

Filipino Catholic Community of Noboricho

Activity Report (2019) and Plan (2020)

Noboricho Catholic Church, Hiroshima

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About FCCN

Vision:

A united Filipino Community living the Gospel Values under the One Body of Christ

Mission:

1. To promote unity among Christian communities in bringing the Message of the Gospel to everyone.
2. To participate and collaborate in the Pastoral programs of the Diocese of Hiroshima especially in the Church of Noboricho.
3. To continue the Dialogue of Life among other nationalities particularly in the Japanese community.

Officers (2019-2021)

Chairman: Dondee Navarro

Vice-Chairman: Gerard Jacinto

Secretary: Eric John Sumio

Treasurer: Patricia Lee Ayawan

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Committee Representatives

1. Liturgy: Patricia Lee Ayawan, Rose Morioka
2. Choir: Gerard Jacinto
3. Sunday School Liaison: Monie Medina Hara
4. Socials: Corazon Yamada
5. Public Relations (PR): Eric John Sumio
6. Couples for Christ (CFC): Raffy Roble
7. Marian: Jocelyn Mahilum Unzaki
8. Eikaiwa: Regina Sano

Advisers:

1. Fr. Kiyoharu Ogi
2. Fr. Yuki Kubo
3. Fr. Ricardo Bugas, Jr.
4. Fr. Bartolome Casiano
5. Sr. Maria Onojima
6. Arlyn Tamari (Past president)

Committee Mission and Activities.

1. Liturgy

- To help prepare liturgical celebrations especially the English mass
- To help lead the English mass as lectors and altar servers

Activities

- Prepares the regular 2:30 PM English mass
- Coordinates the international mass celebrations
- Train people as lectors and altar servers

2. Choir

- To help and lead the congregation in the Holy Eucharist celebration
- To set the mood and atmosphere of the liturgical celebration through music

Activities

- Regular 2:30 PM English mass choir
- International mass with Vietnamese and Japanese choirs
- Choir Rehearsals (Songs are in English, Tagalog and Japanese)

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3. Sunday School Liaison

- The Sunday School aspires to provide a Christian education to elementary students through teaching them catechism and Christian values.

Activities

- Regular class where they teach the prayers and the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Provides special classes preparing the children for the first communion, confirmation as well as altar servers
- Outdoor activities like summer camp, short field trips, overnight in church, barbecue, etc.

4. Socials

- Helps in the preparation of community gatherings and parties.
- Bridges understanding among different cultures in Noboricho through international gatherings like food festivals.

Activities

- Helps prepare community gatherings
- Participates in church festivities (booths, bazaar)
- Helps in the gathering programs like dance for the Sto. Nino festival and songs

5. Public Relations

- Helps disseminate church activities through print and online media in English and Filipino languages.

Activities

- Regular updates of the Noboricho website on the liturgical activities and events for the international community
- Start a newsletter for the English mass international community

6. Couples for Christ (CFC)

- The Vision of CFC is: Families in the Holy Spirit Renewing the Face of the Earth
- Moved by the Holy Spirit, one with the Catholic Church, blessed to witness Christ's love and service, Couples for Christ is a united global community of family evangelizers that sets the world on fire with the fullness of God's transforming love.
- CFC MISSION: Building the Church of the Home Building the Church of the Poor

Activities

- Household (Worship through singing and praying)
- Mission to Nagasaki

7. Marian

- Religious group living the Marian tradition

Activities

- Praying the Holy Rosary every 1st Saturday of the month
- Cenacle (Marian Movement of Priest Book)
- Participation in the Tagalog Mass in Kannonmachi
- During Holy Week, praying of the Station of the Cross and Visita Iglesia
- Yearly Pilgrimage (May 3) -Tsuwano
- Block Rosary - House to House
- Handmade rosaries

8. Eikaiwa

- One of the Ministry works of FCCN
- Filipino English Teachers offering English classes

Activities

- Conducts 1-hour English class, two Sundays per month from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Conducts teacher training

BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY

The different committees of FCCN are inviting you to be a part of our community. Together as one family, we live by the Word of God, embrace the gift of peace, and selflessly serve our community through the English mass and other activities.

For those interested to join any committee, you may approach any FCCN officer.

ACTIVITY REPORT (2019)

1. English Mass, every Sunday at 2:30 PM, Crypt. Praying of the rosary before the mass.
2. Easter Celebration (April 21, Cathedral). Easter mass with the international community. Joined the choir and mass liturgy. Helped in the preparation of Easter eggs.
3. FCCN Induction Party (May 26, Crypt, Multipurpose Hall). FCCN officers were inducted by Fr. Ricardo in the 2:30 PM English Mass. A welcome party open to all Filipinos and other nationalities after the English mass was held.
4. Philippine Independence Day Mass (June 12, Crypt). Mass in Tagalog was held in celebration of the independence of the Republic of the Philippines.
5. Hiroshima Diocese Mass (Sept. 16, Cathedral). Participated in the choir and liturgy.
6. Mass for Migrants and San Lorenzo Ruiz International Mass (Sept. 27, Cathedral). Mass dedicated to Migrants, Refugees and People on the Move, and celebration of the Feast of Filipino saint San Lorenzo Ruiz.
7. J-CaRM Talk (Sept. 27, Cathedral). The talk was given by Komatsu-san about the issues of migrants in Hiroshima. Talk was held after the international mass.
8. International Family Day (Sept. 27). Celebration of international culture in Noboricho. Showcased Filipino culture like bahay kubo, jeepney and Filipino games.
9. Annual Church Bazaar (Oct. 27). Sold Filipino food with proceeds donated to Noboricho church.
10. Papal visit in Hiroshima (Nov. 24, Hiroshima Peace Park). Pope delivered his message of peace, attended by mostly from people from Hiroshima. Volunteers were composed of diverse nationalities from different parishes of the diocese of Hiroshima. About 100 Filipinos participated as volunteers and audience.
11. Christmas Charity Concert (Dec. 1, Cathedral). A Christmas charity concert performed by the Noboricho church Japanese choirs and international groups together with the priest and seminarians. The concert was well-received and gathered generous monetary donation, which was directly handed to the Noboricho Parish office.
12. Advent Recollection (Dec. 8, Crypt). Annual Advent recollection joined in the English mass. Officiated by Fr. Bart.
13. Christmas Party (Dec. 8, Multipurpose Hall). Christmas celebration of the Filipino community and other nationalities.
14. Simbang Gabi (Dec. 14 – 24, Crypt). A 9-day novena mass in preparation for Christmas day.
15. Christmas Eve Mass (Dec. 24, Cathedral). Christmas eve mass was celebrated. Attended by international community.
16. Christmas English Mass (Dec. 25, Crypt). Christmas mass was celebrated.
17. New Year's Day Mass (Jan. 1, Crypt). New Year's Day mass was celebrated.
18. Santo Niño International Mass (Jan. 19, Cathedral). International mass in celebration of the Child Jesus. Filipino traditional dance Sinulog was performed along with presentation from Vietnamese group.
19. Eikaiwa (Two times per month). 1-hour English class with Filipino English Teachers as teachers and coordinators.

"The body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are one, we are strongest working together in unity. Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony, so that we can do God's will."

1 Corinthians 12:14

ACTIVITY PLAN (2020)

2020	March	8	Advent Recollection
	April	12	Easter Mass
	April, May	April 26 – May 24	Online mass via Zoom and Facebook Live
	June	14	Mass in celebration of Philippine Independence Day
	Sept	27	Mass for San Lorenzo Ruiz and Migrants / Selling of Handmade Rosaries
	Nov	1	Mass for All Souls Day
	Dec	6, 13, 20	Regular Sunday Mass will also be made online via Facebook Live
	Dec	24	Christmas Eve Mass (will also be online via Facebook Live)
2021	Jan	17	Santo Niño Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Parish is encouraging children aged 7 and above to join the Sunday School. Children will learn Catholic Catechism, prayers, etc. together with other Japanese and international children.

Time: Every Sunday, 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM

Place: Multi-Purpose Hall

Time and place may change depending on church activity. For those interested, please approach any FCCN officer for more details.

NOBORICHO PARISH'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Following the directive (6) given by Bishop Shirahama on "Policy for Preventing New Corona Virus Infections," public masses in Noboricho Catholic Church are now re-opened. Please pay attention to the guidelines set in the English Mass based on the guidelines given by the Noboricho Catholic Church Pastoral Council. We hope for your utmost cooperation.

BEFORE THE ENGLISH MASS

A name card should be filled out upon entrance to the cathedral with your name, contact number and body temperature. The information will be used for contact tracing in case virus infection/transmission happens. Please wear your face masks properly, covering your nose and mouth. Maintain social distancing while inside the Cathedral.

AFTER THE ENGLISH MASS

Kindly bring home the missalettes with you. Refrain from leaving trashes like pet bottles and tissue papers.

We would also like to request all gentlemen and able-bodied to help in cleaning and disinfecting the church pews and chairs in the Cathedral.

Please maintain social distancing while in the church premises even after the mass.

FOR BAPTISM AND FUNERAL (WAKE) SERVICES

Please inquire at the parish office for baptism and funeral (wake) services. Refer to the English guideline for the necessary documents and procedures. You may also contact the Liturgy Committee for further information.

CONFESSION IN ENGLISH

Regular confession in English is held every 1st Sunday of the month from 1:45 PM to 2:15 PM at the Small Chapel. You may also ask the parish office anytime for available priest to have confession.

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

Mass Schedules

Weekly Sunday

7:30 AM – (Japanese)

9:30 AM – (Japanese)

2:30 PM – (English)

Portuguese Mass – Every 1st Sunday at 3:00 PM

Vietnamese Mass – Every 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM

Spanish Mass – Every last Sunday at 5:00 PM

Weekday Mass

Monday to Saturday – 7:00 AM

Friday – 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM

*Masses are usually held in the Cathedral or in the Small Chapel .