

## SUMMA CUM LAUDE MSGR. CLAUDIO S. SALE:

### HAPPY 55TH SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY

From Facebook entry of Miagao Hits in December 22, 2014



In his own account, he was assigned to Miagao when the former secretary of then Archbishop Piamonte died, allowing his predecessor in the Parish of St. Thomas of Villanova Msgr. Perez to be transferred to the Archbishop Palace in lieu of the deceased. The selection as to who would be assigned to Miagao was somehow difficult because, the Palace saw an imminent problem in the life of the community with the existence of UPV which was newly established by that time.

Msgr. Claudio S. Sale by divine plan was plucked from his previous assignment to serve as the Parish Priest of Miagao. Prior to that he has served long in St. Joseph seminary assigned as formator of the seminarians.

He didn't mind living an austere life while in the seminary only to realize later and he confessed that he was not able to save for his future life. His salary in the seminary was good enough for those seminarians who asked from him financial assistance for their various needs.

His foremost concern when he first set foot in Miagao was to preside over the ministerium of the faithful. He set up a mission together with Fr. Elmer Tababa whereby in a matter of 2 months, they went to the different barrios in Miagao administering confession that benefited over 19,000 Miagaowanon Catholics in the process.

His first 5 years of stay as parish priest was spent in serving the people in their spiritual conversion. Said he, "I was invited to go on tour in Europe that time, pero wala ko magbalikid sina, kay I was more concerned of my priestly duty kag nalipay ako samtang ginaalagaran ko ang mga pumuluyo." He was so concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people more than anything else.

During his sixth year, he saw the need to reconstruct the Miagao Church and its convent because it was already dilapidated and bag-sat infested, even spending one night killing those pests inside his bedroom. He said that the reconstruction of the church was never on his mind when he was assigned here because he was advised beforehand that he had to instill the ministerium as his first mission in Miagao.

He was the hands-on general manager when the reconstruction of the Church began. The project he said was materialized even without any fund-raising activity waged to raise funds for the purpose. He was thankful to those Miagaowanons who have helped him along the way, his Tyo Solomon Flores, General Flores, Msgr. Nilmar, Mrs. Intal to mention a few, during the hard days of efforts to finish and later on inscribed in 1992. the Miagao Church to the UNESCO's World Heritage site.

He is pretty much aware that he is well-loved by Miagaowanons and he feel a certain reciprocation in that conviction. He feel so close to Miagaowanons that when he retired from priesthood 5 years ago, he felt as if "daw nautdan ako ulo." He missed so much his ministerium that he felt really different when he cannot anymore spend time with the parishioners, to say mass and deliver the most important sacrament of confession with them.

If there is one priest who has dearly ingrained his legacy in Miagao, he is none other than Msgr. Kalaw. On his 55th year of anniversary of priesthood today, he chose Miagao to celebrate his mass knowing fully well that he is related in spirit with the Miagaowanons and that he is much revered, respected and well-loved.

CONGRATULATIONS and may God continue to bless you with priestly values and virtues as you travel WITH ALL THE GOODNESS IN YOUR HEART to the welcoming gates of heaven. You are Summa Cum Laude. We love you. ((-:

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**Pearl Margaret Flores Momville** The Best! December 22, 2014 at 7:30pm · Like · 2



**Nonie Villagracia Moragriega** Well remembered and respected in my person as i witnessed his priestly goodness and ddcation God Bless you always may the seeds of your goodness and vitues germinate in the hearts of miaga-wanons. December 22, 2014 at 7:44pm · Like · 4



**Lorna Mondido Dela Cruz** Happy 55th year anniversary of priesthood Msgr.Sale.may the lord continue to bless & guide you all the time.god bless you. December 22, 2014 at 9:50pm · Like · 3



**Jeter Gemarino** i luv u Msgr. Sale...may the lord bless & protect u always...take care... December 22, 2014 at 11:50pm · Like · 2



**Editha Modoc de Leon** Happy 55 th sacerdotal anniversary Msgr . Claudio Sale! December 23, 2014 at 12:12am · Like · 2



**Tyrone Nismal Modoc** Happy 55th sacerdotal year, Msgr. Kalaw.. So happy and proud to have served you in celebrating a mass for the people of Miagao..December 23, 2014 at 2:18am · Edited · Like · 4



**Isang Gregorios** Happy 55th Anniversary Msgr may God grant you more years to serve the community December 23, 2014 at 10:09am · Like · 2



**Ma Florenda Nieves Monana** Happy 55th Anniversary Msgr. Sale may the Lord Bless & protect you always... December 23, 2014 at 1:02pm · Like · 1



**Nancy Murcia Naringahon** happy anniversary Msgr. Sale! "Long Live and God bless!" December 23, 2014 at 1:11pm · Like · 1



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**Jocelyn Magbanua Molter** Happy 55th year Anniversary,Msgr.Sale:) December 24, 2014 at 1:59am · Like · 1