



Graymoor's Well ... a spring of living water!

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First Profession of Vows ~ March 14, 2019

Sister Filipina (Yna) Cuevas, SA and Sister Rosa Xiang, SA

posed for a photo with the Leadership Team of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at Graymoor. Left to right: Sister Denise Robillard, SA, Second Councilor and Secretary General, Sister Theresa Ann Clarizio, SA, Fourth Councilor, Sister Mary Pat Galvin, SA, Minister General, Sister René Drolet, SA, First Councilor, and Sister Lucinda May Patterson, SA, Third Councilor.



Dear Friends,

At a time when many would have described religious life as a lifestyle in its “wintertime,” we published the news in 2010 that three Sisters of the Atonement were establishing a new mission in the Philippines. The “springtime” of our presence in the Philippines has not only witnessed the growth of services to the people of the area; it has also seen the blossoming of religious vocations in the Society of the Atonement. We are pleased to re-introduce you to Sisters Yna and Rosa whom we first featured when they were Novices. On March 14, 2019, they made their Profession of Vows at Graymoor -- our ‘newest’ Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement! We sincerely appreciate and rely on the support our readers continue to provide for the success of our ministries in the Philippines and for the training of young women in religious life.

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Fund Development Director



Photos at the right, top to bottom:

- *Sisters Rosa and Yna are presented to the Minister General for profession.*
- *At the end of Mass, the Ministers General of the Friars and the Sisters of the Atonement together confer the Founder’s Blessing.*
- *A special pose just outside the Chapel.*
- *Great happiness in the dining room - and gifts!*

Sister Filipina (Yna) Cuevas, SA



Sister Yna, one of seven children, was raised on a farm in Dolores, a rural village near Ormoc, Province of Leyte in central Philippines, where her parents still reside. Sister Yna studied Computer Science and Elementary Education. She taught English to Korean, Japanese and Taiwanese students. While attending Mass at a historical church with her brother, she found vocational literature from different religious congregations displayed in the vestibule. She had been considering religious life, so she selected two information cards; one gave contact information about the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. When she had the opportunity to meet them, she was greatly impressed by Sister Virginia Santiago and the other Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. During her formation years, she has tutored children and youth in English, as well as assisting in the Sisters' other ministries.

Sister Rosa Xiang, SA



Sister Rosa was born in Siping, in northeastern China, into a Roman Catholic family. She is the youngest of five children. Rosa's mother saw to it that all her children were baptized Catholic; her father was baptized later in their marriage. Sister Rosa says: "My personality is like my mother's; she was very talkative, generous and social. She lived actively in the spirit of *all for God and the Church.*" Sister Rosa studied Internal Medicine in China and worked in this field for five years before moving to the Philippines. She was in graduate studies in Guidance Counseling in the Philippines when she met Sister Susan Boyle and the other Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. During her formation, she has operated a clinic at our ministry center for the poor of the area. She felt very fortunate to have her nephew, **Thomas** from Shanghai, present at Graymoor for her Profession of Vows.





100th Anniversary of the title of Our Lady of the Atonement

The Founders of the Society of the Atonement, Father Paul Wattson and Mother Lurana White, even while Anglicans, were devoted to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. They gave her the title, Our Lady of the Atonement. One hundred years ago, on April 10, 1919, Pope Benedict the XV approved this new title and a feast day in her honor. The Franciscan Sisters and Friars of the Atonement celebrate her feast on July 9, commemorating the day in 1893, when Father Paul received the name of the Society of the Atonement.

In
memory
of our
recently
deceased
Sisters...



Sister Mary Trinitas Mayer
8/22/27 - 2/18/19

"Anyone who loves me will be true to my word and my Father will love him; we will come to him and make our dwelling place with him."
- John 14:23-24



Sister Loretta Guevarra
9/11/24 - 3/2/19

"Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God."
- 2 Corinthians 3:5



Sister Margaret Liam Glenane
4/13/29 - 3/19/19

"Be not afraid, I am with you always."

Eternal
rest
grant
unto
them,
O Lord !

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