

My dear parishioners of Mary Immaculate and friends, “Alleluia”, “Praise the Lord”, and a big “Thank You” is all I can say to all of you for what you have done for me during my 45th Anniversary of my ordination as a priest and the 9th anniversary of my investiture as Honorary Prelate of the late Pope John Paul II. (Msgr)

Alleluia: It is a feeling of joy for all the surprises you have given me:

- A greatly attended Anniversary mass, and the standing ovation I received after my homily at said mass.
- The beautiful choir accompanied by the string ensemble.
- The Knights of Columbus in their regalia, escorting the processional at the Anniversary mass.
- The personal gifts of chasuble and alb given through the contributions of generous staff and parishioners.
- The Hispanic music group who entertained the participants at the reception.
- The rosaries, prayer cards and photo souvenirs and photography, all provided at no cost.
- The food, cakes and pastries and drinks offered to the visitors by the concerned parishioners at the reception.
- The prayers, card of congratulations, and financial offerings.

PRAISE THE LORD:

- I do believe that all of these are made possible because you value the priesthood and are aware of its importance in your spiritual life. Indeed, where there is no priesthood, there is no Eucharist, and useless are the sacraments for there is no dispenser of the graces.

A BIG THANK YOU:

- I am very blessed to be a part of the Mary Immaculate Parish community, where the true Christian brotherhood was visibly seen during the celebration of my 45th Sacerdotal and 9th Honorary Prelate Investiture anniversaries. I will always cherish the memories of the said celebration, earnestly praying to the Lord to bless each and every one of you. All I can say is, Thank You, and God love and bless you all.

