



## *Living with Dignity*

HERE, you see me basking amid the cool greenery of Anawim, so different where I come from.

I am Lourdes, born on February 3, 1956, the third of five children. I am now 69 years old.

I was fortunate to grow up in a well-off and supportive family. We lived a comfortable life, and my parents made sure to put top priority on all our needs, especially our education. For High School, I went to the University of the Philippines (UP). Then I pursued a degree in Bachelor of Arts, Social Science, majoring in Economics, and completed four years of college. Unfortunately, I was not able to graduate because of one remaining subject.

Nevertheless, I chose to begin my professional journey as a bank teller. Later, I transitioned into sales with a trade company and then eventually became part of the marketing management team of a travel agency. *Please turn to page 19*

## *30 Reasons*

THIS issue of *Anawim Herald* has 30 Special Reasons: all about Anawim's 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary, as reported by Bro. Hermie Morelos, through Sis. Ruby Albino and Sis. Stella Apao, program hosts, *page 2*.

But for summary, I give you three major reasons.

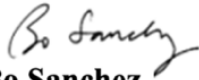
First, of course, are Lola Lourdes and all our Lolos and Lolas for whom we built and have sustained our Home for Abandoned Elderly.

Second, our officers and personnel, ready 24/7 to keep the Home organized. Be inspired by the story of Sis. Daisy Lyn S. Caballero, *page 15*.

And Third, not least but major, major, are our benefactors-- serving for free for unconditional love of our Lolos and Lolas, *page 17*.

Every day, I pray for abundant blessings for all of you.

May your dreams come true,

  
**Bo Sanchez**



## CHAIRMAN'S



## REPORT

**Hermie Morelos**  
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# ANAWIM Year 30

## *Loving the Abandoned Elderly*

WE began on September 9, 1980, when Tito Gene, his wife, Tita Pilar Sanchez, started the Light of Jesus Family at

the garage of their home on Chicago Street, Quezon City, with daughters, *from left*: Chelle, Bubu, Tina, Pinkie, and Beckie, and only son, Bo.

In 1994, some LOJ members wanted to serve the Lord and become missionaries, going as far as giving up their lucrative jobs. Their desire was granted: a mission field on a five-hectare land at Sitio Tañag, Barangay San Isidro, Montalban, Rizal.

Bro. Bo then followed a leading of the Holy Spirit to put up a haven for the abandoned whom he called *anawim*, the Hebrew word for *God's poor*.

By Divine Design, the Anawim Lay Missions (ALMS) was born in December 1994. And in March 1995, ALMS Foundation was registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as a non-stock, non-profit charitable foundation.

Tita Pilar and Bro. Bo lead groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Anawim cottages.

With them are the donors, *from left*: Erwin Bulatao, Aida Dy, Lynda Reyes, Donna and Rolly España.





## AND NOW: ANAWIM YEAR 30!



This Special Day, we honor three decades of compassion, service, and God's faithfulness for Anawim.

The day begins with a Thanksgiving Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Ivan Panistante, CICM.



Liturgy readers, *from left*:

Jonnie Vasquez, First Reading;

Maria Lyn A. Salazar, Responsorial Psalm;

Plus our Choir.

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## Memories



By hosts **Stella Marie Josefa Apao** (*extreme left*), Anawim Admin and Human Resources supervisor, and **Ruby Jean Albino**, Central Fundraising head, here are details of the joyful Anniversary program, beginning with a song by our beloved Lolos and Lolas with a slideshow of memories reflecting the joy, love, and life they've found in Anawim.



What an inspiring and touching performance from our dear Lolos and Lolas.

## Welcome!

**Bro. Arun Gogna**, Feast Alabang District Builder, welcomes everyone to Anawim Year 30 celebration. He encouraged our Lolas and Lolos to receive the love supporters give them.

To the donors, he said what they have given to our elderly, they've given to God. God cannot be out-given, so they will receive back more than what they have given. So, Bro. Arun added, get ready to receive the blessings of the Cycle of Generosity.





## Recognition of Elderly Beneficiaries

We pay tribute to our Lolos and Lolas who have been significant parts of Anawim all these years.

With Anawim Executive Director **Carlos Dimson**, I have the privilege to present the awards.

But to protect their privacy, we omit their surnames and pictures receiving their awards.



## Recognition: 10+ Years of Stay in Anawim

- **Judith** – 22 years (since September 9, 2002)
- **Samuel** – 17 years (since May 15, 2008)
- **Miriam** – 16 years (since April 13, 2009)
- **Luis** – 15 years (since October 13, 2009)
- **Clarita** – 12 years (since October 3, 2012)
- **Danilo** – 11 years (since June 15, 2013)
- **Avelina** – 11 years (since June 19, 2013)
- **Nory** – 11 years (since October 10, 2013)

Thank you, for your long stay, love, and trust in Anawim.  
You are truly our treasure.

## Recognition: 90+ Years of Stay in Anawim

We pay tribute to the oldest residents-- truly inspiring for their strength, staying power, and innate goodness. We acknowledge them not only for their faithful presence, but also for their smiles, prayers, and stories shared with us day by day.

- **Avelina** – 94 years old (born November 11, 1930)
- **Ligaya** – 94 years old (born December 9, 1930)
- **Anita** – 94 years old (born April 17, 1931)
- **Leonila** – 93 years old (born January 17, 1932)

Thank you for your patience. You are blessings to us beyond compare.  
You are proof of God's faithfulness and success of our Anawim mission in the last 30 years.

Mabuhay po kayo at mabuhay ang Anawim!

## Presentation by Anawim Staff and Management Committee

Anawim would not have come this far without the committed hearts of our staff and members of our Management Committee.

Here's a special number prepared by the Anawim team to celebrate the milestones of our 30-year mission.

We start with a dance that mirrors our bayanihan culture, so valuable for us Filipinos and particularly, our Anawim Family.



**Tiklos Folk Dance,** presented by selected staff, symbol of our service cooperation.



Salutes to our **Operations Team and Office Staff**--they who keep things running smoothly behind the scenes! Here they are with their energetic number!

Truly, teamwork makes the dream work!





# Recognition of Outstanding Staff

## Loyalty Awards

We pay tribute to employees and volunteers who have served Anawim for a long time. With heartfelt gratitude, we honor them for their sacrifice and selflessness.



**Cecilia Guillermo Landoy** – *26 years of loyal service*

Our Special Awardee as longest employee, she has dedicated her heart and strength to this mission.



**Joel Montalba Pagunsan**  
– 22 years



**Rolando Rodrigo San Jose**  
– 21 years



**Jose Malaras Deong**  
– 20 years



**Consuelo Emocling Reyes**  
– 20 years



**Benedicto Gallanosa Meralpes**  
– 19 years



**Ronnie Gallanosa Miralpes**  
– 19 years



**Omar Tiburcio Florencio**  
– 18 years



**Carlos Ferdinand H. Dimson**  
– 17 years



**Uldarico Jr. Montalba Pagunsan**  
– 17 years



**Arsenia Dinamling Binohhi**  
– 14 years



**Ma. Grace Rodriguez Moyan**  
– 13 years



**Analyn Pagunsan Docog**  
– 11 years



## Special Recognition Awards

A **Special Recognition** to a couple who have been our selfless partners since Anawim's beginnings: **Joe Dean** and **Ardis Sola**.

They were right there — serving, building, and walking alongside our mission when it was just beginning.



With joy and deep gratitude, Bro. Gil Ramiscal, pioneer member, Light of Jesus Family Council, and yours truly present this **Plaque of Appreciation** to Bro. Joe Dean. Thank you very much Bro. Joe Dean and Sis. Ardis for your early sacrifices, your faith, and for standing beside Anawim when it was just a vision. You are truly pillars of Anawim.

A Special Recognition and heartfelt, endless gratitude to **Sis. Lynda Reyes** and **Sis. Aida Dy**. They generously shared everything-- time, talent, treasure to raise funds for Anawim's operations-- clear the surroundings, build cottages, turning the once forest into what is now regaled as Anawim Resort for our Lolos and Lolas, and moreover, overseeing complete care-- body, mind, and spirit for our elderly.



A Special Recognition and deep gratitude to **Bro. Tim Duran**, here with supportive wife **Norma**. Bro. Tim served as Anawim Director, overseeing development of facilities and programs for the well-being and security of our Lolos and Lolas, as well as training and management of personnel and volunteer servants.



We **especially thank the family and relatives** of Bro. Tim, Sis. Lynda, and Sis. Aida Dy, for sharing your loved ones' lives and memories with us. They are in Heaven now, but still, Bro. Tim, Sis. Norma, Sis. Lynda, and Sis. Aida continue to inspire and guide us every day.

## Special Recognition Awards

We have the honor of recognizing two very special individuals who have gone above and beyond in their service to Anawim.

Our first special award is the **Outstanding Volunteer Service Award**, presented to someone whose generous heart and volunteer work have truly made a lasting impact on our mission.

We present the award to **Lucilyn T. Zambrano**

Thank you very much. Maraming salamat po, Tita Babes, for your loving heart, and unwavering support to Anawim. You are a blessing to us.

Next, we present the **Distinguished Service Award** to a man whose dedication and love for Anawim have been truly exceptional. The award goes to **Marianito V. Cruz, Jr.** Thank you, Kuya Jun, for your loving heart, your example of selflessness, and long years of service. You continue to inspire us.

## Thank You!

Our lolos and lolas respond to supporters, donors, personnel, volunteer servants with an energetic Gratitude Dance!

Thank you, Lolos and Lolas!  
God bless you more and more!





## INSPIRATION



It's our great joy to welcome a special guest — a talented artist, singer, and a friend of Anawim, **Bro. Adrian Panganiban**, blessing us with happy, inspiring songs, loving our lolas.

What a wonderful performance! Thank you, Bro. Adrian, for sharing your gift with us today.

By popular demand by the audience, **Bro. Obet Cabrillas** obliged with a vintage, crowd favorite of his action song, *Granada!* a bombshell so inspiringly explosive!

We just watched, listened, applauded--mesmerized!

Thank You, God, for Bro. Adrian and Bro. Obet, truly Your gifted artists.



**And love from our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, through lovely and loving Sis. Marowe:**

He was to be our main speaker, but before leaving for Anawim, at the last minute, Bro. Bo suffered stomach pain.

So, with his blessing, by God's Grace, his wife, Sis. Marowe Sanchez, here speaks for him. With mixed tears and joy, Sis. Marowe recalls the beginnings-- some difficulties, many blessings-- of building Anawim, and expressing unconditional love for our Lolos and Lolas, and grand gratitude for supporters, donors, servants of Anawim.



## Now, We Begin ANAWIM YEAR 31...



I have the privilege to officially close our Anawim Year 30 program.

Not really to close the program, but actually to begin Anawim Year 31!

We start with what we need: of course, funds we will use for the many mercy projects we have in mind for our Lolos and Lolas.

So, we launch the Anawim 30th Anniversary Fundraiser.

Lolos, Lolas, you are the heart and soul of Anawim. Thank you very much. Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

You know, the number 30 has a Biblical significance. King David became king at age 30. Joseph the Dreamer became an officer at age 30.

And, of course, our Lord Jesus, He started His public ministry at age 30.

How is this related to our celebration? Our theme is *We've only just begun*.

We're just beginning. After 30 years, there's more compassion, there's more love, there's more service.

I love the homily of Fr. Ivan. He applauded "Selfless service from the heart."

Aptly, that's my wife Reng and I have for our Anawim elderly...

I am studying in the School of Technology -- I have an oral comprehensive exam on June 11. In the School of Theology, my subject now is *Service*.

I've learned the Greek word for service is *diakoneo*-- *to be a servant*.

You know, here in Anawim, everyone is serving from the heart, not just from the mouth. There is love.

Even the Lolas serve by praying for us-- all the intercessory requests from the different Feasts all over the world, we send to Anawim and the elderly pray for each petition.

Love from the heart. And that's what will prevail in the next 30 years. Our God the Holy Spirit will give the love from the heart. Pure. That's all we will give. It is said God is Love.. If God is with you, you already have everything-- complete. God's Presence is enough for all of us. And that's what our Lolos and Lolas as well as our donors, benefactors, supporters are giving to us.

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## **The Future of our Lolos and Lolas**

I see here Jan-B Banson, the president of Monarch Equipment Corp. We are discussing how to help Anawim and the rest of our Feast Mercy Ministries -- not only through prayers. We must have strategy. We've got to convert our prayers into action. We need to pray as well as to act to fill the needs of our Anawim elderly.

Bro. Arun Gogna is here. We're talking about putting up a Dialysis Center and all it is going to earn we will give to Anawim and our other Mercy Ministries.

Again, prayer and action. We can't just depend on our donors. We are grateful for your support in the last 30 years. Your donations have kept our elderly alive. Yet, we need other sources of income to be able to sustain our service for our Lolos and Lolas and other Mercy ministries beneficiaries.

Here, at the upper section of this property, we have our Jeremiah 33 Foundation shelter for abused minor girls. We serve more beneficiaries. And we hope through our united efforts, they will feel secure, they will be strong, and receive the love they so need.

Again, we thank our donors, our personnel, volunteer servants. God knows who you are and He will continue to bless you more and more.

Lolos and Lolas, we love you. God bless you.



## Party Time!

And now we party!  
Let's welcome DJ David Morelos and DI Debbie Mendoza. We especially invited them because our Lolos and Lolas really love to dance.

And we dance, *from right*:  
That's me with our team;  
Bro. Gil Ramiscal, guided  
by dance expert; and graceful  
Sis. Lita Ramiscal and Bro. Adrian really have fun!



And Thank You, Lord,  
for Spark Events for this overflowing,  
yummy, buffet!

***Bountiful More Years, Anawim!***

# IN GOD'S VINEYARD

*Yes, I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I, in him, will produce much fruit. --John 15:5*

## ***Blessing... and Blessed***

**By DAISY LYN S. CABALLERO**

I WAS born on September 20, 1989. So, I am now 35 years old.

I come from a family of modest means. For my Elementary education, I went to Bagong Silang Elementary School (main), graduating in 2002. For High School, I studied at the Tala High School, graduating in 2006. For college, I started at Our Lady of Fatima University. But I didn't finish college. God had a better plan for me...

At age 18, I met Jolino, we fell in love, and we got married. Below, here we are now with our son, Jed Akiah, daughter Jester Dennisse, plus four cats.



To help sustain our family needs, I engaged in a small buy and sell business. Then, for good measure, I decided to have a new livelihood skill. I enrolled at the Alternative Learning System of Makati where I finished a course in Caregiving Services in 2018. Little did I know, this was Divine Grace.

The course required on-the-job training. So, my teacher, Ma'am Marites Eson, sent us, her students, to Anawim Lay Missions for the OJT.

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## Strong and Courageous

Eventually, Anawim hired me as caregiver and I started working here on March 5, 2019.

We caregivers are the hands of our Lolos and Lolas for tasks that they are not able to handle. We attend to their personal needs with love and care.

Yes, we bless them. But in so doing, we are the ones who are more blessed. I deeply appreciate this lesson of knowing how to understand the character of the elderly and the situation they are in-- so away from loved ones who should have taken care of them.

My priceless blessing is spiritual awakening and nourishment.

In Anawim, our spiritual adviser, Sis. Lucilyn “Babes” Zambrano, introduced to me the Light of Jesus Family which holds a faith gathering, The Feast, in Anawim every Wednesday, at 9: 00 a.m. with Bro. Hermie Morelos, head of the LOJ Mercy Ministries, as our Feast Builder.



At The Feast, I gradually learned about prayer, about the Rosary, about God’s life-changing Words in the Bible that deepened my faith in Him.

Moreover, I love bonding with my co-personnel, sharing each other’s concerns and how to live by the spiritual wisdom we learn at The Feast.

Life is not perfect, it’s not easy. But I hang on, inspired and strengthened every day by this verse in Joshua 1:9: *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*



# HIS MERCIES NEVER CEASE!

*The faithful love of the Lord never ends.*

*His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness.*

*His mercies begin afresh every morning.* --Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT

Yes, God provides for Anawim-- through our big-hearted donors...



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Thank you, Sir Mike Issa,  
for supporting regular meals *paluto*  
(cooked in Anawim kitchen)  
for our Lolos and Lolas!







Thank you, Jose T. Monlan and Family!



Thank you, Atlasian Philippines!

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### ***Living with Dignity...from page 1***

While building my career, I reconnected with a former classmate from UP High. We got married in 1984. But we struggled through incompatible issues so our marriage lasted only four years and ended in annulment. We did not have children, which led me to make the heartfelt decision to adopt a son, named Dino.

I was a single mother, so, raising Dino was not easy for me. But it was one of the most rewarding parts of my life. With the help of my older sister Elena—who is also single and has always been by my side—I was able to support Dino through his education.

Today, Dino has a family of his own. Unfortunately, he suffers from a heart condition that limits his ability to work consistently. So, it was a challenge for him to support his family and me.

In 1997 and again in 1999, I suffered multiple strokes that left me partially paralyzed. Since then, I have so struggled with the effects of those strokes, that I am now unable to fully care for myself.

Not wanting to be a burden to my son or to others, I made the difficult decision to enter an elderly care facility. By Divine Grace, with financial help of my kind cousins, I was admitted to Galilee Homes in Doña Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan, a private institution, on June 29, 2020.

During my stay in Galilee, I found solace in prayer, which has always been a source of strength for me. I became known within the home as a "prayer warrior," a role that brought me peace and purpose. Sadly, by 2022, the financial support from my cousins had to stop as they struggled through the economic impact of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic.

In need of a new home, I consulted a dear friend, Patsy, who happens to be attending The Feast. She kindly helped me connect with someone familiar with the Anawim Lay Missions Foundation. With no other means of support, I turned to my sister Elena to help me secure a referral to Anawim.



## Anawim Blessings

By God's amazing grace, on October 15, 2022, Anawim kindly welcomed me.

Despite of life's many trials, I remain deeply grateful for the support I have received-- free food, shelter, bonding with my co-Lolas, sharing our concerns, helping each other live comfortably in Anawim.



And most important, spiritual nourishment-- because Anawim has a Feast gathering every Wednesday, 12 noon.

Anawim offered exactly that—a safe and supportive environment where I could live with dignity and nurture my spiritual life.

My faith continues to be my greatest source of strength, and I find joy in prayer and spiritual blessings even in these late years of my life-- as I live by this verse I learned at The Feast, Hebrews 10:36:

*You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised.*

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