

DEVOTION TO SANTO NIÑO



THE HISTORY OF THE SANTO NIÑO



The discovery of the 7100 island archipelago in the Philippines has been linked to Spain's glorious chain of conquests. On September 20, 1519, a fleet of five galleons commanded by Portuguese Navigator Ferdinand Magellan at the service of the king and queen of Spain set sailed from San Lucar de Barrameda to search for the Spice Islands. They did not find the spice island, instead they landed in Limasawa, a small island south of Leyte in the central part of the Philippines. Magellan took possession of the islands and named it after King Philip of Spain.

Magellan's expedition headed for Cebu and found the island very hospitable. He made Cebu the base of his exploration, Christianization and conquests. King Humabon and Queen Juana of Cebu gave him a warm reception and embraced Christianity as well. As gratitude to his hospitality, Magellan agreed to fight with king Humabon who was at war with the neighboring tribe in Mactan island. Magellan was killed in the battle. His men returned to Spain, and that same expedition has also set the record as the first to circumnavigate the earth.

Spain sent another expedition to the Far East Region. An Augustinian priest, named Andres Urdaneta, a world-known cosmographer who lived inside the monastic walls of the Augustinian monastery in Mexico was summoned to lead the expedition. On November 21, a memorable expedition left Mexico for the Philippines and arrived in Cebu on April 27, 1565.

DISCOVERY OF THE IMAGE OF THE SANTO NIÑO

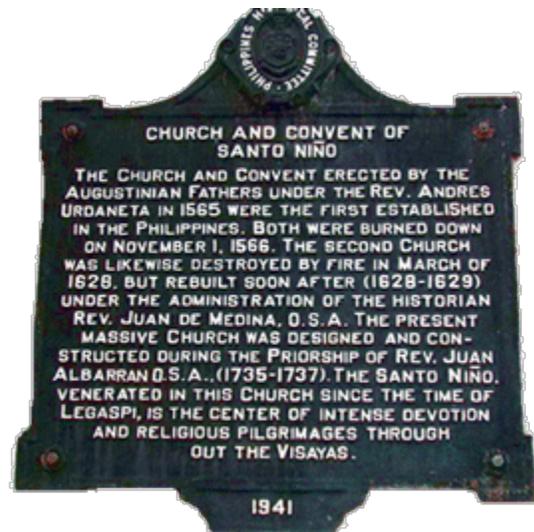
Because of Cebuanos suspicion that the Spaniards return has bringing retribution to Magellan's death, another battle broke out. But heavy artilleries and huge cannons forced the natives to flee to the mountain leaving behind their villages burnt to the ground. As Spanish soldiers surveyed the debris of the village, a soldier found an image of the Child Jesus under the pile of ashes unscathed inside a wooden box.

As earlier authenticated entry in the Journal of Pigafetta, clerk in the Magellan expedition, explained the origin of Santo Nino: "On the day Queen Juana was baptized by Father Pedro Valderama, chaplain of that expedition, Pigaffeta himself presented her with the Image." The same Image now lies in the Basilica del Santo Nino and become a favorite destination for millions of pilgrims each year.

For four and half centuries now, the Image of Santo Nino continues to make wonders in the lives of many Filipinos. On the third Sunday of each year, in Cebu, millions will flock to the streets in Cebu for a colorful festivity, honoring the Santo Nino and placing the Island and the entire Philippines under His Patronage.

During the last World War, a bomb fell inside the Church but the Image was recovered unscathed. It was one of the numerous miracles and powers attributed to the Holy Image.

In 1965 the historic Santo Nino Church was renovated for the observance of the Fourth Centenary of the Christianization of the Philippines held in Cebu City. It was during the centennial celebration that the Sacred Congregation of Rites elevated the Santo Nino Church to the rank of Basilica Minore with all the rights and privileges accruing to such title.



PRAYER TO SANTO NIÑO



Señor Santo Niño, You are our king and our god, we worship you, you are our strong Defender, we turn to you; You are the Patron of Cebu and Philippines, we come to you; You have made extraordinary wonders. Through your miraculous Image in these chosen islands, remember us. Look down at this poor soul that comes to You for help. Lead us with your wisdom, discipline us with Your Truth, console us with Your Tenderness, protect us with Your Might.

We consecrate today our thoughts to You, only with You shall they be occupied; our words, only of you shall they speak; our sufferings, that we may endure them for your sake. We beg You, Señor Santo Niño, illumine our understanding, kindle our will, cleanse our body, sanctify our soul. We wish what you wish, because you wish, as you wish, as long as you wish.

Grant us, Señor Santo Niño, that we may feel love toward You, be strict toward ourselves, be zealous toward our fellowmen, and rightly despise the things of the world. Help us to overcome sensuality with strict discipline, avariciousness with generosity, anger with gentleness, indolence with zealous industry. Make us wise in counsel, courageous in danger, patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Teach us, dear Santo Niño, how worthless is the world, how sublime is heaven, how brief is time, how long is eternity. Grant us, lastly, that we may remember You, adore You, and serve You here on earth that we may be happy with You forever and ever in Heaven. Amen.

Holy God, we praise Thy Name.
Lord of all! we bow before Thee;
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore Thee;
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.
Hark! the loud celestial hymn,
Angels' choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!

9 DAYS NOVENA TO SANTO NIÑO



ACT OF CONTRITION

Oh, Dear Jesus, You are our King and our God, because of your love for us, You came down from heaven and born of the Virgin Mary. We repent all the transgressions we have committed against you. Forgive us, Oh Jesus, for our sins of ingratitude. Strengthen our will to resist temptations. Grant us the grace not to sin again that we may enjoy the blessings of Heaven.

Oh, Holy Child Jesus, son of the living God, who is ever-good and loving. We kneel before you our True God. We humbly ask to give us your mercy and grant us all the favors we ask of You in this Novena.

AMEN.

January 8, 2021: DAY 1 - PETITION

Oh, ever-wise Jesus, son of the living God, in your infinite wisdom, You sent zealous missionaries to our shores in the Philippines to preach the Gospel to our forefathers. You had drawn our people to the light of your Catholic Church, we humbly ask you to give us the living faith so what we may always please you in all that we do. We ask you this in your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask Senor Santo Nino your intentions for making this Novena.

January 9, 2021: DAY 2 - PETITION

Oh, most-loving Jesus, who has shown your love to us by dying for us on the Cross and by giving yourself to us in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we beseech you to share with us Your love so that we may always love You with all our heart, with all our soul and all our strength, and also so that we may always love our neighbors as ourselves. This we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask **Senor Santo Nino** your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 10, 2021: DAY 3 – PETITION

Oh, my Jesus, who has said, “learn from me because I am meek and humble of heart”, grants us the virtues of meekness and humility so that we may progress in our spiritual life, and so that our neighbor may see your Image in us. We ask you this in your Holy Name. Amen

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask **Senor Santo Nino** your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 11, 2021: DAY 4 – PETITION

Oh, merciful Jesus, you had forgiven those who crucified you; we implore you to give us a forgiving heart so that we may always pardon those who will hurt us in words or in deeds. This we ask you in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask **Senor Santo Nino** your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 12, 2021: DAY 5 – PETITION

Oh, most-loving Jesus, You have said, “there will be more rejoicing in Heaven for one sinner who repents than over ninety nine who don’t need repentance”, we beseech you to grant us

the grace of repentance so that we may repent our sins and live for you alone. This we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask Senor Santo Nino your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 13, 2021: DAY 6 – PETITION

Oh, most-loving Jesus, You gave us the example of a chaste life while you were on earth; we implore you to grant us the virtue of chastity so that we may always live a chaste life in whatever state of life we have chosen. This we ask of you in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask Senor Santo Nino your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 14, 2021: DAY 7 – PETITION

Oh, most merciful Jesus, You had been always obedient to your heavenly Father even unto death; we beseech you to grant us the grace of being always docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit so that we will always glorify your Father in Heaven. This we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask Senor Santo Nino your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 15, 2021: DAY 8 – PETITION

Oh, merciful Jesus, You opened the gates of Heaven for us through your death and resurrection; we implore you to grant us eternal life after our journey on earth. We ask you this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask Senor Santo Nino your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

January 16, 2021: DAY 9 – PETITION

Oh, merciful Jesus, You said, “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life”, We beseech you to guide us in our way to Heaven so that we may be able to surmount all the difficulties and obstacles we encounter in this deceptive world.

Grant us also the virtue of hope so that we always thirst for the heavenly things and for your glory. We ask you this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pray 3 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary & 3 Glory be...

Now ask Senor Santo Nino your intentions for making this Novena.

Supplications to Santo Nino...

SUPPLICATIONS TO SANTO NIÑO

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

In every need let us come to you with humble trust.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

In our all doubts, perplexities and temptations,

R. Santo Nino, help us.

In hours of loneliness, weariness and trials,

R. Santo Nino, help us.

In the failure of our plans and hopes.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

In disappointments, troubles and sorrows,

R. Santo Nino, help us.

When others fail us, and Your Grace alone can assist us.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

When we throw ourselves on your tender love as our only refuge.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

When we are ill and our head and hands cannot work and we are lonely.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

When we feel impatient and our cross irritates us.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

Always, always, in spite of weaknesses, failings and shortcomings of every kind.

R. Santo Nino, help us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world:

Spare us. O Jesus.

Lamb of God who take away the sins of te world:

Graciously hear us, O Jesus

Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world:

have mercy upon us, O Jesus.

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, Graciously hear us.

er. Amen.

LET US PRAY

O Santo Nino, who has said, "ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you," Give we beseech you, to us who ask the gift of your divine love, that we may love you with our whole heart, in word and work, and never cease from showing forth your praise.

Make us, O Lord, to have a perpetual fear and love of Your Holy Name, for you never fail to govern them whom you solidly establish in Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O miraculous Santo Nino prostrate before your sacred Image,
we beseech you to cast a merciful look on our troubled hearts. Let Your tender love, so inclined to pity, be softened at our prayers, and grant us that grace for which we ardently implore you. Take from us all unbearable affliction and despair. For your sacred infancy's sake hear our prayers and send us consolation and aid that we may praise you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

THE DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.
Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His Saints