101	3	718

In Fig. 2, there were 718 women migrant workers who were served in 2 shelters:

1. Mary's Home for Filipinos and other nationalities
2. St. Martha Shelter for the Indonesians

There was an increase of 25% of those served compared to 2024.

STATISTICAL DATA 2025

Fig. 3 : Admissions by Nationality per Month, 2025

Month	Filipino	Indonesia	Others	Total
Jan 2024	27	2	0	29
Feb 2024	49	9	0	58
Mar 2024	37	4	1(Sri Lanka)	42
Apr 2024	24	4	0	28
May 2024	24	7	1(Indian)	32
Jun 2024	35	4	0	39
Jul 2024	46	5	0	51
Aug 2024	35	8	0	43
Sep 2024	43	4	0	47
Oct 2024	38	6	0	44
Nov 2024	40	2	1(Columbia)	43
Dec 2024	19	4	0	23
TOTAL	417	59	3	479

In Fig. 3, there were 479 new admissions in 2 shelters within the year. Compared to 2024 data, there was a 43% increase. Out of 479 women residents, 417 (87%) were Filipinos while 12 % were Indonesians.

Fig. 4 There was an increase of 92% of cases in 2025 compared to 2024. Out of 69 with special case, Labour case was 38%, Police case was 26% and 29% had Immigration case.

Fig. 4 : Problems and Cases upon Admission in 2 Shelters, 2025

Presenting Problem	Filipino	Indonesia	Others	Total
A Termination by Employer	259	22	0	281
B Termination by Worker	40	3	0	43
C F. Contract – waiting visa	69	17	0	86
D Special cases:	47	19	3	69
a. Sick	3	0	0	3
b. Labor	21	4	1 Indian	26
c. Police	15	2	1 S. Lanka	18
d. Immigration	2	13	1 Columbia	16
e. Court	2	0	0	2
f. Others	4	0	0	4
TOTAL	415	61	3	479

Status of cases at the end of the year:

- Labour Cases were all settled.
- Police Cases, 16 were cleared and went back to their respective country while 2 were detained for 8 months (maltreatment) and 15 months for money laundering.
- Immigration cases, 2 were detained for over-staying and illegal work, while 2 with on-going investigation for over staying are still in the shelter.

III. SHELTER SERVICES: PROGRAMME AND ACTIVITIES

Mary's Home and St. Martha Shelters serve as vital haven for migrant workers in Hong Kong who experienced abuse, maltreatment from employers, victimized by scammers and other forms of distress. However, merely providing shelter is not enough. Their recovery required structured activities that will promote emotional, psychological, spiritual and social well-being. These activities restored their sense of self-worth and encourage resilience.



Mary's Home



St. Martha

Residents who sought refuge in these shelters expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to face their struggles and challenges in a peaceful and hopeful environment.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

Accompaniment and Counseling

One of the most critical aspects of recovery is emotional support. Establishing counselling sessions and accompaniment led by nuns and trained staff helped the shelter residents express their feelings and confront their past experiences. Staff guided them through personal struggles, helping them to connect their journey with their recovery process. Group sharings also fostered a sense of community, allowing residents to share their stories in a safe environment, which helped normalize their feelings and reduce stress.



Religious and Values Formation

Religious activities play a significant role in the healing process of the residents. Many individuals find comfort, strength and hope through their faith. Besides, majority of the residents who have entered the shelter have very limited knowledge about faith and it is in the shelter that they have the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and understanding. As this year is a Jubilee Year, joining the celebration provides them with spiritual enrichment, opportunities for reflection and a sense of purpose. Their participation also highlights the importance of domestic workers in society, recognizing their contributions and experiences which are often overlooked.



Skills Trainings



Learning practical skills can be crucial for rebuilding lives. Workshops focusing on financial literacy, English language proficiency, cooking and baking equipped the residents with additional tools for independent living. These workshops not only enhanced self-sufficiency but also provided opportunities for personal growth and confidence-building. Skills learned can be shared with their families when they return to their home country and can create opportunities for livelihood as well.



Therapeutic Workshops



Art, music and dance therapy had been powerful forms of expression that facilitated healing. Creative activities allowed the residents to explore their emotions in a non-verbal way and served as a therapeutic outlet. Grateful to organizations who conducted art workshops for migrant workers which not only enhanced their creativity but also provided a sense of achievement.

Environmental Consciousness

The shelters were one with Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (On Care for Our Common Home). Engaging in recycling promoted awareness among residents about environmental issues and the importance of sustainable living and compassion for future generations. This also cultivated a sense of responsibility, inspired and encouraged the residents to embrace a lifestyle that cares for the creation. adopted eco-friendly practices in their lives and with their families.



Community Awareness

Creating a sense of belonging had been vital for recovery such as attending to social invitations or visiting to shelters of government or non-government agencies. These events allowed the residents to form friendships and support networks, reducing feelings of isolation and enhancing their overall emotional health.

The visit of the Philippine Officials of the Office Migrant Workers Sec. Mr. Leo Hans Cacdac with ConGen Romulo Israel at Mary's Home shelter gave assurance to the Filipino shelter residents that their concerns were heard and addressed. The residents were also updated of their privileges & responsibilities being migrant workers.



Macau Good Shepherd Sisters and social workers visited Hong Kong for service exchange wherein practices in Macau and Hong Kong were shared which can enhance the shelter's operations.

Therapeutic, Leisure and Wellness Activities

Physical well-being is closely linked to mental health. Incorporating activities such as dancing, fitness sessions, board games, gardening, celebrating holidays and visits to beaches and country parks helped the residents manage stress, improve mood and boost overall physical health. It also serves as a transformative experience which helps in healing and well-being through joy and connection with one another.



Therapeutic, Leisure and Wellness Activities



IV. CARE FOR THOSE IN PRISON/DETENTION CENTRES

Sr. Juanita “Nenet” Dano, RGS, and 3 other Staff started prison visitation when some Shelter Residents were convicted and sent to prison.

The approach in visiting inmates as a friend was found to be more advantageous for both the Detainee and the Visitor. The detainee had more opportunity to engage in open dialogue, consultation and seeking for the needed assistance.

Other detainees were encouraged to request them, especially Sr. Nenet and Sr. Ruth, to visit them as a “friend”. She got to know them more and their families. She did personal accompaniment with each of the contact and guided them for their future decisions upon their release.

Detention/ Prison	Number	Fil.	Indo	Shelters*	Others	Total	Released/ Deported
Lo Wu Prison	16	7	2	6	1	16	8/6
Tai Lam	7	4	2	1	0	7	4
CIC detention	17	13	2	2	0	17	5
Hei Ling Chau	83	45	33	0	5	83	26
TOTAL	123	69	39	9*	6	123	43/6

- Cases: Money laundering, Over-Stay, Theft, Illegal work, Drug-related, Asylum seekers

*** 8 out of 9 from the Shelter were released. They were encouraged to start a small income-generating project when they go back to the Philippines. They were given initial capital by Philippine Consulate and were accompanied to the Airport.

REFLECTIONS OF SR. M. JUANITA “NENET” DANO, RGS

1. Ministry to Shelter Residents

Mary's Home is my second home in HK. The Friday sessions, the board games and the Earth Hour every Saturday made my missionary experience so colourful. Individual and group counseling enable me to know every resident deeply. Sharing ideas and techniques with Yolly and Betchy enhanced and helped me grow in collaborating with other shepherdesses. Sharing of notes regarding the life in the shelter is evident. Yolly and Betchy made the mission easier and joyful. Individualized intervention and group dynamics approaches were evidently implemented and evaluated consultation is always practised. Life giving things were always encouraged.

St. Martha's Shelter: I am so grateful to GOD for the opportunity given me to share something to our Indonesian migrants. Lasting friendship was built.

Thank you, Sr. Nenet for your passion in helping the distressed and detained migrants! The memorable encounters will always be remembered. God bless your new mission in the Philippines.

2. Prison Visitations in 4 detention Centres

Prison visit in general helped me develop my patience in a deeper level. As a Good Shepherd Sister I was able to live out the belief passed on to me by Sr. Rebecca Jameiro that as Good Shepherd I would be the last person to judge others especially those persons deprived of liberty. As a social worker I believe that I am consistent in practicing the non-judgmental approach and attitude towards those deprived of liberty and prison personnel. I always remember to give the benefit of the doubt to those I visited. I considered the four detention centers as my third home and those women I visited and some prison personnel are members of my extended family.

3. Outreach to Philippine Consulate's Groups

Facilitating the value formation sessions strengthened my desire to reach out to those whose beliefs, experiences, points of views are totally opposite from mine. It enables me to create a topic with a common ground with Gospel- value with a baseline that is contextualized. Humility is a key to facilitating sessions with participants of different faiths and denominations. Acceptance of one's differences is lived out.

V. DISASTER RESPONSES

1. Typhoons & Earthquake, Philippines

The Filipino Migrants gave financial assistance to the victims in Cebu areas through the Parish & Good Shepherd Disaster Centers.



Consultation with Mam Malou on immediate response to victims of fire on Wang Fuk Court, Tai Po,



Caritas Volunteers packing the personal supplies for the Victims

2. Wang Luk Court, Tai Po, N.T.

Sr. Corazon, Sr. Ruth and other migrants visited location, interviewed victims, and coordinated with :

- MWM-Bethune House for the needs of the victims;
- DMW-OWWA, PCG on the immediate services for the victims. Sr. Victoria joined the Trauma De-Briefing Team for the fire victims;
- Caritas Community Centre at Ngau Tau Kok, Kln – quickly responded to our request for packages of personal needs of the victims



Trauma de-briefing at Philippine Consulate

VI. Solidarity Arm: SIMBAYANAN-KAMMPI-HK

Simbayanan-KAMMPI, HK is a solidarity association of Filipino Migrant Catholic Communities. It is a consultative body wherein each Community is represented in a monthly meeting to foster unity, understanding, and stronger relationships. In 2025, Sim-KAMMPI held two major events to celebrate the Jubilee Year: “Pilgrims of Hope”.



1. On **May 5, 2025**, the Sim-KAMMPI, in collaboration with the Diocesan Pastoral Centre for Migrants, held the Jubilee Celebration with the theme: "**Pilgrims of Hope in the Light of the Saints**" held at Caritas Community Hall, Hong Kong.

Participants from 10 English-speaking communities across various parishes joined the event. Each community was encouraged to choose a Saint as their model in the journey. Many of them chose their own Parish Saint as a model to demonstrate how faith and virtues can guide individuals toward holiness and bearers of hope to others, even in the midst of darkness.

JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE LIGHT OF THE SAINTS

MAY 5, 2025



MOTHER TERESA of CALCUTTA
Mother of Good Counsel, DPCF Sat. Cmty.



STS. PETER AND PAUL
Sts. Peter and Paul English Community



SAINT HELENA
Holy Cross Community



OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Our Lady of Fatima Community



SAINT MARTHA
DPCF Sunday Group

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MAY 5, 2025



SAINT MARIA GORETTI
Church of the Annunciation Community



SAINT LOUISE DE MARILLAC
FILMCASS Community



SAINT FAUSTINA
St. Jerome English Community



SAINT JUDE St. Jude English Community



SAINT THOMAS
St. Thomas English Community

2. On **October 29, 2025**, Sim-KAMMPI celebrated its 26th Anniversary with the theme **'*WitnessSing: Evangelization through Music.***' The event featured 15 different communities, with special participation from the Pastoral Centre for Filipino Migrants Macau Community. It opened with a Eucharistic Celebration led by His Rev. Bp. Joseph Ha, Auxiliary Bishop with 5 other Priests at St. Teresa Church.

This **Choral Concert**, held at Caritas House Kowloon, focused on the theme **'*Migrants as Missionaries of Hope***' and highlighted with the theme song **'*With Hearts Inflamed.***' The lyrics of this original song was composed specifically for the 2025 Jubilee Year by Filipino Migrants in Hong Kong, capturing their experiences and struggles being Missionaries in foreign land with musical score written by Fr. Manuel Francisco, SJ.

It served as a tribute to all Migrants, the witnesses of hope with their faith and resilience, all over the world. As Con-Gen Romulo Israel said: *"With our faith in God and love for music, we, Filipinos, are able to face all the challenges that life present to us"*.



[Click Video with Choirs Singing *"With Hearts Inflamed"*](#)

JUBILEE CONCERT

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

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Sts. Peter and Paul Community



Holy Cross Community



Resurrection Parish Community



**Pastoral Centre for Filipino Migrants
Macau Community**



DPCF Sunday Community

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Light of Jesus Community



Our Lady of Rosary Community



St. Joseph the Worker



Mo. of Good Counsel, DPCF Sat. Cty.



St. Jerome English Community

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St. Benedict English Community



St. Thomas the Apostle English



Church of Annunciation Filipino Cty.



**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Filipino Community**



St. Joseph Community, Fanling

VII. DPCM as a “Service Arm” of the Diocesan Commission on Pastoral Services to Migrants”

1. Commission’s Project : Celebration of Migrants’ Jubilee Year: Missionaries of Hope

About 800 migrants throughout Hong Kong joined the inter-nationality **Celebration of Migrants Jubilee Year on October 7** at Christ the King Church. The Thanksgiving Mass was officiated by Card. Stephen Chow, SJ, Bishop of Hong Kong together with 9 Priests as con-Celebrants. In his opening remarks, he thanked the migrants present for making Hong Kong as their temporary home and for making Hong Kong a lot better, richer and more colourful because of them. In his homily, he made connection of Mary’s experience in the Annunciation story with the theme of the Jubilee: Migrants as Missionaries of Hope.

The cultural and musical presentations of migrants from different nationalities and sharing of food delicacies from Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines and Hong Kong followed the Eucharistic Celebration. Inter-actions made the gathering more meaningful.



[Click the Video](#)



2. Pastoral Care for the Displaced People (PCDP) Project: July 26 at Wah Yan College, Kowloon Diocesan Celebration of Jubilee Year: FUN DAY 2025 for Asylum Seekers and Refugees' Families

The Sunday Examiner's article described the celebration as "faith and friendship shine at Fun Day for Asylum Seekers and Refugees". Card. Stephen Chow, our Bishop, welcomed the 400 Asylum seekers and refugees and about 300 Volunteers by saying "this is a celebration of one common humanity... and the importance of unity among all people, including young people and children." He emphasized the Church's mission to care for those facing hardship in Hong Kong and called for greater respect and support for individuals regardless of background. The cultural and musical entertainment, the game and food booths, games and other sports, prizes, lucky draws and food shared by all filled the day with joy and family spirit.

Feelings of appreciation, affirmation, belongingness, brotherly and sisterly care made everyone happy and looked forward for the next Fun Day. (<http://www.examiner.org.hk> • sunday@examiner.org.hk)



VIII. COLLABORATION & NETWORKING

1. Philippine Consulate General (PCG)

We had Consultations with Con-Gen Romulo Israel, Jr. regarding issues on money laundering, rising number of asylum seekers, over-staying, and livelihood projects & medical assistance for those who are going home for good.

The **Department of Migrant Workers (DMW-OWWA)** with its Head, Ms. Marilou Sumalinog, assisted our shelter residents on their Labour problems, gave medical attention and financial assistance, and made referrals for medical needs and livelihood project for those who went home for good.

The **Attention to Nationals and Migrant Workers' Office (ATN/MWO)** has been our faithful partner in attending to those with Police , Immigration and Court cases.



Philippine Government Officials visited and had encounters with our shelter residents.



Sr. Nenet gave a monthly session on Value Formation to different groups at PCG.

2. FEEDING HONG KONG (FHK) & FOODLINK

FHK provide us a variety of food items once a month while the **FoodLink** delivers cooked food every. These donations support the shelter residents food consumption by 60 %.



VIII. COLLABORATION & NETWORKING

3. NGOs Giving Legal & Para-Legal, some Financial Assistance



5. Inter-shelter Referrals

BETHUNE HOUSE

PCG Shelter



4. NGOs offering skills trainings and awareness (Health care, Workers rights, formation, Inter'l Support, etc.)



“Gratitude is the memory of the Heart!” God bless your generous support ...

IX. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM COMMUNITIES

1. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (Tuesday)



The OLHR Community has truly lived out our calling as Missionaries of Hope through activities, relationships and daily witness of Christian values.

Our journey which includes pilgrimages, celebrations/gatherings, weekly Church services, communal prayer and interactions allowed us to reflect more deeply on our faith.

As a Community, we felt united, peaceful and spiritually refreshed. We learned to listen, accompany with love, and encourage one another in times of difficulty.

With gratitude and hope, the trust, love, and mercy we received from God and from each other flowed to others. Sharing our blessings gave us deeper joy and generous hearts to reach out to others, especially to the distressed migrants.



Renewal of commitment to serve the Church & the Community



Joined the Diocesan celebration of Migrants Jubilee Year



XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM COMMUNITIES

2. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Wednesday)



Our mission as bearers of Hope, was not just based on what we did outside the Church. Pilgrimage also started inside the Church. Sharing, chatting, eating and exchanging thoughts about life is one of the best missions we did that enabled us to de-stress, give joy and affirm one another, and find new Hope and confidence.

The DPCM Staff gave us advice and encouragement. They were always there to support us, not just spiritually but also emotionally and mentally.

This Jubilee Year had been a very interesting and adventurous year for all of us, “Our Mother Of Perpetual Help Community”. We experienced being Pilgrims of Hope. We visited some Churches here in Hong Kong as our pilgrimage. It was like a Christmas gift for us to go to different historical Churches. Despite some difficulties encountered, what we experienced renewed our Faith and gave us Hope. Engaging in Christian works to other people outside the community gave us great joy and inner satisfaction. We shared in Christ’ mission!



Many of us endured all the hardships and trials from our employers, but some also found their employers’ kids as an inspiration to stay longer and love their mission. Some already loved their “alaga” as their own child that it was hard for them to be separated from them. The theme Pope Francis gave this Migrants’ Jubilee Year: Missionaries of Hope best captured our mission!

XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM COMMUNITIES

3. San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila (Thursday)

As a Community, on the Year of the Jubilee: “Pilgrims of Hope”, we did our mission of doing good deeds giving Hope to others by

- > sharing our blessings to the poor in the Philippines;
- > expressing our oneness with the distressed co-migrants at Mary’s Home and St. Martha Shelters, thus inviting, comforting, giving hope and joy to them in our Christmas and Easter celebrations;
- > going on Pilgrimages to different Churches, an experience that gave us strength and deepen our faith to continue serving God and others as Bearers of Hope.



Our deep appreciation for the Priests, sisters and Staff of DPCM for taking care of our spiritual and human needs that enabled us to be Missionaries of Hope.

XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM COMMUNITIES

4. Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday)

Our devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is not only prayer but a lifestyle – placing Christ at the center of our relationships, struggles and services to one another and to the Friday Mass attendees. Each of us as Pilgrims and Missionaries of Hope were inspired to serve by sharing our blessings out of love and gratitude, by serving with humility, kindness and compassion, thus, becoming God’s presence to others.



The Jubilee year was highlighted by our Pilgrimage to the 9 Pilgrim Churches, 35th Anniversary as a Community where we received the holy Scapular, and the thanksgiving “despedida” for our long-time Coordinator, Juliet Tapat, who decided to go back to her family.



Deepening our faith led to receiving much HOPE to share through liturgical participation at Mass like joyful singing as a Choir, being Commentators and Lectors, leading the community prayers of the Rosary and Novena to the Sacred Heart, sharing financial assistance to the poor in the Philippines, and other activities.



XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM COMMUNITIES

5. Mother of Good Counsel (Saturday)

In 2025, we celebrated as Pilgrims of Hope, embracing our role as **bearers of hope** for ourselves, our group, and the wider community. While our primary focus remained at serving at the weekly Mass, we were fortunate that, despite busy schedules, we managed our time and joined other communities in various activities to share our gifts of faith and hope to others.

On **May 5th**, we celebrated the 'Pilgrims of Hope' by portraying the remarkable **life of Mother Teresa of Calcutta as our model Saint**. The audience's heartfelt reaction deeply moved us, affirming that we successfully conveyed her simple yet profound message: *the universal call to love and respect every individual*.



We extended our heartfelt congratulations to the Pastoral Care for Displaced People on the success of their first **Fun Day on July 26th**. It was a privilege to witness the beautiful tapestry of talents and traditions shared by different cultures, celebrating the strength and resilience of displaced people and experiencing joy in welcoming others, regardless of status, nationality and colour as a Community. This encounter gave much HOPE to the Asylum seekers' families and to us.

We concluded the year by joining in the **Migrants Jubilee Concert on October 29**, singing Jubilee theme song as Missionaries of Hope, **"With Hearts Inflamed"**, along with **Amare et Servire** and **Anima Christi**.

Indeed, we stand as joyful and hopeful pilgrims, proclaiming God's love to all the world!



XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM SUNDAY COMMUNITY

6. Mary Queen of Love Group

We started to share the message of God within and outside the group, we were able to listen to their problems and giving hope to all members and other Filipino Migrants who suffer from their employers, having family and financial issues, and have other cases.



MARY QUEEN OF LOVE COMMUNITY



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MUSIC AND DANCE LOVERS

By Becoming a Missionary of Hope to others, we were able to invite new members and old members, who distance themselves from the Catholic Church, to return to the Catholic faith. With us, they experienced the Community of Mary Queen of Love as life-giving, and DPCF as our spiritual home, a place of refuge and nourishment for our human, spiritual growth, and a sacred place to pray, to receive the sacraments, to find peace and feel that the Lord is with us.

XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM SUNDAY COMMUNITY

7. Saint Cecilia Group

Missionaries of Hope are those people who pray and trust God.

We, the St. Cecilia Group served in the Pastoral Centre for Migrants In different ministries like: Ushers, Choir members, Liturgical Ministers every Sunday Masses.



Nourished by the Word and the Body of Christ, and participating in Pilgrimages, we grow spiritually thus, helping us to strengthen our faith and serving others generously and with joy.



We also participate in other activities outside DPCM in active collaboration with other Communities. In these encounters, we share our gifts and blessings giving HOPE and Joy to others.



XI. ATTACHMENT A: DPCM SUNDAY COMMUNITY

8. St. Martha Group

Our Members had been so committed “Bearers of Hope” in serving the Church as Lectors, Altar Servers, Special Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, Ushers and Choir members, making the every Eucharistic Celebrations more solemn, lively and meaningful. We served not only at DPCM but also in other Diocesan celebrations in other Churches and places in special occasions like “Misa de Aguinaldo” (Christmas Eve Mass), Independence Day, others. It had been our joy to serve God and the “people of God”. Our once a month Holy Hour nourished our spiritual life, too.



We also had pilgrimages in other Churches, deepening our faith as Pilgrims of Hope.



XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM SUNDAY COMMUNITY

9. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Group

The experience of Jubilee Year as Missionaries of Hope had been fruitful. We began each day with prayer and nourishment from the Word of God. We feel deeply blessed that, during our days off, we had a place to stay where we could spend time with God and be with the community.

Our Sunday activities: Eucharistic Celebration, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, spiritual formation, community gatherings and celebrations strengthened our faith and relationship with God and one another. These moments allowed us to place our trust in God, relying on His strength and help.

As we grew spiritually, we experienced the joy and fulfillment that comes not only from being blessed ourselves but also from being a blessing and a source of strength and Hope to others.

Helping one another is the greatest gift we can offer, especially to those in need. This spiritual foundation keeps us strong and vibrant bearers of Hope. By placing our trust in Christ, we allow Him to live through us every moment.



XI. ATTACHMENTS: DPCM SUNDAY COMMUNITY

10. Santo Nino de Prague Group

Sto. Nino Group as Pilgrims and Missionaries of Hope



Giving life to the Sunday Liturgical Celebrations and Activities through music, creative presentations and dedication in Church Ministries as Lectors, Commentators, Ushers and the Choir.



Active participation in Diocesan and inter-Parish activities



Community Pilgrimages in different Churches



Reflections, sharing, dialogue & listening to one another



*“Any encounter
with a migrant
is an encounter
with Christ,
a migrant
himself.”*

Pope Francis +

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us“. (Romans 5:5)

X. DPCM ADMINSTRATIVE AND SERVICE STAFF



Sr. M. Corazon Demetillo,
RGS Directress

"Love never says it is enough."



Sr. M. Nenet Dano, RGS
Asst. Directress

"Do well all that you do."



Sr. Victoria Victorino,
PDDM, Counselor

"Be missionaries of HOPE, serving each other in love and sharing God's peace and joy to all."



Ms. Rowena Barratini
Welfare Officer

"With God's grace and wisdom, every challenge is an opportunity to grow stronger."



Monthly Staff Consultation Meeting



Ms. Betchy Manuel
Shelter Supervisor
Mary's Home

"Whatever you do to least of the members of my family, you did it to me." (Mt.25:40)



Ms. Yolanda Barona
Asst. Supervisor,
Mary's Home

"Fear not, for I am with you;.. I will strengthen and uphold you....(Isa.41:10)



Ms. Imelda Santos
Receptionist

"Every good gifts is from God." (James 1:17)



Sr. Ruth Mulyani, SSpS
Asst. Supervisor,
St. Martha's Home

"I recognize God in everyone."



Monthly Staff Development with Sr. Nenet

CONCLUDING MESSAGE

We ended the year 2025 with grateful hearts for the abundant blessings we received and shared as Pilgrim-Missionaries of Hope.

Let us start the new year 2026 as Missionaries with renewed Faith, Hope and Love ...

to reach out to the lost and the marginalized,
to heal the broken,
to welcome the homeless,
to feed the hungry,
to visit the sick and those in prison,
to accompany the migrants and others in need,
to bring Christ's Peace, Hope and Love to everyone.

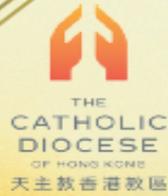
Let us believe that in everything that God calls us to respond to will be made possible, for our HOPE is in Christ who faithfully walks with us .

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us". (Romans 5:5)

Sr. Corazon Demetillo, RGS

**“All for the Glory of God
and
the Salvation of All.”**

**(St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier)
Good Shepherd Sisters**



**Prayer for the 80th Anniversary of
the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong**

Messengers of Hope

**O Lord, You are the source of all blessings and
you guide the course of human history by your
Providence.**

**With gratitude we thank you for the
establishment of our Diocese eighty years ago.**

**In the footsteps of our predecessors, we have
steadfastly kept the heritage of our Faith over
the years and so have been able**

**to experience your unfailing help in the face of
challenges;**

to regain strength in our weakness;

to restore hope in our discouragement;

**to look for your direction when we have lost
our way.**

**As your children, may we always entrust
ourselves to you in humility. May we always
respond to your calling for us to carry on our
mission to spread the Gospel and bear witness
to our faith in Hong Kong, sowing the seeds of
love and hope while living in joy and peace.**

**We ask this in the name of your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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