

MonteMaria

where God heals through Mary

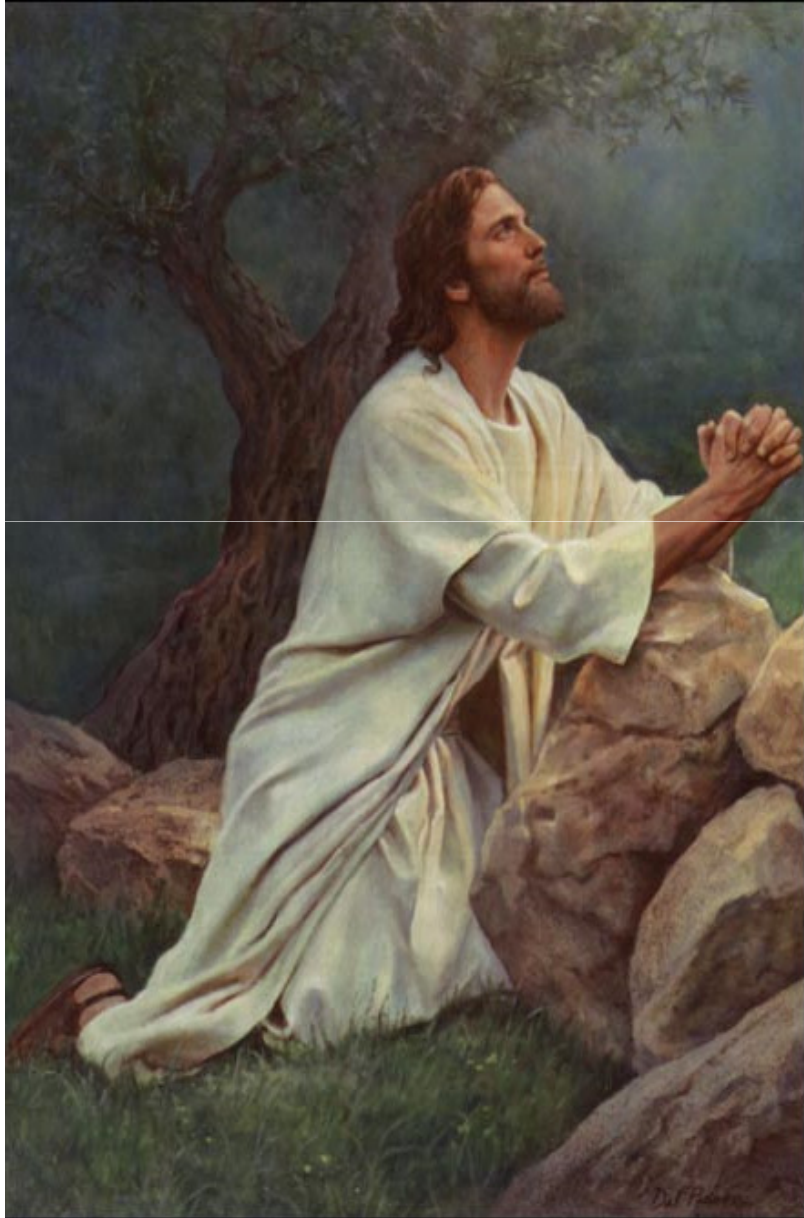


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Official Groundbreaking Ceremony

Bgy. Amuyong, Alfonso, MetroTagaytay

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“Jesus went off to the mountain to pray.”

-- Matthew 14:23

Gospel Reading

January 11, 2011

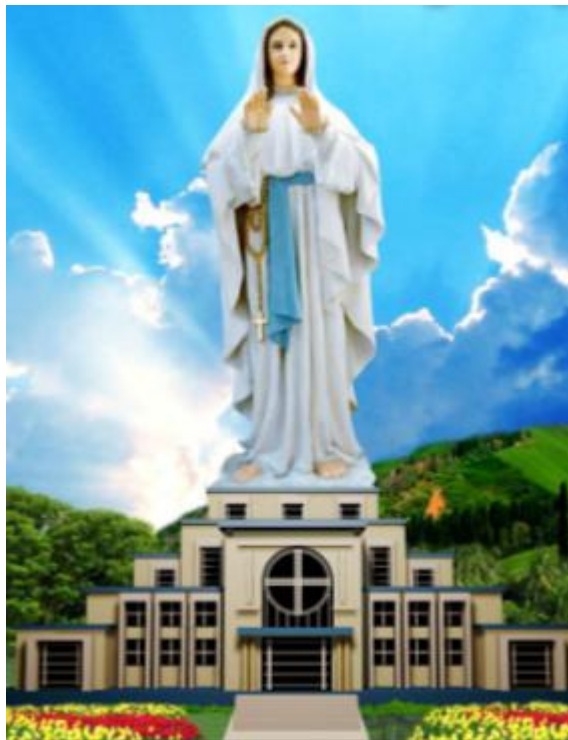


Mark 1:21-28 Source: restoredtraditions.com

Jesus Drives Out an Impure Spirit

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

Come to MonteMaria, where God heals through Mary



The Oratory of the Blessed Virgin Mary will rise 33 storeys, reaching 101 meters to become the world's tallest religious statue, befitting Mary's role as the Mother of God and all people, the Mother of the world and all nations. She will be known as "Mama Mary of the Poor", that includes the poor in society, the "poor in spirit" and the rich who love the poor.



Source: marypages.com

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but our Lord Jesus Christ
in the Holy Eucharist,
the summit of Christian life and
source of all Christian healing.
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heals and saves
in the Holy Eucharist."
-- Fr. Fernando M. Suarez,
Founder and Spiritual Adviser,
Mary, Mother of the Poor

What is MonteMaria?

MonteMaria is a special place. It is a place where people can personally encounter God and receive His love through the power of healing, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The healing people experience is holistic – physical and mental, emotional and spiritual. Countless testimonies have been given by people from all over the world, cured from all forms of ailment and from all manners of affliction – the blind see, the deaf hear, the mute speak, the lame walk, cancers vanish, weak hearts revive.

MonteMaria is a place --

“to encounter God in a personal and powerful way”

“for restoration & reconciliation, renewal & revival.”

“to meet Jesus through the intercession of Mary.”

It is located in the Metro-Tagaytay area, less than 70 km south of Metro-Manila, the capital of the Philippines in Southeast Asia. The Metro-Tagaytay area is a popular weekend tourist destination renowned for the panoramic view of Taal, the world's smallest volcano sitting in a lake, with fresh air and cool mountain breeze.

Vision

To share in God's healing ministry in the world,
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mission

To help heal humanity, in body and soul.

Invitation

Come to MonteMaria, where God heals through Mary.

“My son, you will go to a faraway place
which is cold and windy.
You will tell the whole world about God’s love. I
want you to meet my children there.”
[The message of the Blessed Virgin Mary
to Fr. Fernando Suarez on February 2, 1995]



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intercession of Mama Mary of the Poor.”

– Fr. Fernando M. Suarez

The Story of Fr. Fernando M. Suarez

The instrument God has chosen to achieve the vision and fulfill the mission of MonteMaria is Fr. Fernando M. Suarez, a priest from the congregation of Companions of the Cross, from Ottawa, Canada. He is a Filipino born of humble origins in Butong, Taal, Batangas, a province in the Philippines.

He first discovered his charism of healing at age sixteen, when he chanced on a beggar outside a local church in Manila who had been crippled for many years. Moved with pity, the young Fernando offered to pray for the stranger and upon opening his eyes, he was shocked to see the beggar standing. Fernando ran away from the beggar and from his powers, trying to hide his gift for over twenty years even after he entered the seminary in Canada. But it was in the seminary where he received discernment that he must not hide his heavenly gift, after the Superior of his congregation explained that the gift of healing is meant for others, which Fernando must share generously as his personal life mission.

It was then that Fr. Fernando Suarez finally accepted God's mission for him and embarked wholeheartedly on his healing ministry. Miracles of healing began to happen and the word spread, initially within North America, Europe, other parts of Asia and finally in his own native Philippines. To date, Fr. Fernando Suarez has personally laid his hands over five million people, thousands of whom have been cured of various ailments; millions have received the grace of a spiritual form of healing and affirmation of their faith, while still others have converted to the Roman Catholic religion.

“The work of Jesus continues.”

-- Fr. Fernando M. Suarez



Source: kenaston.missionsplace.com

The Source and Spirituality of Healing

Despite being celebrated as a “healing priest”, Fr. Fernando Suarez continues to reject the label, stating “I am not the healer, but our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” He believes that the Holy Mass is the summit of Christian life and the source of Christian healing. He explains that it is the same Jesus Christ who walked on earth and performed miracles, healed the sick and forgave sinners, present in all his humanity and divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist, and whom we receive, body and blood, in Holy Communion.

Exhorting the faithful to develop a devotion to frequent communion, Fr. Fernando Suarez explains Jesus lives and loves in the Holy Eucharist; Jesus heals and saves in the Holy Eucharist. He challenges all, “What good is healing if it does not lead to salvation?” Salvation is not just for the soul, but also the body, as man has been made in the image and likeness of God, and we in the Catholic faith believe in the resurrection of the body at the final judgment.

The Journey of MonteMaria

On February 2, 1995, as Fr. Fernando Suarez felt despair after being rejected from a local seminary, he went to the grotto of a local church. There, a couple whom he believes was the Blessed Virgin Mary accompanied by St. Joseph, appeared to console him. The Blessed Virgin stretched out her arms and laid her hands on top of his head, saying, “My son, you will go to a far away place which is cold and windy. You will tell the whole world about God’s love. I want you to meet my children there.” Two months later, he ended up in Canada courtesy of a Canadian, a complete stranger, who was sent by the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring the young seminarian to that “cold and windy” country. There he was eventually ordained as the first Filipino priest of the local congregation of the Companions of the Cross.

“Your faith has made you well”.



Source: morethings.com



The Journey of MonteMaria

On a trip to Rome in 2005 to attend a retreat in Ars, France, Fr. Fernando Suarez was told to return to the Philippines by a senior Vatican official to help heal the Filipino nation. In July 2006, he met a key official of Batangas province in the Philippines who offered land to build an oratory in Batangas City, atop a cliff overlooking the South China Sea. Supporters started to come regularly during weekend masses, but alas, his plans were thwarted once more by differences between the foundation and local officials.

In February 2010, it was finally decided to relocate to the present site in Alfonso, on 33 hectares of gently-rolling verdant hills donated by San Miguel Properties, through the generosity of SMC Chairman Eduardo Cojuangco, Jr. and SMC Vice-Chairman, President and COO Ramon S. Ang. On March 13, 2010, after frenetic construction, the first healing mass was celebrated on the present site, and the crowds have since continued to grow in subsequent months.

A Pilgrimage Destination

MonteMaria is envisioned to become a pilgrimage destination for all people who wish to seek healing and encounter God. It is where the world's tallest religious statue will rise to 33 storeys or 101 meters high, befitting the role of Mary as Mother of God and all people, the Mother of the world and all nations. She will be called "Mama Mary of the Poor", a sobriquet that captures the endearment of Mary to Filipinos, a people renowned as strong Marian devotees, who have embraced Mary as their supernatural mother. It is not just a place for the destitute, but for all those who are "poor in spirit", and those among the rich who love the poor.

How do we know it is Jesus?

“So He replied to the messengers, ‘Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the Good News is preached to the poor. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me’.”

-- Luke 7:22-23



Why is healing happening?

“God simply wants to heal His people, for He is forever faithful, and He desires to fulfill His promise from the very beginning that, ‘He will take away our infirmities and bear our diseases.’ (Matthew 8:17)”

-- Fr. Fernando M. Suarez

A Pilgrimage Destination

Once completed, MonteMaria will feature, aside from the Oratory to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Basilica, life-sized Stations of the Cross and a processional route shaped like a giant rosary. MonteMaria will showcase God's greatest gift to the Philippines -- the Faith of the Filipino -- and will leverage this strength to improve the lives of people and finally achieve the Filipino people's elusive dream of peace and prosperity. The Basilica and minor chapels will feature a collection of the most famous indigenous images and devotions from all over the archipelago, such as the Sto. Niño from Cebu, the Black Nazarene from Quiapo, Our Lady of Perpetual Help from Baclaran, Our Lady of La Naval from Quezon City, Nuestra Senora de la Paz y Buen Viaje from Antipolo, Our Lady of Caysasay from Taal, Our Lady of Manaoag from Pangasinan, Our Lady of Peñafrancia from Naga, Ina Poong Bato from Zambales, Our Lady of Piat from Cagayan Valley, and many more.

Spiritual Tourism

Fr. Fernando Suarez projects that MonteMaria has the potential to attract as many as 1.5 to 3.0 Million visitors within the first 3 years of operation, like famous pilgrimage destinations such as Lourdes and Fatima, Guadalupe and Rio de Janeiro. This can boost government's efforts to promote the country as a tourism destination by offering an experience distinct from neighboring countries with whom we share tropical beaches and Asian hospitality. Indeed, MonteMaria epitomizes what is unique and special in Philippine tourism - Godmade wonders, manmade warmth.

Mama Mary of the Poor



This statue of Mama Mary of the Poor is a replica of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary when she appeared to Fr. Fernando Suarez in February 1995. She foretold he will go to a faraway place where it is “cold and windy”, where he will “tell the whole world about God’s love”. She said, “I want you to meet my children there.” Mary is shown laying her hands over the head of Fr. Fernando Suarez and all faithful, in the same way the sick were healed by Jesus Christ, whose work now continues in the healing ministry of Fr. Fernando Suarez.

Apostolate for the Poor

A central part of MonteMaria's healing ministry is its Apostolate for the Poor. Inspired by the old proverb, "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure", the MMP Foundation has embarked on a comprehensive apostolate involving feeding and nutrition (4,000 schoolchildren), medical and dental health services, shelter and livelihood, educational scholarships and catechetical instruction. The MMP Apostolate for the Poor is where any and all forms of assistance are also welcome – in cash or kind – as gifts and contributions, donations and endowments, scholarships and partnerships.

MonteMaria Renewal and Conference Center

As a concrete expression of holistic healing, MonteMaria Renewal Center was built to offer the weary soul and tired body a place of solace, where the person can experience total renewal and revival in body and soul, heart and mind. The Center is located approximately 30 km south of the MonteMaria Oratory, in Bgy. Butong, part of the historic town of Taal, Batangas province, the humble birthplace and hometown of Fr. Fernando M. Suarez, the humble instrument of God's gentle mercy and healing grace. It is ideal for spiritual retreats and recollections, seminars and team-building sessions, even family excursions and weekend getaways. Various sports and recreational facilities are available, and of course, prayer rooms and the beautiful chapel of St. Peter the Apostle nearby, that was recently renovated using charitable donations to the Mary, Mother of the Poor Foundation, Inc.

The MonteMaria Renewal & Conference Center was formerly known as "St. Peter's Little Bridge Resort & Renewal Center".

Healing Crucifix



While Fr. Fernando Suarez was resting after a healing mass in Manila, he was invited to eat in the refectory of the parish where he heard a strange voice in the dark. "Come here." As Fr. Suarez groped in the darkness, his hands touched the face of Jesus on a crucifix, dirty and dusty. "Take me out of here," the voice said. Alarmed, Fr. Suarez ran to the parish priest who told him the old crucifix in the warehouse must be meant for him because he had been trying to dispose of it but could not find anyone to take it. Despite engineering challenges, it fit perfectly in the MonteMaria chapel in time for the first healing mass on March 13, 2010.

A few months later, the crucifix figured directly in a healing miracle. A MonteMaria devotee who was hard of hearing kept insisting on Fr. Fernando Suarez to heal her deafness. Exasperated after many attempts, Fr. Fernando Suarez asked the woman to pray directly to Jesus on the crucifix. Suddenly, the woman saw a flash of light emanate from the eyes of Jesus, piercing her own eyes and causing a pop in her ears. She recovered her hearing instantly.

Directions to MonteMaria

Coming from MetroManila, take SLEX and exit in Sta. Rosa, Laguna. Upon reaching the Tagaytay ridge, turn right on the National Road heading west to Batangas. Go past Tagaytay rotunda. MonteMaria is located about 14 km from that junction. The landmarks you will pass are Tagaytay “Thank You” Arch, the Alfonso Arch (right side), Splendido (left side), Royale Tagaytay Estates (right side), Sonya’s Garden (right side) and finally, Rodeo Hills (right side). Directional signs will help guide you. Turn right on the municipal road leading to Magallanes town. There is a PNP checkpoint on that corner. The entrance to MonteMaria is only 600m from the corner.

If You Wish to Help

You may make contributions in cash or in kind, and cheques can be made payable to Mary, Mother of the Poor Foundation.

Contact Us

If you wish to come and visit MonteMaria or participate and contribute to our ministry, you may contact us at the following: Oratory to the Blessed Virgin Mary at MonteMaria in Bgy. Amuyong, Alfonso, Metro-Tagaytay, Cavite, Philippines. Office Address – No. 22 Don Ramon Santos St., Phase 6A BF Homes Paranaque City, Phils. Tel – (632) 8423772 / 8423794. Fax – (632) 7722191. Websites – www.fatherfernando.com; www.montemariashrine.com; www.marymotherofthepoor.org

Healing Wrist Rosary



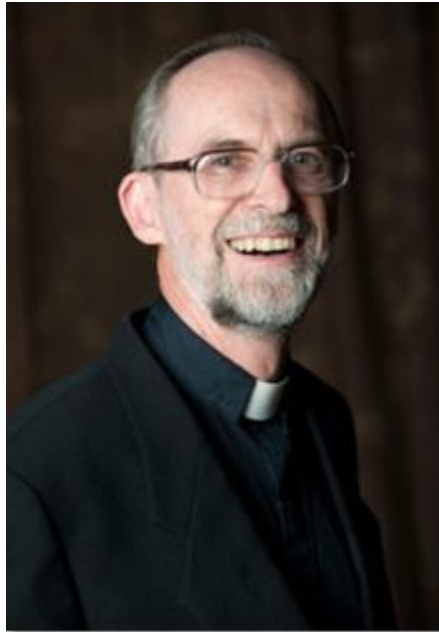
This Healing Wrist Rosary was initially crafted by Fr. Fernando M. Suarez after a trip to Manila. He enlisted the help of a friend to train poor beneficiaries so they may be given livelihood. She was a Protestant. One early morning as she was sewing up the rosary beads, she heard beautiful angelic voices in hymns of praise. This happened several more times. Moved by faith and inspired by God the Holy Spirit, she finally converted to the Catholic faith.

One of the first miracles reported from the use of this Healing Rosary involved a patient in California who was scheduled for surgery to remove a breast tumor in 2007. The night before the operation, she attended a Healing Mass of Fr. Suarez where she was given a Healing Wrist Rosary. She prayed and rubbed the rosary on her chest before sleeping. Next morning, her tumor disappeared. She gave the rosary to a friend scheduled for surgery for an enlarged thyroid. Her friend also got healed miraculously.

The Priests of MonteMaria



Rev. Fr. Fernando M. Suarez



Rev. Fr. Francis Donnelly



Rev. Fr. Jeffrey Shannon

Congregation of Companions of the Cross



Rev. Fr. Ronilo Javines, SDB



Rev. Fr. Hector Baniel, SDP



Rev. Fr. Hector Arellano,
Parish Priest, Bgy. Kaytitinga

Our Heartfelt Gratitude to:



His Eminence Gaudencio Borbon Cardinal Rosales



**Most Rev. Luis Antonio Tagle, DD
Bishop of Imus & all Priests of Cavite**



**Most Rev. Pedro Arigo, DD
Bishop of Puerto Princesa**



**Most Rev. Antonio P. Palang, DD, SVD
Bishop of Occidental Mindoro**

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All Our BENEFACTORS and TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS:

- For believing in our vision and sharing in our mission.
- For your God-inspired generosity, charity and humility.
- For collaborating in this project for the glory of God.
- For turning MonteMaria into a haven for renewal.
- For loving the poor in society and the poor in spirit.
- For building MonteMaria, “where God heals through Mary.”

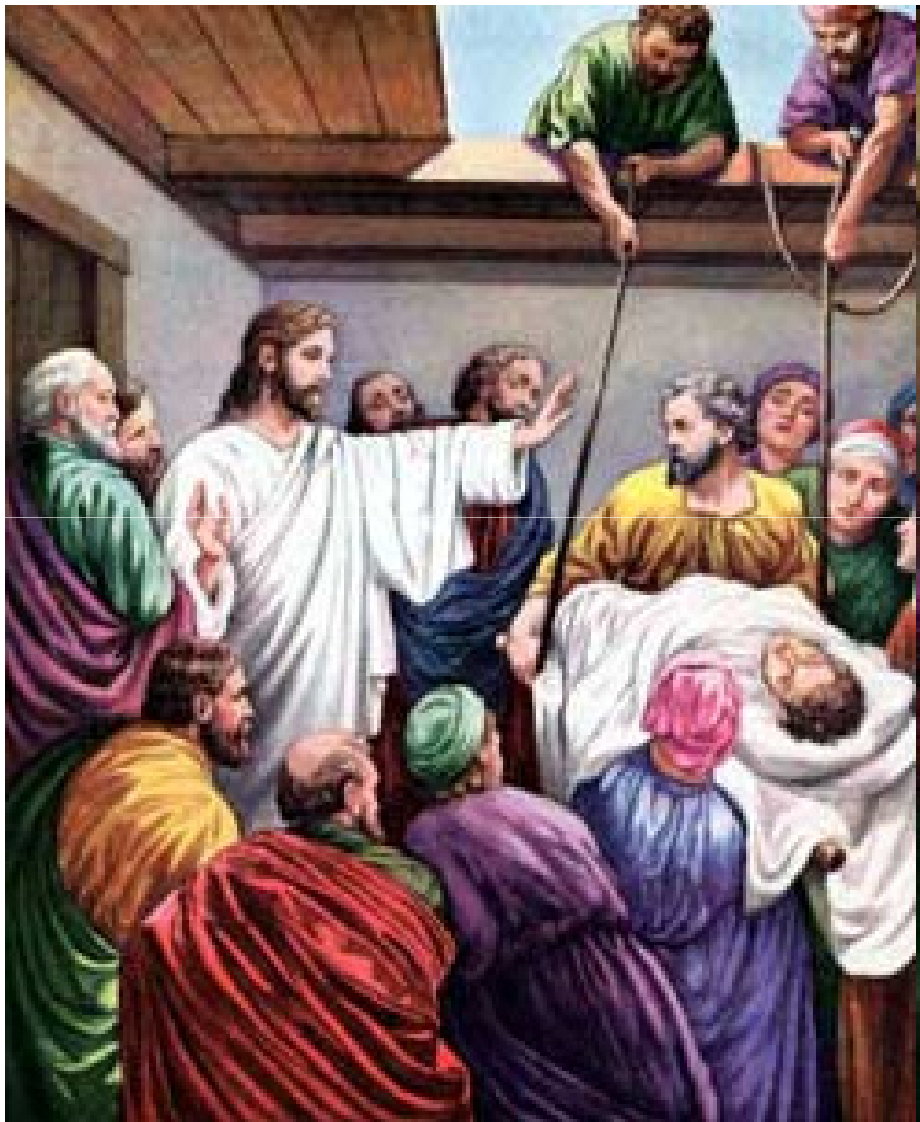
All ‘MONTEMARIANS’ (Pilgrims – Supporters – Volunteers)

- For demonstrating your faith in our Almighty God and Father.
- For believing in God’s love, gentle mercy and healing grace.
- For receiving our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.
- For honoring Mary as Mother of God and specially the poor.
- For knowing, loving and serving God and our Church.
- For sharing the good news of healing & salvation with others.
- For protecting the sanctity of life & rejecting a culture of death.
- For turning your faith into concrete action, today.

-- Fr. Fernando M. Suarez

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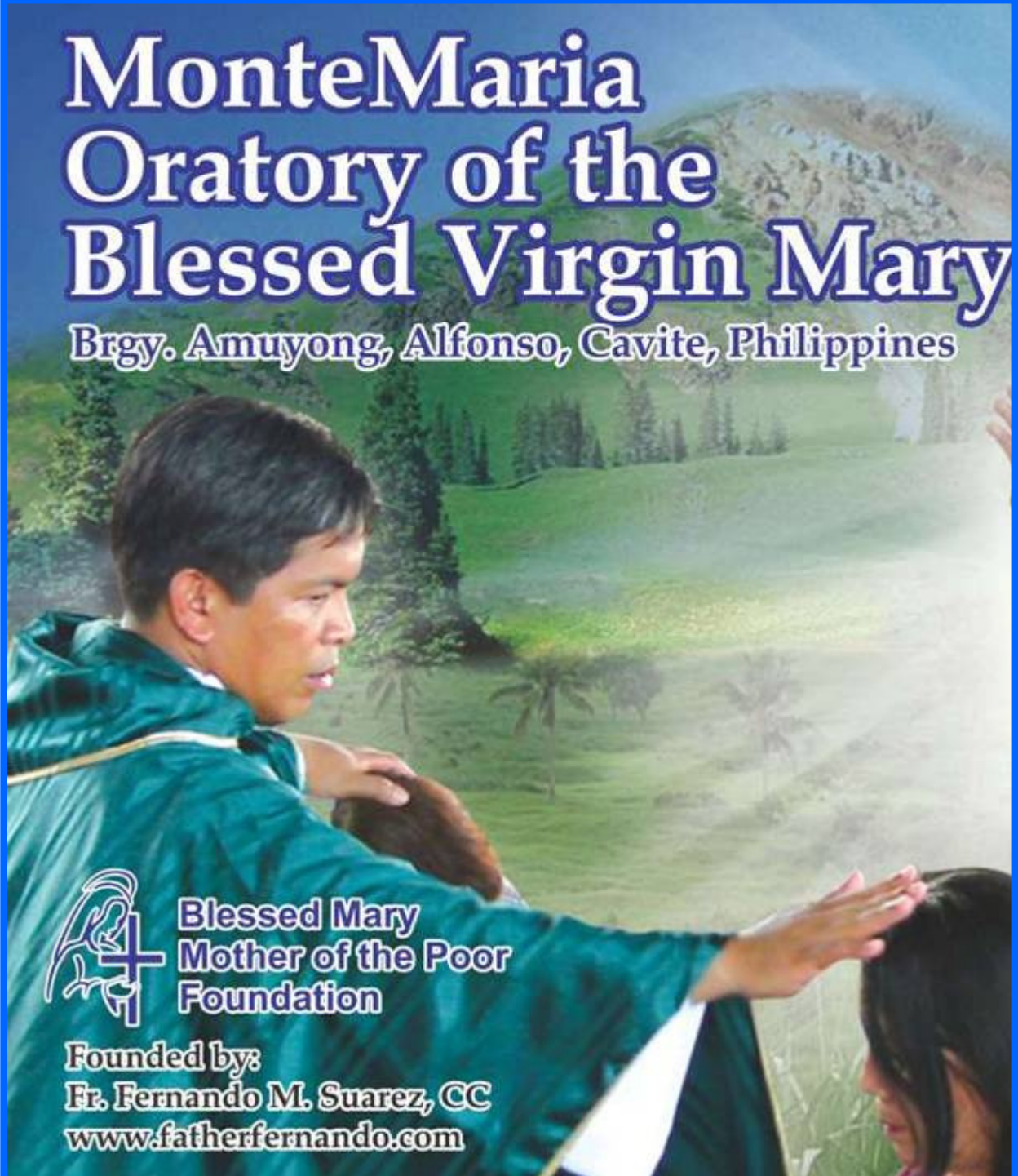


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Jesus forgives the sins of a paralytic,
then heals him. – Mark 2:1-12

“Bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve you with all my strength.”

– Fr. Fernando M. Suarez



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 **Blessed Mary**
Mother of the Poor
Foundation

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“Restore my strength for service in Your Kingdom.”

-- Fr. Fernando M. Suarez



*Prayer for
Healing*

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy. May your healing Spirit rest upon me. It is through your power that I was created. Since you created me from nothing, you can certainly recreate me. Fill me with the healing power of your spirit. May your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul. Mend what is broken. Cast out anything that should not be within me. Rebuild my brokenness. Restore my strength for service in your Kingdom. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Touch me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength.

To Jesus Through Mary,
FR. FERNANDO SUAREZ, CC