



# Philippine Journey

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Sister Guadalupe “Loly” Lumantas, NyPPaW councilor, visited her native Philippines from Dec. 1, 2011, to Jan. 3, 2012. Loly offers these photos of Mercy life that she and other sisters took during her time there:

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Sister Guadalupe “Loly” Lumantas, seated third from left, enjoys a visit with Philippine sisters at the new Holy Cross Convent. Pictured, from left, are: Sisters Jean Delgado, Fe Pimentel, Loly, and Elvira Dantes. The former convent was destroyed by fire in January 2010. The fire also damaged four classrooms at Holy Cross High School.



Pictured is the canteen at Holy Cross High School, Kolambagan. The canteen is the area in which students and teachers purchase their snacks during break time.



An outdoor corridor at Holy Cross High School is decorated with festive lanterns for the Christmas season.



**Pictured, from left, are Sisters Jean Delgado, Fe Pimentel and Elvira Dantes at morning prayer in the Prayer Room at Holy Cross Convent.**



**A side view of the convent facing the statue of Our Lady of the Barangay, a native representation of the Blessed Virgin in a Philippine costume. The statue was not burned or soiled with soot during the fire last year.**



**Here is a photo of the newly finished Faculty Room to replace the burned one. The second story, which will house the Speech Laboratory destroyed in the fire, remains under construction.**



**In the photo is a side view of the Speech Lab side view facing Holy Cross Convent. The facility, still under construction, replaces the one destroyed in the fire.**

**Pictured is the new Computer Room to replace the former one lost in the blaze.**



**In the photo at left, Juvy Linguiz, principal at Holy Cross High School, supervises students cleaning the water tank area. In the photo above, computer teacher Angelo Completado, standing, instructs his students in computer skills.**



**Loly, pictured in the top photo at left, joins sisters for a delicious lunch during the Dec. 11, 2011, Governance Consultation Day on which the sisters also celebrated Mercy Foundation Day. Notice the roasted pig which is always connected to big celebrations in the Philippines. In the photo at right, a Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on display in the corridor of Holy Cross High School reminds students and teachers of the Filipinos' strong devotion to Our Lady.**





In the very top photo, sisters listen during the Loop 2 session on Dec. 31, 2011, at Mercy Regional House, Camague, Iligan City. Pictured in the photo directly above, from left in a small group at the Governance Consultation Day at the Mercy Regional House on Dec. 11 are Sisters Magdalino Namuag, Liwanag Salazar, Socorro Largo, Marites Cabrera and Jean Delgado.



Sister Maria Corazon Dongallo, right, shares a group's report during the Governance Consultation Day. Also pictured is Loly.



Sisters enjoy a light moment during a Loop 2 small group discussion at Mercy Regional House. Pictured, from left, are Sisters Helen Libo-on, Derby Mercado, Fe Pimentel, Ana Balbarino and Loly, with her back to the camera.



Enjoying an afternoon in the courtyard of Holy Cross Convent, from left, are: Sisters Fe Pimentel, Jean Delgado and Elvira Dantes.