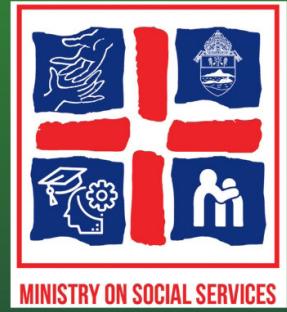


ARCHDIOCESE OF LIPA  
PARISH AND ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF SAN ISIDRO LABRADOR  
PARISH AND SHRINE MINISTRY ON SOCIAL SERVICES

*Kasama sa Kaayusan,  
Kaunlaran, at Kaginhawaan  
ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.*



**2023**  
**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

## **PARISH AND SHRINE MINISTRY ON SOCIAL SERVICES ANCHORED ON THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMISSION**

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### **VISION**

We envision socially renewed Christian communities, assisted by animated pastoral workers, through faith-based and charity-driven programs and services.

### **MISSION**

To bring about social change towards authentic human development by promoting justice and peace, and by providing social services to the poor and vulnerable.

### **GOALS**

- To reduce the incidence of poverty and social risks among marginalized and impoverished sectors.
- To promote and advance the Church’s social apostolate in the grassroots, in places of work and in the peripheries.
- To strengthen PMSS’ organizational capability for its effective and efficient administration of social services.

# 2023 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

# MESSAGE



As we present the 2023 Annual Report of KASAKA, also known as Cuenca Parish Ministry on Social Services, we reflect on a year marked by resilience, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to the theme, “Enlarging the Space of Your Tent.” Throughout the year, our dedicated parish leaders and volunteers worked tirelessly to broaden the scope of our services, ensuring that the tent of care, support, and outreach stretches far and wide.

Our parish ministry on social services has expanded its programs to address the evolving needs of our community. From providing essential resources to those facing economic challenges to offering emotional support to individuals navigating difficult times, our tent has become a symbol of inclusivity and solidarity. The Annual Report showcases the tangible outcomes of our collective efforts towards kaayusan, kaunlaran and kaginhawaan, highlighting the lives touched, stories transformed, and the positive ripple effects felt across the Cuenca Parish. We are immensely grateful for

the generosity and unwavering support that has allowed us to broaden the horizons of our ministry and make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

May this report inspire continued collaboration and a shared sense of responsibility as we look ahead to a future where our tent expands even further to embrace those in need.



**Rev. Fr. Jayson Tasico SIAPCO**  
*Chairman, Archdiocesan Ministry on Social Services  
Director, Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc.  
Social Action Network Representative, CBCP ECSA-JP*

# MESSAGE



As a Parish Priest and Rector of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador, I have always supported the various endeavors and projects of the Ministry on Social Services since it also has been my desire to help the poor, the needy, and the marginalized in our parish. With so much gratitude to the Lord, our parish is gifted with people whose compassion and love for the poor are remarkable. They are so resourceful and always find ways to approach people, companies, and institutions who could be of help. Many poor people have been reached and helped, and the ministry continues to reach out and extend help.

This is what the Church ought to be. This is what Jesus wants for His Church – a Church that enlarges its tent by getting out of its comfort zone, by going to the peripheries, and by being in touch with the poor. Those before who were not within reach are now within reach. As mentioned in the last December 16, 2023, “*ang Ministry on sangay ng Simbahan na nagpapadama ng at pagmamalasakit ng Diyos sa mga dukha, nawawala, at sa mga nasa laylayan ng ating Parokya.”*

More power and God bless always the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador. Always be fruitful by continuously rendering service to our parishioners in need.

*Simbang Gabi Homily  
Social Services ay  
pagmamahal  
sa mga*

**Rev. Fr. Armando Marcial LUBIS**  
*Vice-Chairman, Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.  
Parish Priest and Shrine Rector,  
Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador,  
Cuenca, Batangas*



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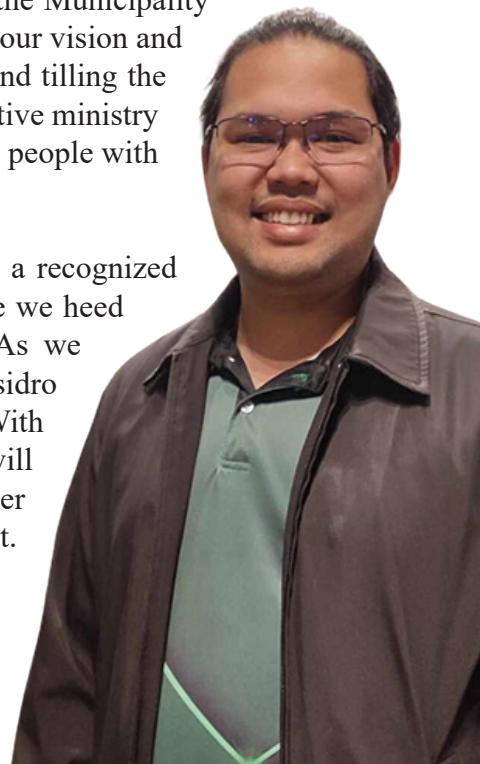


A path was trailblazed when the Ministry on Social Services of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador aimed to help more people through the help of the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. and the generous people of Cuenca, Batangas. The ministry accepted the challenge of embracing even more the poor and the needy as the necessities called for it in 2020 when the Taal Volcano erupted and the COVID-19 pandemic struck. From being a passive ministry waiting for the activities from the archdiocese, we courageously cleared the trailblazed path to an even clearer path – a vision for the mission of the Church of, for, and by the poor. Since then, we have seen how the ministry flourished through the guidance of a great lover of the poor, San Isidro Labrador.

The years 2021 and 2022 seem to be very challenging as we prove our mission to have a clear vision despite the many challenges we have to face to reach the peripheries. The term “Kasaka” has been known little by little in the Municipality of Cuenca and the different parishes, a term that gives our vision and mission – being with San Isidro in helping the poor and tilling the soil to bear fruit. We have started a vision of a more active ministry in helping the poor, and we aspire to reach out to more people with even more “kasaka” to help us in this mission.

This year, we institutionalized the ministry as a recognized non-government organization, a new beginning where we heed the Synod’s call to enlarge the space of our tent. As we embark on a more fruitful journey, the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador will strive more to reach the peripheries. With gratitude, we thank all those who supported and will support our mission because, without you, we can never be fruitful enough to help the least, the lost, and the last.

**Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto ROSALES, PhD Cand.**  
*Chairman, Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.*  
*Coordinator, Parish and Shrine Ministry on Social Services*



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# **Parish & Shrine Ministry on Social Services**

## **Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. Board of Trustees**

Chairman: Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales

Vice-Chairman: Rev. Fr. Armando M. Lubis

Treasurer: Mary Joyce A. Pantas

Corporate Secretary: Rosario Charity I. Caraan

Member: Antonio U. Vargas

Member: Dra. Cleofe J. Chavez

Member: Carl Regie M. Vicencio

Member: Trinkle Sevilla

Member: Elvira L. Jobli

## **Ministry Officers**

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Armando M. Lubis

Coordinator: Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales

Assistant Coordinator: Elvira Jobli

Assistant Secretary: Yvette Cuevas

Finance Officer: Mary Joyce Pantas

Asst. Finance Officer/Bookkeeper: Trinkle Sevilla

Promotions and Publications Officer: James Riv Jopia

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Officer: Jovine Krisell Cuevas

Legal Adviser/Consultant: Atty. Aaron Jaime Arada

## **Organization Coordinators**

PSAC Coordinator: Elvira Jobli

Catholic Women's League Coordinator: Charity Caraan

Parish Pastoral Healthcare Volunteers Coordinator: Dra. Cleofe Chavez

Pondong Batangan Coordinator: Dra. Cleofe Chavez

Parish Disaster Response Coordinator: Roderico Cuevas

Youth Social Services Coordinator & AMEn Coordinator: Carl Regie Vicencio

## **Programs and Services Focal Persons**

Emergency Preparedness and Response Program: Roderico Cuevas

Protection of the Environment: Carl Regie Vicencio

Advocacy Programs: Jovine Krisell Cuevas

Youth and Community Development Program: Issa Marie R. Calanoga

Educational Assistance and Scholarship Program: Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales

Social Enterprise and Livelihood Trainings: Elvira Jobli

Resource Mobilization Program: Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales

Medical Assistance and Mission: Lovely Francia Gunay

Food Security: Elvira Jobli

Support to the Brethren in Need: Charity Caraan

## **Kasama Sa Kaayusan, Kaunlaran, at Kaginhawaan ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.**

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KaSaKa ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. identifies ways and avenues to help the society in taking care of those in need, especially those in the peripheries. As the ministry scans the needs and priorities of social services throughout its existence, several factors were considered to develop the KaSaKa thematic programs and services that would further lead the parish to the people and the people to God.

The thrust of the organization focuses on the three main programs, namely: Kaayusan, Kaunlaran, and Kaginhawaan.

Kaayusan (Social Order) seeks to respond to social issues and emergencies that the community is and will be facing. The program focuses on the emergency preparedness and response of the ministry in times of calamity, protection of the environment, specifically Mt. Maculot and Taal Lake, and advocacy programs such as child sexual abuse prevention, cyber safe, electoral reforms, and mental health and psychosocial support.

Kaunlaran (Development) seeks to promote social transformation and guidance towards development to the people through youth and community development, educational assistance and scholarship program, social enterprise and livelihood training, and health and safety promotion.

Kaginhawaan (Relief) seeks to give aid and relief to the people, especially the poor and those in the peripheries, such as medical assistance and mission, food security, and support to the brethren in need (poorest of the poor families in the community).

# The Logo: A Symbol of San Isidro's Charity

## KaSaKa

Prior to the legalization of the ministry, KaSaKa, short for Kasama sa Kaayusan, Kaunlaran, at Kaginhawaan, was used to show the thematic programs of the ministry. The first letter “K” is connected to a plow that symbolizes San Isidro Labrador, the farmer saint.

## Parish and Shrine Logo

As part of the ministries of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador, the organization recognizes the parish and shrine as its root.



## The Wooden Cross

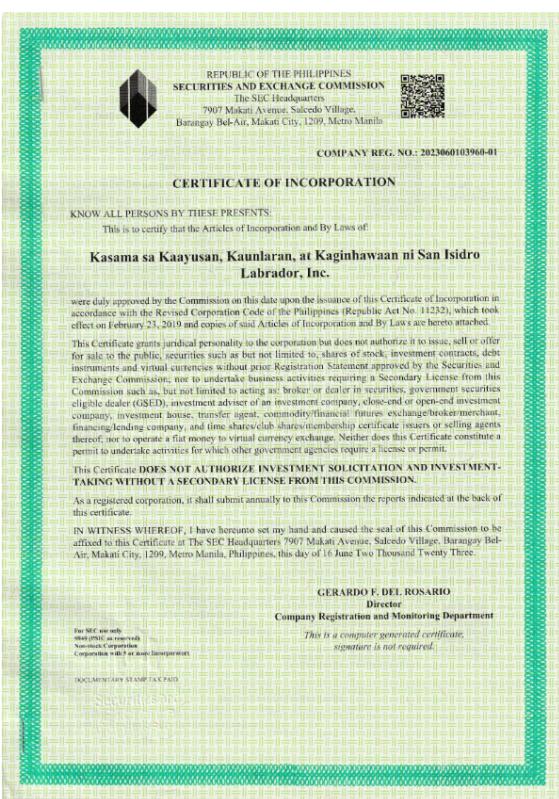
It signifies the faith-based and charity-driven characteristics of the organization. The cross is composed of twelve lines that represent the twelve programs and services of KaSaKa.

## The Wheat Plant

The wheat plant symbolizes the fruit of San Isidro Labrador's harvest. The grains represent each barangay in the Municipality of Cuenca while the stems represent the three areas of the barangay chapels. Meanwhile, the three leaves represent the support of the plant to the wheat - the three thematic programs - kaayusan, kaunlaran, and kaginhawaan.

## KaSaKa: As a Legal Entity

While striving to help more people within and outside the Parish jurisdiction in Cuenca, Batangas, the Parish and Shrine Ministry on Social Services also seek to be a legal and recognized entity. In June 16, 2023, the Security and Exchange Commission accepted the application of the ministry, under the name Kasama sa Kaayusan, Kaunlaran, at Kaginhawaan ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc., as a non-stock non-profit organization. Immediately after the SEC registration, the process of application to become a non-government organization has been started. In July 18, 2023, the Municipality of Cuenca formally recognizes and accredited the organization as an NGO. The organization was registered at the Bureau of Internal Revenue on August 4, 2023.

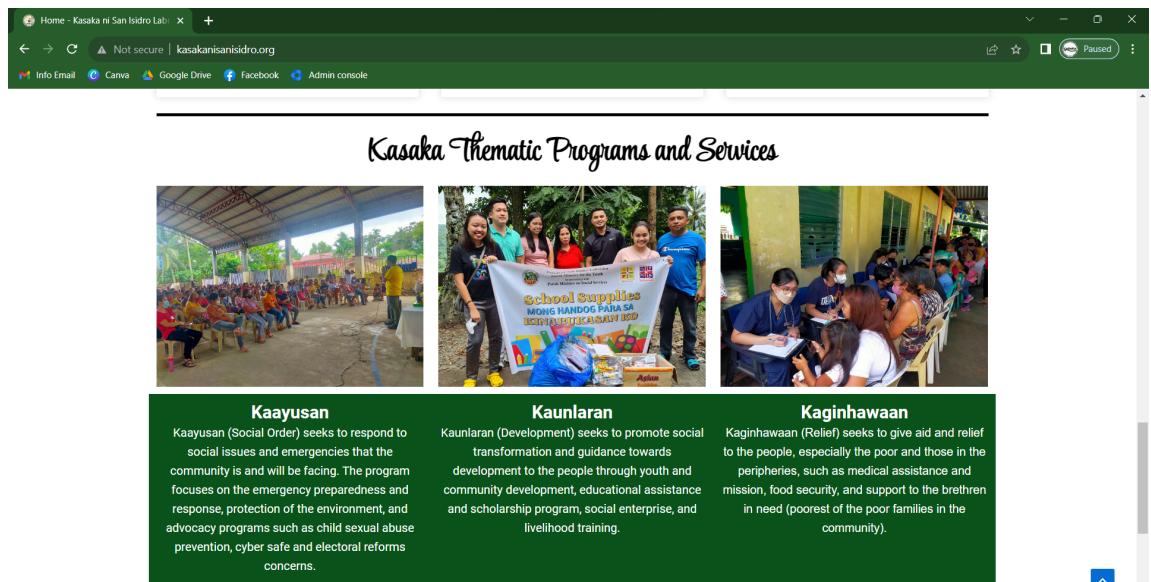


# Online Presence of the Organization

To promote the works of KaSaKa ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. and to further encourage people in helping those in need, the online presence of the organization has been established. This move of the organization aims to be transparent to its individual and institutional donors about its programs, services, and activities.

The official Facebook Page of the organization is “Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.” while the official website of the organization is “<http://kasakanisanisidro.org>”.

Through these platforms, the organization will be able to reach more people to promote helping those in need and to be more engaged with the people, especially for the needy to have an easy access to connect with the organization.



**Kasaka Thematic Programs and Services**







## Kaayusan

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## KaSaKa ni San Isidro, Inc. 2023 Midyear Assembly

The Ministry on Social Services of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador held its midyear assembly, last June 25, 2023, to update the members and stakeholders regarding the program, projects, services, and activities done during the first half of the year. It was attended by the organizations and committees under the Ministry on Social Services together with the Barangay Pastoral Council Coordinators.

The coordinator, Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales, gave the Coordinator's Report dealing on the finances, KaSaKa Donors, official website and Facebook page, awards received, partnerships, focus of the ministry for the first half and the number of beneficiaries served. The highlight of the report is the legalization of the ministry as an organization. The Parish Ministry on Social Services has been duly registered as a non-stock non-profit organization at Securities and Exchange Commission dated June 16, 2023, under the name Kasama sa Kaayusan, Kaunlaran, at Kaginhawaan ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.

After the Coordinator's Report, the organization and committee heads gave their report on the updates regarding their past and upcoming activities of their respective group: Sis. Elvira Jobli for Parish Pastoral Health Care Volunteers and Alay Kapwa Committee; Sis. Issa Marie Calanoga for the Ministry for the Youth; and Sis. Charity Caraan for the Catholic Women's League. A short talk on Project/Program Proposal was also given by the coordinator to guide the members in doing proposals for their future projects and activities. Program management was also discussed based on the discussion of the Ministry on Social Services-AL Chairman, Rev. Fr. Jayson T. Siapco.

The Midyear assembly ended with some announcements on the future plans of the ministry especially on the processing of the accreditation as a Non-Government Organization (NGO), upcoming events and activities, preparation for the strategic planning for 2024 and World Day of the Poor 7, and the points from the Ministry Chairman and Archbishop Garcera. Before leaving, vitamins were distributed for the pastoral workers in the barangay chapels.



# **KAAYUSAN**

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## **NAMFREL Volunteer in Action**

As part of the advocacy of the KaSaKa ni San Isidro, Inc. on good governance, a coordination was done with LASAC, Inc., NAMFREL, and the Municipality of Cuenca COMELEC to have a monitoring of the ongoing voters' registration last January 30, 2023 in preparation for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election. The flow of the registration was monitored to see the capacity and readiness of the COMELEC Cuenca for the registration of voters. A smooth flow of voters' registration was observed with the readiness of the officers of COMELEC Cuenca in serving the registrants.

## **Participation in Local Policy Making**

As part of the Social Order program of the KaSaKa ni San Isidro, the chairman of the Parish Ministry on Social Services and KaSaKa ni San Isidro, Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales, responded to the invitation of the Local Government Unit and attended the public consultation of the Municipality of Cuenca as the representative of the religious sector together with other sectors of the society. The public consultation was held last March 6, 2023, at the Old Agriculture Building, Municipal Compound. The proposed ordinances discussed were:

An Ordinance Localizing RA No. 8976 otherwise known as "The Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000" in the Municipality of Cuenca, Batangas for Other Purposes Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof – authored by Hon. Angelica Joy Guce

An Ordinance Prohibiting Vandalism in the Municipality of Cuenca and Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof – authored by Hon. Arwin Abe.

Many aspects were further clarified, and suggestions were given to improve the proposed ordinances which will better help the policy makers in finalizing the said proposals.

# Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election 2023

## B/SK Election Voters' Education

As the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election draws near, the Ministry on Social Services Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc., as part of Lipa Archdiocesan Council for Social Transformation and MANFREL, held a voters' education attended by 278 Barangay and Parish Pastoral Officers and Members from different ministries and organizations. It was held on October 21, 2023 at the St. Isidore Catholic School, Cuenca, Batangas. The voters' education was given by the Chairman, Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales. The attendees range from youth members to the elder members of the Barangay and Parish Pastoral Councils. This program falls on the advocacy of the group on good governance and electoral reforms. In the same manner, a voters' education was also made through the help of the Lipa Archdiocesan Youth Ministry (LAYM) radio program Lakbay Kabataan. The program, having the ministry as the guest, was attended by Bro. Renniel Rosales, Bro. Carl Vicencio, and Sis. Trinkle Sevilla, was aired on October 28, 2023 via ALFM Radyo Totoo 95.9 and the Facebook Page of Lakbay Kabataan.



## Election Monitoring

As part of the Advocacy Programs of the organization and under the guidance and supervision of the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Lipa Archdiocesan Council on Electoral Reforms, and NAMFREL, the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. monitored the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Election 2023 (October 30, 2023) through its Good Governance and Electoral Reforms Program. Aside from giving Voters' Education in-person and online, the most important part of the advocacy is to monitor and report the process of the election. The volunteer roving group, in partnership with the Ministry for the Youth of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador was able to visit majority of the polling precincts in Cuenca, Batangas. There are no major issues and irregularities that occurred during the election aside from people who were not able to vote due to becoming absentee voters for two consecutive elections and having no biometrics record in COMELEC.



# KAUNLARAN

Kaunlaran (Development) seeks to promote social transformation and guidance towards development to the people through youth and community development, educational assistance and scholarship program, social enterprise and livelihood training, and health and safety promotion.

## Kasaka Adopt-A-Child Scholarship Project



Last April 15, 2023, the Parish Ministry on Social Services started the Adopt-A-Child Scholarship Project, an Educational Assistance project under the Kaunlaran (Development) Program. This project is in coordination with the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. and funded by the sisters from Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries. The screening

process and interview were done by the staff of the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc. The target beneficiaries who undergone the process were the 50 incoming Grade 7 Students from Cuenca Central School and San Felipe Elementary School. The scholarship assistance is a continuous program that will shoulder the school supplies of the chosen students upon admission to Grade 7 until they finished Grade 12. The preliminary selection of the student-applicants was done through the help of the Principals, Dr. Lucky May Pasia of Cuenca Central School and Mrs. Nilda Chavez of San Felipe Elementary School.

As the school year begins, the ministry distributed school supplies to the 47 beneficiaries as an aid for their school supplies needs. On November 11, 2023, another set of school supplies was distributed through the generosity of LASAC and sisters from Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries.



## Strengthening the Service Toward TB Patients



Last June 7-9, 2023, the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador Ministry on Social Services (KaSaKa ni San Isidro, Inc.) joined the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) South Luzon IPCC Training and Conference held at Paseo Premiere Hotel, Sta. Rosa, Laguna. The training and conference was attended by 16 delegates from the different parishes of the Archdiocese of Lipa. The parish of Cuenca was represented by Sis. Elvira Jobli, the Alay Kapwa Coordinator and member of the Parish Pastoral Health Care Volunteers. The three-day training and conference was hosted by the Commission on Healthcare of the Archdiocese of Lipa through its directress, Sr. Analiza Balita, MCSH, MD, and was sponsored by CBCP Episcopal Commission on Health Care (CBCP-ECHC). The main facilitator of was the executive secretary of the CBCP-ECHC, Rev. Fr. Dan Cancino, MI.

### **Malusog na Baga, Matatag na Kalusugan (MBMK) Tuberculosis (TB) Education, Awareness, and Prevention Program**

As part of the organization's thrust in promoting health and safety, the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. in coordination with the Commission on Health Care of the Archdiocese of Lipa headed by Sr. Lhiza Balita, MCSH, MD, spearheaded the Malusog na Baga, Matatag na Kalusugan (MBMK) Tuberculosis (TB) Education, Awareness, and Prevention Program at Barangay San Felipe, Cuenca, Batangas last August 19, 2023. This program aims to spread awareness on Tuberculosis to help people understand it and prevent the spread of the disease.

The program was led by Sis. Elvira Jobli, the ministry assistant coordinator, assisted by the Parish Pastoral Health Care Volunteer Coordinator, Dra. Cleofe Chavez, and the Catholic Women's League. This program is under Kasaka's Kaunlaran Program: Health and Safety Promotion.



# Project 1K BTS: Back-To-School Supplies for 1K Students

The Ministry for the Youth - Kabataan ni Idro and Ministry on Social Services - Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador initiated the Project 1K BTS: Back-To-School Supplies for 1K Students which aims to give educational assistance through the primary school supplies by students who are in need. The giving of school supplies is an annual project of the two ministries to support the students in their education. For this year, the project aims to assist 1,000 students and have started the call for donation last July 2023.



The project was able to distribute 364 sets of school supplies. Though the 1,000 goal was not reached, the ministries were able to aid 364 students from the Barangays of Labac, Dita, San Felipe, and Poblacion and the Lakeside Barangays of Calumayin, Don Juan, and Lumampao.

## Basic First Aid and Disaster Response Training

Through the Philippine Red Cross Batangas Chapter Lipa Branch, the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc., as part of its Capacity Building Program, Health and Safety promotion, and Disaster Preparedness and Response Program, held a Basic First Aid and Disaster Response Training to 32 participants last October 28, 2023. The training was attended by the members of the Parish Ministry for the Youth and Parish ministry on Social Services of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador, St. Isidore Catholic School, Cuenca Institute, San Isidro Labrador Parish (San Luis, Batangas), and Invencion dela Sta. Cruz Parish (Alitagtag, Batangas). The 1-day training program is designed to equip the participants of the basic knowledge on first aid which will help them in responding to the needs of the parishioners during mass and other parish activities. In the same manner, discussed in the training were the different types of disasters and tips on how to mitigate its impact to the community including the hazard mapping in the participants' respective areas. This training workshop was given by Mr. Arvin Aguilera of Red Cross Lipa Branch.



# KAGINHAWAAN

Kaginhawaan (Relief) seeks to give aid and relief to the people, especially the poor and those in the peripheries, such as medical assistance and mission, food security, and support to the brethren in need (poorest of the poor families in the community).

## Pamaskong Handog 2022

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we did not forget the least of our brethren as the ministry distributes food bags to the poor families in Cuenca, Batangas. A total of 50 poor families were given food bags. Through the help of the Ministry for the Youth, another 30 bags of goods and cash gift were given to 30 Differently-Abled Persons living in the lake-side barangays of Cuenca. This gift-giving is an annual activity of the ministry with the help of the people offering and donating goods during the Simbang Gabi in the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador.

## Lenten Charity of CWL Cuenca

Last April 11 and 18, 2023, the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador, Cuenca, Batangas in partnership with the Missionary Benedictine Sisters of Tutzing – Manila Priory distributed bags of rice to poor families in Cuenca, Batangas. This activity is part of the Missionary Benedictine Sisters' Lenten Charity who asked help from the Catholic Women's League through Sis. Lolit Vargas and CWL Cuenca president Sis. Charity Caraan in distributing 40 bags of rice to 40 families in need.

As part of the Ministry on Social Services, the Lenten Charity of the Catholic Women's League is included in the Brethren in Need program of the KaSaKa ni San Isidro Thematic Programs and Services.



## Food Security - A Meal to Deal

On March 13, 2023, the KaSaKa ni San Isidro Labrador Parish Ministry on Social Services of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador distributed merienda to 320 pupils from Cuenca Central School. Pupils from Kinder to Grade 2 were served Jollibee Chicken ala king pie and juice packs as part of the ministry's Food Security Program. On May 23, 2023, the ministry served the community through its Food Security under the Kaginhawaan Program. The beneficiaries of the feeding activity were the 174 learners (Kinder-Grade 6) from Ramon Paterno Memorial Elementary School at Bliss, Poblacion VII, Cuenca, Batangas. On July 27, 2023, the ministry went to Dalipit East Elementary School, Brgy. Dalipit East, Cuenca Batangas for its feeding activity. In coordination with the school principal and the Barangay Pastoral Council, serving the 39 students of the school. The students were given Chocolate Mallows fillings and a pack of bread to serve as their merienda. This activity was made possible through the help of the KaSaKa donors, the Lipa Archdiocesan Social Action Commission, Inc., and Jollibee Group Foundation.



## Comforting the Sick

As part of the celebration of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, the ministry spearheaded a gift-giving activity to 20 selected sick and elderly people who belong to indigent families last February 21, 2023. This activity is part of the ministry's medical assistance. Bags of Goods were distributed together with prayer books to the beneficiaries of the activity. This activity is a post celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.



## Nutrition Month Celebration

As part of the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc.'s effort to serve the community in coordination with the local government, we joined the Cuenca MSWDO in celebrating the closing of the Nutrition Month with the theme, "Healthy Diet, Gawing Affordable for All!" at the Municipal Gym of Cuenca together with the Municipal Nutrition Council last July 26, 2023.



The organization was tasked to lead the soup kitchen/feeding activity and was able to provide 100 servings of Lugaw to the attendees. In addition, we were able to give food packs to 21 identified malnourished children and boxes of Vitamin C to all attendees including the families of the malnourished children, MSWDO staff, Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Nutrition Council, and some Brgy. officials. This partnership is part of the Kasaka's food security under the Kaginhawaan Program and our local government participation as an NGO.



## Sharing the Mission in the Network

In its mission in bringing aid to other people, the ministry shared blessings to many people through its Medical Assistance Program by providing medicines and vitamins to the poor. Aside from giving aid within Cuenca, medicines and vitamins were also given to the Parish Ministry on Social Services of the Invencion dela Santa Cruz Parish (Alitagtag), Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish (Aplaya, Bauan), Immaculate Concepcion Parish (Bauan), Holy Family Parish (Bolo, Bauan), and San Pascual Baylon Parish (San Pascual). The estimated amount of medicines and vitamins distributed to the said parishes accumulates to Php1,262,350.00.

# 7th World Day of

*"Do not turn your face away from anyone in poverty."  
(Tobit 4:7)*

This year's celebration of the World Day of the Poor has been a great blessing to many people through the activities of the Parish and Shrine Ministry on Social Services, Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador. There are different activities focusing on the different needs of the people. As the ministry reflects on the message of Pope Francis for the 7th World Day of the Poor, the focus of this year's Parish and Shrine celebration revolves around the challenges mentioned by His Holiness. This celebration has been successful through the help of many people, organizations, and business establishments who believed in our mission to bring glad tidings to those in need.

## **Children's Rights and Protection Symposium**

The ministry took part in the initiative of the Municipal Social Welfare Development Office of Cuenca on Children's Rights and Protection Symposium last November 6, 2023 at the Municipal Gymnasium. As part of the ministry's advocacy program on Child Protection, Bro. Renniel Rosales, the ministry chairman, gave a talk on the said topic in front of the 150 new 4Ps beneficiaries of the Municipality. Through the strengthened partnership with the MSWDO Cuenca headed by Ms.



Jellen Macatangay, RSW, the ministry was able to help and assist the local government in its programs and services for the poor.

# *of the Poor*

*one who is poor"*

## **Mental Health Awareness Campaign**

As part of our month-long celebration of the 7th World Day of the Poor, the ministry, through the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Program of the Kaayusan Program, initiated the Mental Health Awareness Campaign last November 12, 2023. Mental health is one of the foci of Pope Francis' message for the World Day of the Poor, as it affects the lives of children and society. The awareness campaign was held at the parish ossuary and attended by



20 youth members of the parish. The talk was given by Ms. Jovine Krisell Cuevas, the focal person of the Kasaka Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Program and member of the Archdiocese of Lipa Commission on Health Care Kaagapay Program.

## **Serving the Brethren in Need**

As part of the WDP celebration on November 19, 2023, the Ministry selected five (5) families considered to be brethren in need to be assisted for the entire year. Through the Support to the Brethren in Need of the ministry headed by the Catholic Women's League, the five families received Bags of Goods and will be assisted by the organization through the help of generous people. With the help of concerned ministry members, a bag of goods was given to a selected family to support their needs.



## Free Community Legal Consultation

In partnership with St. Thomas More Association of Lawyers for Transformation, Inc. (SALT, Inc.), the ministry provided free legal consultation and assistance to the parish community as we celebrate the World Day of the Poor, through the help of the head of SALT, Inc., Atty. Ramel Muria, five (5) lawyers, and nine (9) law student practitioners from University of the East assisted the clients with their legal problems and inquiries. More than ten clients were given legal assistance, mostly on land titles and PSA birth certificate inquiries.



## Poverty Meal

Being in communion with the poor, Rev. Fr. Armando Lubis, the Parish Priest and Shrine Rector of the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador, had lunch with a poor family on the occasion of the 7th World Day of the Poor. This meal is a symbolic act of being with the poor and, at the same time, listening to their needs. The parish supports the family by providing freelance work to the head of the family while the ministry provides bags of goods and other assistance for the children, such as school supplies and free conferment of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.





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2023

Special thanks to:



# PASTORAL MISSION CAREAVAN

November 25-27, 2023

Sitio Dela Paz, Brgy. Bungahan, Cuenca, Batangas

## Pastoral Mission CAREavan 2023

In celebration of the World Day of the Poor and the feast of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, the secondary patroness of the parish, the ministry initiated the Kasaka Pastoral Mission CAREavan 2023. It was held on November 25-27, 2023 at Sitio Dela Paz, Brgy. Bungahan, Cuenca, Batangas with 90 beneficiary families. On the first day of the CAREavan, the beneficiaries listened to different talks on Alay Kapwa Spirituality by Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales, Basic Catechesis by Sis. Marina Robles, Stewardship by Bro. Eric Cuevas, and Mental Health Awareness by Bro. Carl Regie Vicencio. The second day was filled with sharing of life experiences as Bro. Pedro Alday Jr. and Sis. Pacita Alday shared their tips on happy marriage and service to the Church followed by the testimonies on the grace in serving the Church by Sis. Angeles Carandang, Sis. Issa Marie Calanoga, Bro. James Riv Jopia, and Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales.



The third day of the CAREavan is the highlight of the World Day of the Poor celebration of the parish held at Cuenca National High School. A Eucharistic Celebration in honor of the feast of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Armando M. Lubis, where he introduced the origin and devotion to the Miraculous Medal. The mass was followed by the simultaneous activities of giving the Bags of Goods to the beneficiaries, free medical check-ups, distribution of medicines and vitamins, and feeding activity. The CAREavan was able to cater 120 people for the medical check-ups, 90 families for the Bags of Goods, and 300 servings of rice porridge.

The Pastoral Mission CAREavan aims to bring the mission of the Church to the peripheries by bringing the Word of God and social services to the needy.

Thank you

# KASAKA PASTORAL MISSION CAREAVAN



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and to all unnamed volunteers and donors  
May God bless you all!

# World Day of the Poor



Do not turn your face away  
from anyone who is poor

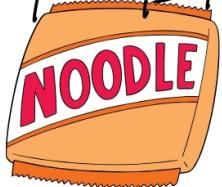
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# Counting the Blessings



1,205  
Kgs. of Rice



1,949  
Packs of Noodles



899  
Canned Goods



490  
Condiments



99  
Spag/Bihon Packs



68.5  
Kgs. of Sugar



237  
Packs of Coffee



134  
Toiletries Sets



1,100  
Food Servings



411  
Sets of School Supplies



Php 19,500.00  
Cash Assistance



1,164  
Bottles of Alcohols



142,898  
Medicine/Tablets  
Capsules/Syrups

## MONETIZED AMOUNT OF DISTRIBUTED GOODS

**PHP 2,429,587.50**

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED**



**~3,437**

# PEOPLE BEHIND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



~100

## KASAKA DONORS

55



## PARISHES GIVEN ASSISTANCE

5

## ACTIVITIES INITIATED

32



## PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SEMINARS/TRAININGS

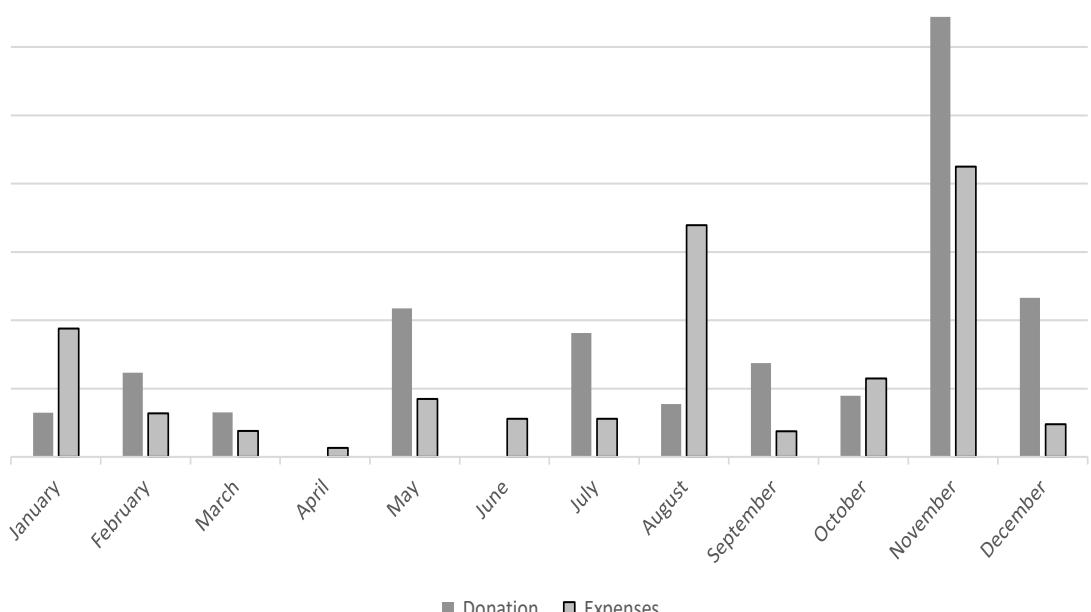
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## Financial Report

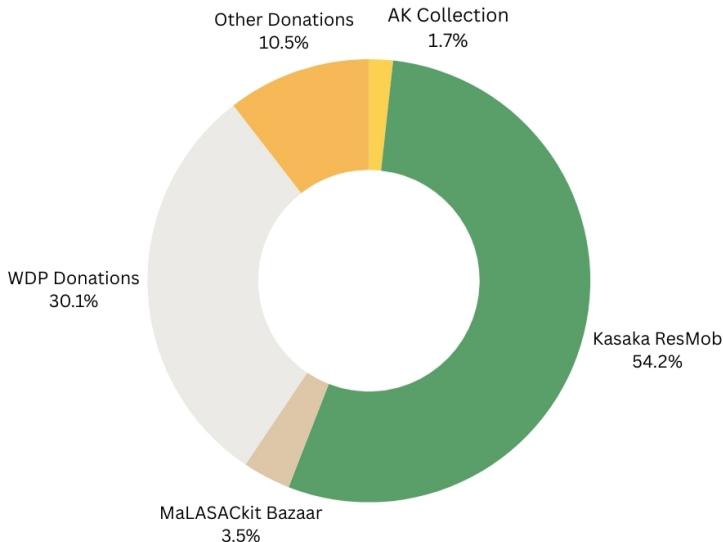
As we go beyond the horizon this year, the Parish and Archdiocesan Shrine of San Isidro Labrador Ministry on Social Services Kasama sa Kaayusan, Kaunlaran, at Kaginhawaan ni San Isidro Labrador, Inc. was able to thrive and increase its programs, projects, services, and activities for the poor. Despite serving more people and giving more for the needy, we were able to have a positive outcome when it comes to our financial stability. Aside from the donations and special collections during masses, the organization is thankful to the Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador Resource Mobilization Donors who have pledged their monthly contribution for the continuance of the programs and the organization itself.

The donors have become the bloodline of the organization and ministry, without them, we cannot do more for the poor. Hence, we are very thankful to them - the individuals, groups, organizations, companies, and institutions who supported us throughout the year.

### Monthly Donations and Expenses

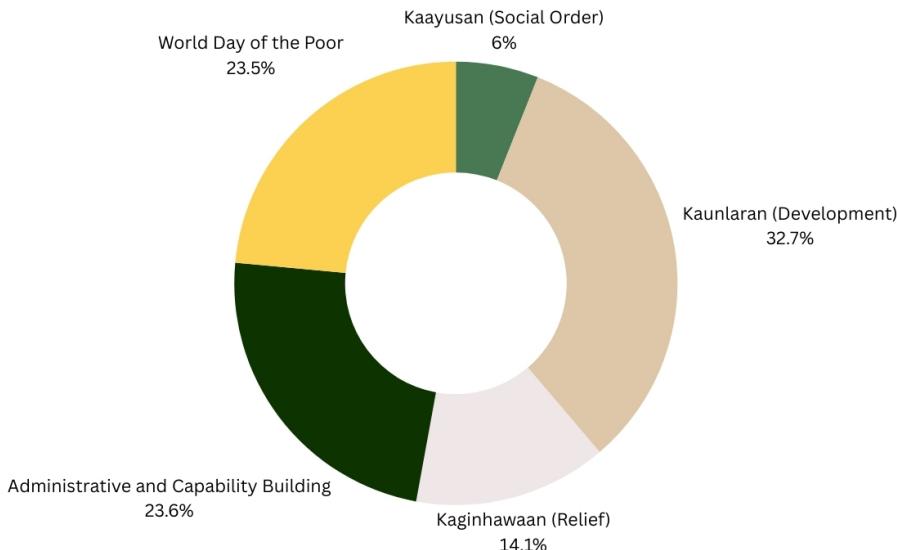


# DONATIONS



**TOTAL DONATIONS: ₱ 366,686.64**

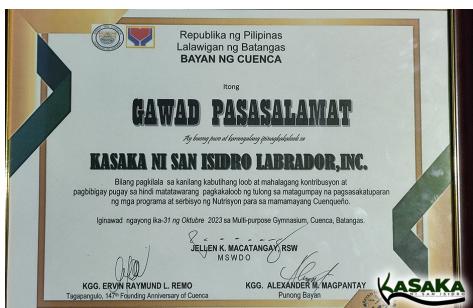
# EXPENSES



**TOTAL EXPENSES: ₱ 292,756.93**

## Awards and Citations

In our efforts to help the poor, we are being recognized by both the Church and the Local Government Unit of Cuenca in our service to the poor. We have been the top-notcher for two consecutive quarters when it comes to the number of programs and activities initiated during the Quarterly Assembly of the Archdiocesan Ministry on Social Services last June 17 and September 16, 2023. We were also recognized by the Local Government of Cuenca through the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office during the Gawad Pasasalamat of the Municipality last October 31, 2023.



# *Maging Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador*

Maging kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador sa pamamagitan ng paglalaan ng inyong panahon, kakayahan, at yaman. Sa ating mga programa, serbisyo, proyekto, at aktibidad, maaari tayong makiisa para sa kaayusan, kaunlaran, at kaginhawaan ng mga dukha sa bayan ni San Isidro Labrador sa Cuenca, Batangas.

Sa paglilingkod natin sa mga dukha, magiging lingkod-pastoral tayo ng Simbahan upang ipaabot ang biyaya at pagmamahal ng Diyos sa Kaniyang bayan sa pamamagitan ng pag-aalay ng ating panahon at kakayahan/talento. Upang maging bahagi ng mga aktibidad, maaari tayong makipag-ugnayan sa opisina ng parokya sa tuwing may mga ipinapabatid na mga gawain.

Para naman sa mga kapos sa oras at talento, maaari tayong makiisa sa mga gawaing pagtulong sa kapwa bilang isang donor na siyang magbibigay ng yaman, malaki man o maliit, para sa pagtugon sa pangangailangan ng iba. Maaari tayong maging Kasaka Ni San Isidro Donor sa pagbibigay ng monthly financial pledge upang suportahan ang patuloy na pagsasagawa ng ating mga programa at serbisyo.



Para sa karagdagang impormasyon, maaaring makipag-ugnayan kay Bro. Renniel Jayson Jacinto Rosales  
[09179526596 o sa cuencapmss@gmail.com]



## Notes

## **Panalangin kay San Isidro Labrador**

Makapangyarihang Diyos, Amang Kataastaasan, na sa dakilang pagsinta sa amin ay binigyan Mo kami ng isang uliran at mapag-ampong Pintakasing si Isidrong Magsasaka, na pinakalooban Mo ng mahal na biyaya, na gaya ni Moises ng kapangyarihan na kahit lupang kapatagan ay nakapagpapabukal ng tubig sa pagtumbok lamang ng kanyang tungkod, at binigyan mo naman ng malaking kasipagan na di ang lupa lamang ang pinagsumakitan niyang pag-anihan kundi pati kaluluwa'y pinagpilitan ding pag-anihan ng magagandang gawa. Hinihingi namin sa Iyo, maawaing Diyos, na alang-alang sa karapatan ng mapaghimalang santo, ay pagkalooban Mo kami ng makapangyarihang tulong, na ikawawala ng katamaran namin sa paggawa ng kabanalan, at halinhan Mo ng magandang kasipagan ukol sa magaling at ang pagtulad sa kanya ay masundan namin ang biyayang inagaw sa aming kasalanan. Umaasa kami Panginoon sa awa Mong walang hanggan. Siya nawa.

## **Panalangin ng mga Kasaka ni San Isidro Labrador**

Amang mapagmahal, Diyos ng kabutihan, Ikaw ang puno at dulo ng aming pananampalataya at pagtugon sa mga dukha. Isinasamo namin na kami'y Inyong pabanalin kagaya ng aming pintakasing si San Isidrong Magsasaka na nagawang maglingkod sa mga aba at dukha sa kabilang kanyang karukhaan. Sa aming karukhaan ay kami'y payabungin upang makita ang pangangailangan ng mga nasasadlak sa lubos na karukhaan. Hindi man kami marapat ay patatagin Mo kaming makapaglingkod kasama ng aming sinisintang patron upang makita namin ang Iyong biyayang walang hanggan, biyayang hindi lamang para sa amin kundi para maibahagi sa mga dukha. Kagaya ng aming patron, hayaan Mong mailaan namin ang aming sarili para sa aming kapwa, makapag-alay para sa kanila at mahikayat pa ang marami na maglingkod sa aming kapwa. Nawa'y maging instrumento kami ng Iyong biyaya upang makapagdulot ng kaayusan, kaunlaran, at kaginhawaan sa aming lugar nang sa gayon ay maipakita ang Iyong kadakilaan sa lahat. Isinasamo namin ito sa ngalan ng aming Panginoong Hesukristo, kasama ang mga panalangin ng Mahal na Ina ng Medalya Milagrosa, at ni San isidro Labrador na aming pinipintakasi. Amen.



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