

## **SPOTLIGHT ON OUR LADY OF THE POOR PARISH CFMers**

The Our Lady of the Poor Parish now has 13 CFM Units and from the looks of it, the CFMers are not going to stop adding to their members judging from the way they recruit couples to the Tipanan ng Mag-Asawa Week-end. After the Tipanan, the couples attend the six Balik Tipanan program with a CFM couple as Gabay.

The couples then get an orientation to CFM and are invited to form themselves into a CFM Unit under the same Gabay.

The attendance to the CFM unit meetings is admirable considering that the couples are members of the working class and commute from work to be able to attend their bi-weekly unit meetings on time. The unit meetings are fully alive with worship and joyful singing.

**How CFM Began.** CFM stalwarts Rene & Inday Pronstroller were invited as guest speakers during a parish Holy week Recollection in 2002. They seized the opportunity to talk about CFM and highlighted the CFM programs such as the Tipanan ng Mag-Asawa, Marriage Encounter, Sons & Daughters Encounter(SADE). This elicited interest among the attendees. The parish priest at that time, Rev. Fr. Lito Jopson, whose parents had been CFMers, was only too happy to encourage the couples to take the 1-

Sunday Tipanan ng Mag-Asawa conducted by CFM pillars Rolly and Josie Mesa, and Rolly and Betty Calingo, Fr. Jopson organized the first CFM Unit in 2002.

The Tipanan was very successful in the parish. In fact, it is included in the annual parish plan and is held three times a year in February, May and October. From the ranks of Tipanan graduates were born the 13 CFM Units.

In addition to the bi-weekly unit meetings, the CFMers hold a weekly CFM Prayer meeting every Thursday attended by all CFMers. Worshipping and joyful singing bind the CFMers into a strong community such that when there are Assemblies of the Diocese of Pasig and biennial CFM National Convention, the OLPP CFMers always stand out as having the most number of delegates. Their hard-working and amiable leader is Bro. Mike Hallarsis with wife Nena beside him.

Most of the CFMers are also very active members of the parish. The current parish priest, Fr. Mark Emman Hao Sese, takes delight in the CFMers because they are active in parish activities and are always ready to serve with smiles on their faces. Among the men are members of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; the rest serve as ushers and usherettes or serve in other parish ministries.

There are 12 young men and women who are members of the Sons & Daughters Encounter (SADE) group and three graduates of the Young Adults Program (YAP). The CFM youth is led by Chloe De la Cruz.

The National CFM participation in the dawn Walk for Life of the LAIKO, the Diocese of Pasig to which the OLPP belong, always stand out as having the biggest delegation. In the biennial CFM National Convention, the OLPP CFMers also stand out, not only in number but as the group that showcase their talents in dance and song numbers. They always garner a place in the CFM Got Talent Contest. Pictures below show the happy CFMers in OLPP.