SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

SR. JUDETTE GALLARES, RC

PROVINCE OF ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC - ASIA * PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY 2026

Artisans of Peace and Hope: Provincial Context

Sr. Judette Gallares reminds us that our world today is deeply wounded by **war, poverty, loneliness, environmental destruction, and the rapid growth of technology and Artificial Intelligence.** In this fragmented world, **Daughters of Charity** are called to become **artisans of peace and hope**, bringing healing through the Vincentian spirit.

Across the nine countries of our Province, each mission has different challenges—from digital loneliness and migration to historical trauma, restricted religious freedom, and care for creation. Yet our response is the same: **to be a compassionate presence, offering listening, hospitality, education, justice, and hope.**

The speaker reminds us that our greatest strength is not technology but our **ministry of presence**. Through authentic relationships, prayer, dialogue, solidarity, and joyful service, we reveal the human face of Christ in a digital and divided world.

Using the image of ***Kintsugi,*** the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with gold, she invites us to see every wound as an opportunity for healing. God continues to refine us so that, through our Vincentian virtues of **simplicity, humility, and charity**, we may become **living signs** of **peace** and **hope** for **Asia today.**

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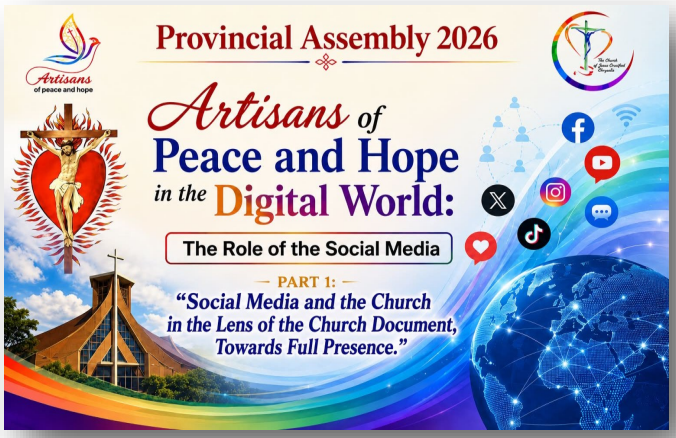

- **Fr. Joriz** based his talk on *Towards Full Presence*, emphasizing the Church's mission in the digital world.

- He noted that online and offline life are now deeply interconnected, making digital spaces a new field for evangelization.

- He warned that filter bubbles, algorithms, and digital inequalities can deepen division and hinder authentic human encounters.

- Christians are called to imitate the Good Samaritan, responding with compassion to those affected by exclusion, misinformation, and loneliness.

- **Missionary discipleship in the digital age requires both love for Christ and the ability to communicate the Gospel in today's language.**

- **Christian presence online should reflect God's style of closeness, compassion, and tenderness, rather than self-promotion or branding.**

- **Every Christian is a "micro-influencer," called to shape digital spaces with love and authenticity.**

- **Digital ministry should complement, not replace, real-life relationships; faith must be lived both online and through concrete acts of service.**

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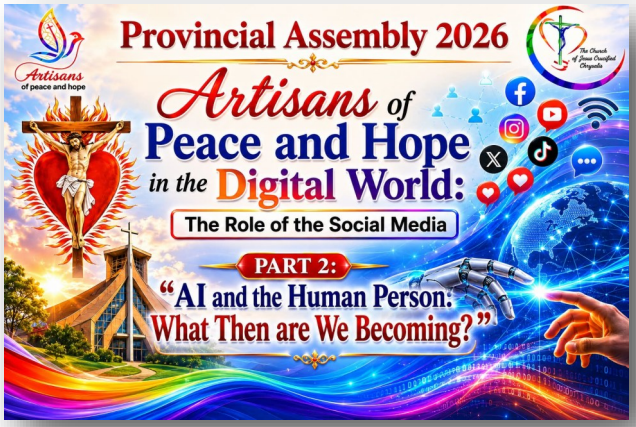

Fr. Joriz described AI as a historic technological shift, comparable to the automobile, telephone, television, and internet, rapidly transforming daily life.

He shared global data showing that therapy and companionship are the top reasons people use AI, highlighting both its human-centered appeal and vulnerability to manipulation.

He warned that AI is controlled by only a few major players, creating an oligopolistic influence over its development and impact.

He explored three themes:

1. *AI and human intellect:* AI can imitate reasoning (*ratio*) but lacks the intuitive insight (*intellectus*) unique to humans.

2. *AI and human relationships*: AI can simulate interaction but cannot replace authentic human presence, risking isolation and despair.

3. *AI and our relationship with God*: The Eucharist reflects God's choice of real presence over virtual presence.

He concluded that reducing intelligence to computation weakens relationships and openness to God.

Citing Pope Francis, he called for responsibility, cooperation, and education in AI use, urging reflection not only on what AI can do, but on the kind of people we are becoming.

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

FR. MARCELO MANIMTIM, CM

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ARTISANS OF PEACE AND HOPE: THE VINCENTIAN WAY

A SUMMARY

Fr. Marcelo Manimtim, CM, presented his talk by country (or two countries), that compose the Province of St. Louise de Marillac-Asia, structuring it in three parts: first, the context and challenges faced by each; second, the call to mission of the Daughters of Charity within those realities; and third, the message that St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac might offer were they alive today.

Across the Province, communities face varied challenges—from war wounds, poverty, and displacement to isolation, secularization, and political division; from aging populations and declining birthrates, widespread migration and displacement with the scourge of human trafficking, to growing secularization and religious indifference, rising youth anxiety with mental health concerns and loss of purpose, and deepening social polarization that threatens human dignity.

The DC mission across the Province emphasizes education, mentoring, and leadership development; advocacy for human dignity, justice, and the protection of vulnerable groups; empowerment rather than dependency; spiritual accompaniment and compassionate presence; interfaith collaboration and cultural sensitivity; and the building of peaceful, inclusive, and resilient communities.

... calls the Daughters of Charity to be true *artisans of peace and hope*, responding with creativity and compassion to today's social challenges. Mission effectiveness is not measured by quick success but by faithful service, personal accompaniment, respect for human dignity, and trust in God's providence. Rooted in prayer, community, and Vincentian charity, the Sisters are invited to bring healing, reconciliation, and hope to a changing world.