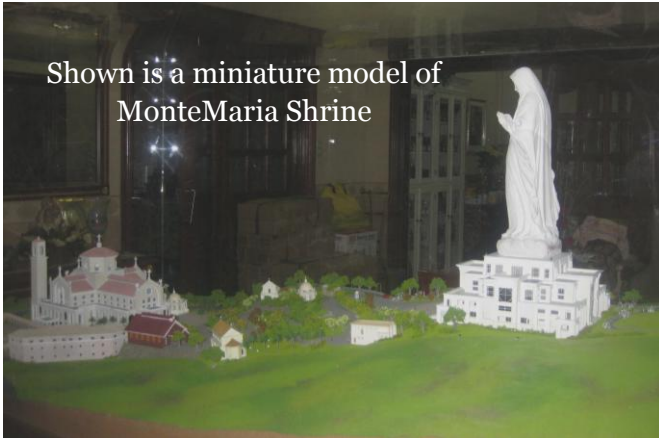


MonteMaria is nestled on the gentle slopes of Batangas City, Philippines, overlooking the Batangas Bay and the Verde Island Passage, declared Center for Marine Biodiversity in the world.



Shown is a miniature model of MonteMaria Shrine

The Holistic Experience

Once completed, the Oratory of the Blessed Virgin Mary at MonteMaria will be a pilgrimage site that will cater to the needs of the mind, body and soul. MonteMaria comes complete with retreat houses, hostels and infirmaries where one can truly enjoy the tranquil surroundings of the Verde Island and Batangas Bay.

Visitors will have the opportunity to attend healing masses, retreats and teachings that will be available year round. It will take one's mind away from the stresses of their day to day jobs. One will enjoy the taste and sights as the place will be self-sufficient with all provisions raised within the facilities through organic farming. Tours to these facilities will be part of the trip as well.

Filipinos living abroad will have the opportunity to give back to their country by volunteering their time to serve in the MMP medical, dental or humanitarian missions such as the Feeding Program for the malnourished children. YOU are INVITED! You are welcome...please join us.

Vicinity Map of MONTEMARIA Batangas City, Philippines



1. Enter South Luzon Expressway (SLEX). Exit: Calamba. Then follow sign going to Batangas City.
2. Enter Star Toll. Exit: Batangas City.
3. From exit: Follow sign going to SM Batangas City. Right after SM Batangas City is a Shell gas station. (SM and Shell are on the right). Across Shell gas station is a small road. Turn left. That road goes thru Barangay Ilihan. Continue until you reach Barangay Pagkilatan. MonteMaria will be on top or end of the mountain.

YOU CAN HELP!

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Donations:

Your generous donations will help make a difference. It will go towards the Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation's Project to build the Oratory of Our Blessed Virgin Mary and also for the different MMP programs.

Visit our websites:

montemariashrine.com
marymotherofthepoor.org
fatherfernando.com

The Oratory of the Blessed Virgin Mary at MonteMaria

Batangas City, Philippines



Dambana ni Maria Ina ng Dukha

A project  of
Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation

Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, in the 1995 World Youth Day said, "The Philippines, the only Catholic country in Asia, will play an important role in evangelization of the East." With God's grace, **MonteMaria** will be **Mary Mother of the Poor's (MMP)** response to our Holy Father's vision.



Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation's vision is to build the Oratory of the Blessed Virgin Mary in MonteMaria, Batangas City, Philippines to serve as a place for spiritual renewal and conversion...a place to experience God through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

History:

In 1995, shortly after Fr. Fernando Suarez had a vision of many poor children coming to him seeking his help, Mary Mother of the Poor Foundation began. Today, the Foundation is feeding thousands of children, building homes, and developing livelihood projects to respond to the cry of the poor. As years went by and the Foundation growing, a need to have a permanent place for the apostolate became evident.

At first, a mission house was planned to allow the missionaries from Canada and the U.S. to stay and minister. However, God has other plans and when land was donated on a beautiful location in Batangas, Fr. Fernando combined his ministry for the poor with another growing sense in his heart to build a shrine in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In January, 2007, after a groundbreaking celebration presided by Cardinal Rosales and Bishop Arguelles, MonteMaria was born. Now, thousands of faithful are going there to experience God's mercy.

MonteMaria



Now under construction at MonteMaria is the Sto Niño Chapel donated by Bong and Elvie Garcia of Toronto, Canada which will be inaugurated in January of 2010.



Groundbreaking of the Stations of the Cross at MonteMaria donated by Filipinos in California, USA headed by Dr. Hedy Daulo beside Fr. Fernando Suarez, in the center is sculptor Reden Ballesteros.



Flowers were offered to our Blessed Mother at MonteMaria and then handed out to the faithful by Fr. Fernando Suarez after the Eucharistic Celebration on May 2009.

MonteMaria highlights a statue of Mary, Mother of the Poor that overlooks the horizon like a beacon of light, a proclamation of love and faith, a steadfast companion and guide for the traveler on this earth.



To have your name inscribed on a brick:
Go to our websites to make a pledge.

Statue target completion date 2012

The MonteMaria Shrine will include:

1. Monument of Mary Mother of the Poor
2. Church in honor of Mary Mother of the Poor
3. Center for healing and spiritual rejuvenation
4. Retreat house for self-examination
5. An international center of apostolate for the poor
5. Sto. Niño Chapel
6. San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel
7. Scala Santa Chapel
8. Stations of the Cross
9. Rosary Garden
10. House of Mary
11. Replica of Quiapo Church
12. Replica of Baclaran Church
13. Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
14. House of Joseph
15. Fountain of Mary
16. A way station for pilgrims with board and lodging
17. Conference rooms and other facilities

Oratory target completion date 2013