

Fear Not, For I Am With You! Isaiah 41:10 **Reflection by Sister Camille Mantigue**

This is my profession motto and it truly describes who I am as a person in the sense that I have a lot of fear. Even though I am a very fearful person, what is interesting is that I am excited to do those things of which I am fearful. I remember when I first entered the community I was so afraid of what might happen with me, but at the same time I was very excited and curious about what would happen next. I still feel the same thing today. I am afraid of every new challenge that might come but excited as to how God will interfere in those challenges and curious as to how the Holy Spirit will calm me as I face these challenges.



Sr. Camille helps with Summer Camp outreach in Culion



Sr. Rochelle with Srs. Ada and Camille during their Profession

I know that I took a big step in my journey in becoming a Sister of Social Service. I admit that I was afraid, but I know that the spirit of God is talking to me, consoling me, telling me not to be afraid. I see that come to life through the support and love that I receive from my Sisters, family and friends. I am forever thankful - especially - to all the Sisters and SSS Associates who keep me in their prayers.

I believe that I still have a long journey in life together with the Sisters of this community. I know that I will still be afraid as I face the challenges that life offers me, but I know that the

Spirit of God will always be in my heart and continue to excite me in every challenge that comes. I know that the Holy Spirit will always surprise me in calming all my fear and helping me to keep going. And our spirit of service and reconciliation will help me to become a better person - the person that God wants me to be.

The day itself of our profession was wonderful. The Sisters of Social Service who were able to be with us was a gift. Cardinal Chito Tagle, Father Alden Singson and Father Manny Villas along with the presence of all my Sisters in the Eucharistic celebration was truly the breaking of bread with people from all over the world. Many of my family members were able to be there as well as 300 other people including the Hail Mary the Queen Children's Choir whose voices - as always - were beautiful! It was truly a "Pentecost" experience in January.



**Sr. Camille and Cardinal Tagle
enjoy a moment at Profession**

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