



Balay Euphrasie First Communication

DAVAO, PHILIPPINES

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Dear Sisters and friends,

Loving greetings from Balay Euphrasie, Davao, Philippines!

On the 28th of June, with a beautiful and simple celebration, we joyfully inaugurated the 20th **Balay Euphrasie Temporary Professed Sisters (TP) Program**—a significant and sacred phase in the journey of preparation for Perpetual Vows.

Each year, Temporary Professed Sisters from various provinces come to Balay Euphrasie for a program designed to help them grow spiritually, emotionally, and communally as they prepare for their perpetual profession. This year, we are blessed to welcome **17 TP Sisters**—Mitu, Rose Mary, Purnita, Sumi, Juliana, Ribhalang, Amrita, Christina, Margaret, Dao, Ngan, Nguyen, Nhu, Phuong, Loan, Trang, and Hai—who come from Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, and Vietnam. They have briefly introduced themselves, and through their sharing, you will become more familiar with who they are. We are four in the **Balay Euphrasie Team**. Rita Kyi Kyi Aung from Myanmar joined the team in April 2025. Their presence enriches our international and intercultural community.

The theme of this year's program, "**Called to be Hope,**" invites each of us to reflect on the deeper meaning of our vocation. Hope is a communal call—a way of being and living in solidarity with others. In religious life, we are called to embody hope together: supporting one another in community, sharing both our joys and challenges, and bearing witness to a world that unity and love are possible.

In these uncertain and often fragmented times, the world is crying out for hope—not just in the form of comforting words, but through lives that embody and proclaim the message: "**You are not forgotten. God is with you. There is always light after darkness.**" May each of us become that light. May we be that compassionate presence. May we, as women consecrated to God and sent in mission, live each day with hearts committed to bringing hope—wherever we are sent, whatever tasks we are entrusted with, and with whomever we journey.

We invite you to pray the Balay Euphrasie 2025 Prayer, "Called to be Hope" composed by Shanti D'Rozario, which you will find on the last page of this communication. As we begin this **20th TP Program in 2025**, we humbly ask for your prayers and support for our sisters on this sacred journey. May they be strengthened in faith, rooted in love, and radiant in hope as they prepare to make their Perpetual Vows.

May our God bless us all.

Director

Balay Euphrasie, International Formation Centre
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Participants of **BALAY EUPHRASIE 2025**

I am **Amrita Ekka**, a member of the RNDM congregation from India South Province. I come from a family where love was lived in action and faith was expressed through simplicity. My parents were hardworking, humble, and generous people. From my parents, I learned what it means to live for others. These values shaped my heart and prepared the soil for my vocation. In 2011, I responded to God's call and joined the Congregation of Our Lady of the Missions. I made my temporary profession on February 2, 2018. Before coming to Davao, I completed a nine-month Diploma course in Theology in Bengaluru, India.

Coming to Davao has been another meaningful chapter in my journey. Being here has given me the opportunity to deepen my understanding of our RNDM charism and to grow in intercultural living, prayer, and community life. It has been a time of inner growth—both spiritually and personally—as I learn to listen more deeply to God and to the people around me. Living in an international formation setting has opened my heart to the richness of diversity. I have come to appreciate how God's love is expressed through different cultures, languages, and ways of being. It has challenged me to grow in patience, openness, and adaptability—qualities that I continue to develop with God's grace.



I am **Maria Tran Thi Dao**, and I come from the north of Vietnam. My parents are hardworking, generous, moral, creative, loving, and sacrificial. My mother, in particular, has been very patient in guiding us in our studies, work, and love for God. These are also the values I have learned from them.

I joined the RNDM Congregation in 2012 and took my first vows on August 15, 2019. I studied general medicine and theology in Vietnam. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to study English and experience international life in Regina, Canada, for a year before coming to Davao. I have



served as a pastoral manager at a kindergarten and as a community manager. I have also accompanied catechists and Eucharistic children at the parish, taught organ to children, visited the sick and the poor, and helped with cooking in the community for a short time. I thank God for the love He has shown me through the places and people I have served. I have grown a lot in faith and understanding through these experiences. During the Davao program, I hope to deepen my relationship with God, learn more about Euphrasie, get to know sisters from other countries, and gain valuable knowledge from our resource persons.

My name is **Christina May Hnin Moe**, and I am from Myanmar. My father's name was John U Ba Tin, and my mother's name was Lucy Daw Shwe Tin Phyu. When I was three years old, my mother passed away. Later, during my postulancy, my father also passed away. After my mother's death, I stayed with my grandparents. Because of this, I did not receive many values directly from my parents, but I was blessed to receive many important values from my grandparents. My grandmother always taught me to love myself, my siblings, and others. I have kept this value in my heart, and because of it, I am friendly, approachable, and always ready to help others.



I joined the RNDM congregation in 2015 and made my Temporary Profession on January 6, 2019. Before coming to Davao, I studied English, completed a three-month Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at the Heart Centre, and studied Religious Education for one year at FRRS in Manila, Philippines. My expectations are to truly know myself so that I can wholeheartedly say “yes” to God's call. I also hope to discover my true purpose in life and to explore different cultures and experience international community life.

I, **Madalena TRAN Thi My Trang**, was born in Hue, the central region of Vietnam. I am the eldest of seven siblings, with four brothers and two sisters. I grew up in a Catholic family and feel that God has blessed me with good-natured parents. The values my parents instilled in me are strong faith, self-sacrifice, love, and the courage to face life's challenges and difficulties. Their virtues have deeply encouraged and influenced my religious life.

After graduating from high school, I joined the RNDM Sisters through the introduction of our parish priest and continued my studies at the university. I made my first vows on August 1, 2018. Since then, I have had a fruitful journey and gained valuable experiences—serving as a bursar, teaching literacy to poor children, visiting the poor and elderly, and caring for COVID-19 patients. Preparing for my perpetual vows is a special and blessed occasion, especially as I join the Davao program. I hope that during this time, I will be able to build communion among people of diverse cultures, keep my heart open to discovering the depth of the mystery of God's love with joy and peace, and deepen my understanding of the congregation's charism and spirituality. I pray that I may be ready to commit my whole life to God and allow Him to send me on His mission. Please continue to keep me and my companions in your prayers.



I am **Mitu Lourdmery Gomes** from Bangladesh. My father's name is Subash Marsel Gomes and mother, Jhorna Teresa Gomes, who has been diagnosed with cancer. I deeply cherish my parents' values, which continue to help and guide me to become the person I am today. Their virtues—honesty, generosity, endurance, hard work, devotion, love, care, and simplicity—inspire me deeply. I thank God for the gift of my family and all the blessings I have received through them.



On May 19, 2012, I joined the congregation as an aspirant and made my first profession on December 8, 2017. After my first profession, I served in the hostel, teaching in the schools and also worked as the house bursar and pastoral ministry. In 2020, I began my

Bachelor of Law studies. Before coming to Davao, I completed online module course on Catechetics and Pastoral Ministry from Chemchemi ya Uzima College, Kenya. I thank God with a grateful heart for this grace-filled time and opportunity at Balay Euphrasie. As I take part in this preparation program for Perpetual vows, I desire to journey with Jesus into my inner being—to become a fully committed person, to grow deeply in the RNDM charism, and to respond wholeheartedly to Jesus' call for the Divine Missions with zeal, as a true sister of Euphrasie Barbier.

My name is **Nguyen Thi Thuy Ngan**. I was born and raised in a village in the north of Vietnam. My parents were both farmers—simple, kind, and hard-working people. My father was open-minded and taught us how to live well and independently, especially emphasizing the value of honesty. My mother is kind, generous, and caring. I was deeply influenced by my father's guidance and learned independence, kindness, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic from both of my parents.



On September 11, 2013, I joined the RNDM Congregation and made my first vows on February 18, 2019. Before entering the congregation, I studied traditional medicine. Prior to coming to Davao, I studied English for two semesters (six months) in Canada. During my temporary vows, I served as a nurse in the convent's kindergarten, taught catechism, and helped with the parish choir for two years. I then studied Theology for two years and later participated in missionary work, where I also served as a bursar in the community. I hope to learn new things, rekindle my missionary zeal, and experience life in a diverse international community, so that I may be ready to go anywhere and do whatever the congregation sends me to do.

My name is **Maria Nguyen Phuong Loan**. I was born in Dong Nai Province, located in the south of Vietnam. My parents are virtuous, gentle, and hard-working. I am the second of six siblings. My parents have shown us great love and have made many sacrifices so that we could grow up in a peaceful and happy family. Their faith and way of life have deeply influenced my own faith and life. From them, I have learned many valuable qualities such as calmness, generosity, hospitality, responsibility, and faithfulness to God.



I entered the RNDM in August 2014 and made my first vows on August 1, 2019. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and also earned a certificate in theology. During my time as a temporary professed sister, I worked in a kindergarten, served as a community manager, taught catechism to children in the parish, and provided literacy education to underprivileged children. I thank God and am deeply grateful to our Congregation for everything I have received and learned while living in community. I am happy to join the Davao TP Program as I prepare for my Perpetual Profession. Through this program, I hope to grow in faith, love, and in my relationship with God, with myself, with the Congregation, and with creation. I also wish to become ready to be sent anywhere and do anything in service.

I am **Juliana Mary Sangma** from Laitkynsew, Northeast India, born on January 1, 1996. I am the third of five siblings. I feel truly blessed to have grown up in a family where love and deep care characterized the relationship between my parents. My mother's name is Gloria D. Sangma, and my father's name was Henry Shati. My father passed away and went to his eternal home when I was eight years old. Since then, my mother has been the strong pillar of our family. Through their lives and example, my parents passed on many virtues to me—joy, self-reliance,

hard work, deep resilience, and unwavering hope in the face of hardship.



After completing 12th grade in 2014, I joined the congregation, and on February 2, 2018, I made my first profession. In 2023, I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Education. As a young sister, I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve in different ministries, but pastoral ministry has been my most consistent area of mission. As I now embark on this new journey through this program, I hope to continue growing in self-understanding and to discover more deeply what God desires of me.

I, **Rosemary Philomina Dibra**, daughter of the (late) Alen Henson and Victoria Dibra, am from Bangladesh. From my parents, I received the gifts of love, faith, hope, courage, forgiveness, truthfulness, kindness, and generosity.

I joined the RNDM Congregation in December 2016 and made my First Profession on 8th December 2019. Since then, I have served in various communities where I taught in the schools, cared for girls in the hostel, and continued my studies. I completed one year of theological studies at the Holy Spirit Major Seminary in Dhaka, Bangladesh. In addition, I earned a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) degree in 2024. I also completed an online Certificate Course in

Catechetics and Pastoral Ministry at Asok Chemchemi Ya Uzima College in Kenya. As I prepare for my Perpetual Profession, I am eager to deepen my relationship with God, learn more about Mother Euphrasie, enrich my spiritual life, and reflect more deeply on living the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. I intend to do this through classes, guided spiritual exercises, reading spiritual books, and communal prayer. I am also prayerfully discerning and affirming my lived experience under these vows, as I examine my readiness for a lifelong commitment.



My full name is **Teresa Nguyen Thai Thao Nhu**. I was born on November 10, 1991, in Dong Nai Province, located in the Southeast region of Vietnam. I was raised in a devout family with my parents, two older brothers, an older sister, a younger sister, and myself. Since I was very young, my parents have been daily Mass-goers. From that time on, I developed a deep fondness for attending daily Mass, especially morning Mass.

I entered the Aspirancy in 2009 and made my First Vows on August 1, 2019. During my Temporary Profession, I had the opportunity to care for ethnic minority students in the board-



ing house, catechize children in the parish, teach English to kindergarten students, and visit the poor and elderly. Through these experiences and my life in the convent, I came to realize that I am truly called to this life. As I prepare for my Perpetual Profession through the Davao TP Program, I hope to remain attentive to the “whisperings of grace” and to respond with my whole heart. I am deeply grateful for all that I have received, especially for the sisters in our Congregation and those in the Davao program, who have nurtured my missionary life through Contemplation, Communion, and Mission.

I am **Margaret Zin May Oo**, from Myanmar. I was born there on April 25, 1995, into a mixed-faith family. My father's name is U Tin Htwe; he is a Roman Catholic. My mother's name was Daw Tin Aung, and she was a Buddhist. After they got married, they continued to practice their own faiths. I have one older brother, and I am the youngest in the family. When I was seven years old, my mother passed away due to an illness. My parents were kind, generous, gentle, warm, friendly, and disciplined.

I entered the RNDM congregation in 2012 and made my Temporary Profession on January 6, 2019. Before coming to Davao, I studied one year of Theology in Myanmar (MIRS), one year of Religious Studies in the Philippines (IFRS), and completed

three months of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at the Heart Center in the Philippines. As I prepare for my Perpetual Profession, I believe the Davao TP Program is a special time for growth. I hope to grow closer to God and deepen my understanding of our congregation. I desire to become stronger in my vocation. It is a gift to be with 16 sisters from different countries. I hope to get to know them better, build genuine sisterhood, and support one another during these six months. I also look forward to learning from the resource persons, whose sharing I believe will help me reflect more deeply and prepare my heart to say "yes" to God with love and joy.



My name is **Purnita Gloria Rozario**. I come from Bangladesh. My father is (Late) Bernard Amol Rozario, and my mother is Archona Teresa Rozario. I received values such as humility, love, obedience, responsibility, hard work, and honesty from my parents. I joined the RNDM congregation in 2016 and made my First Profession in December 2019. Before coming to



Davao, I studied for a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), completed a 10-week online theology course, and attended a one-month English course in Dhaka, Bangladesh. During my Temporary Vows, my ministries included studying, working in the hostel and Church, and serving as a bursar for one year. My expectations from the Davao TP Program are to prepare myself deeply for my Perpetual Profession—to grow in self-knowledge, to experience unity in diversity, and to ready myself for total surrender to Jesus.

My name is **Anna Nguyen Thi Nguyen**, and I was born on November 10, 1992, in Vietnam. As the firstborn in my family, this role has significantly shaped my character. I have three younger sisters—one of whom belongs to the Dominican Congregation—and two younger brothers, although I sadly lost one of my brothers in 2007. My father, Paul Nguyen Dinh Dong, embodies punctuality and principled living. Like him, I strive to be punctual, principled, and reflective. My mother, Maria Nguyen Thi Bac, exemplifies kindness and compassion. I am deeply grateful for all that I have learned from both of them.



I entered the convent on April 11, 2015, after completing my university studies. I graduated from Vinh University with a degree in Food Chemistry Engineering. I made my first vows on August 1, 2019. After completing theology school, I was sent to Ireland, where I spent a year studying English and enjoyed living with the sisters in the Churchtown community in Dublin. I am currently participating in the Davao Program. My deepest longing is to understand who I truly am and to deepen my relationship with God. I aim to immerse myself in prayer, contemplation, and collaboration with others and with all of creation. I am ready to be transformed and renewed in the love of God, which is my ultimate source of strength.

Hello! My name is **Ribhalang Kurbah**, and I hail from Meghalaya, the “Abode of Clouds,” located in the northeastern region of India. I was born into a loving family of nine siblings—three brothers and five sisters—and I am the fifth among them. My parents, Batti Mary Kurbah and the late Dennis Sun, exemplified simplicity, hard work, and unwavering devotion. They instilled in me timeless values such as integrity, responsibility, humility, and compassion. Their selfless love has been my pillar of strength.

In 2013, I joined the congregation. On February 28, 2019, I made my First Profession. I completed my studies in Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) and spiritual formation through the Ignatian Spirituality Course in Bangalore. As a Temporary Professed Sister, I am engaged in both education and pastoral ministries, nurturing young minds and guiding spiritual journeys. During my six-month preparation for final vows, I sought to deepen my understanding of self, God, and others—discerning God’s will and strengthening my faith. I am truly grateful for this journey and look forward to continuing to serve, grow, and spread love and compassion, inspired by my family’s values and my congregation. As I embark on the path ahead, I am filled with hope and anticipation, trusting in God’s plan for my life.



My name is **Anna Nguyen Thuy Phuong**. I was born on April 19, 1993, in Đắk Nông Province, located in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. I am the third of five siblings, with two older sisters, one younger brother, and one younger sister. My parents are humble and virtuous farmers who have shown great sacrifice, compassion, and generosity toward others.

After graduating from high school, I entered the postulancy in 2012 and began studying general medicine. In 2019, I made my first profession. Following my first vows, I was responsible as an accountant at a kindergarten, participated in parish ministry, and engaged in pastoral visits. Afterward, I studied theology for two years. Before attending the

Davao formation program, I had the opportunity to study English in Melbourne, Australia. Since my first profession, I have come to experience more deeply the missionary religious life and have grown in my love for God and in my relationships with others. I am deeply grateful to God and to my Congregation for providing the best possible conditions for me to grow and mature in my vocation journey. During this Davao program, I hope to open my heart to listen, to discern, and to be ready to embrace God's will in the spirit of Euphrasie.



This is **Sumi Lucy Costa** from Bangladesh. My father late Shyamol Costa, had a deep devotion to St. Anthony, and my mother, Abola Costa, remains steadfast in her spiritual practices. I have two elder brothers and I am the youngest and only daughter in the family. My elder brother is the one priest in the Society of Jesus. From both of my parents, I have learned that embracing suffering is essential for leading a meaningful life. I share a strong bond with my family, and they continually support and encourage me to pursue religious life with joy and fulfillment.

I joined our congregation on 11th June 2014 and made my Temporary Profession on 8th December 2019. I have been missioned mainly in three different communities and have been

involved in the school, pastoral work, and house bur-sar. Before coming to Davao, my most recent academic pursuit was an Honours degree in Media Studies and Journalism (continued). I also completed a 10-week online course in Theology of Catechetic and Pastoral Ministry from Kenya in online session, and attended a one-month English session in Bangladesh. I seek to understand myself on a deeper level—who am I truly? In addition, I have a strong desire to learn more about our founder, Euphrasie Barbier: what was her vision, and what inspired her to act with such unwavering dedication in every circumstance. Furthermore, whatever task or role I am given, I strive to approach it wholeheartedly and with full commitment.



I am **Maria Nguyen Thi Hai**. I was born on June 4, 1990, in the south of Vietnam. I am the second of five children. I have an older sister, followed by Thuy Phuong, a younger brother, and our youngest sister. My parents are Northern-born Catholics who moved to the South after 1975. My father passed away three years ago due to heart disease. While my father taught us about faith and social values, my mother took care of our daily needs, guided us in household work, and looked after our health and meals. Both of my parents had a great influence on my personality, but I believe I share more similarities with my father.



I joined the RNDM Congregation on June 15, 2015. Four years later, on August 1, 2019, I made my first profession. I have always believed and am deeply convinced that God has been working in my life since the day I was born. I am also very grateful for the opportunity to take part in the Davao program. I hope to deepen my understanding of God's love and gain more experience in missionary life. During this time, I pray that I will always remain open to receiving God's will for the journey ahead.

New Member of BE Team 2025

I am **Rita Kyi Kyi Aung**, This year, I have been appointed as one of the team members of Balay Euphrasie International Formation House in Davao, the Philippines.



After completing my bachelor's degree from university, I worked as a junior teacher in a government school for five years before entering religious life. I joined the congregation in 1993 and made my first profession on January 23, 1999. I studied English in the UK, and in 2004, I pursued a degree in Mission Theology at the Milltown Institute in Dublin, Ireland. In 2005, I made my perpetual profession in Dublin and completed the Loreto Formation Program. In 2024, I completed a Master of Arts in Applied Spirituality at the Spirituality Institute for Research and Education in Milltown, awarded by the South East Technological University (SETU) in Waterford, Ireland.

I served mainly in formation, accompanying aspirants, postulants, and novices. Between 2017 and 2023, I served as the Province Leader. The RNDM charism and spirituality have ignited a powerful desire in my heart, creating a deep longing for God. I am committed to contributing wholeheartedly to the well-being of our congregation and all of creation. This profound desire for unity inspires me to energize and mobilize efforts for togetherness, reflecting our collective hopes for the future of RNDM.



Gloria Shongita Gomes, Rita Kyi Kyi Aung, Janette Alejandro and Fulti Mary Sun

CALLED TO BE HOPE

Loving God Trinity,
We thank and praise you for calling us to be together with a purpose, in
this quiet sacred place, where every blade of grass speaks of your di-
vine presence of hope
to one another and the world around us.

Loving God Trinity,
You have called each one of us by name to be sent as a light – to be a
'hope' to proclaim the 'gospel of hope' 'to the whole of creation.'

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Loving God Trinity,
In this Holy Ground, you will speak to our hearts gently.
You will speak to our thoughts, through our companions on the journey

Jesus, Wisdom of God,
keep our hearts open, our mind 'ever attentive to the whispering of grace'.
Holy Spirit of God,
fill us with deep faith, joyful hope, and faithful love-
in our missionary call, to be a living hope, all we meet on the way
of our Emmaus journey.

Mary, a presence of readiness - a glittering hope in darkness – the beauty of
redeemed humanity –and the whole of creation; through the WORD made
flash in your womb. Shower us with your humility, simplicity and modesty
to be the living flame of charity and hope wherever we are sent.

Euphrasie Barbier, plead for us to God Trinity for the divine zeal we deeply
desire to be perpetual hope in our missionary journey through our perpetual
consecration
for the Divine Missions. AMEN.

Composed by Shanti D'Rozario,