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Faith that never falters:

The Story of Evangeline Vettiger

Faith can be fragile for those who allow hardship to break them, but not for Tita Vangie. Even in seasons when surrender seemed like the easier path, she remained steadfast. Through loss and the everyday battles of life, she stood firm, sustained by prayer and grace.

Evangeline Vettiger, known as Tita Vangie to many, was born on February 21, 1958, in Surigao del Sur. She was the fourth of ten children, and life was not easy from the beginning. Still, hardship did not weaken her will to strive. She was an active student and earned a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Central Luzon State University, graduating with honors. Her love for learning led her to become a Licensed Agricultural Engineer.

She married young and, at 25, was blessed with two sons. Life felt stable and full of promise. Then one morning, she received the news: her husband had been killed on his way home from work. In an instant, three years of marriage were cut short, and she was left to raise two small children on her own.

Tita Vangie endured the pain of losing her husband, a grief that reshaped her life in ways words could hardly hold. But it did not stop her from riding the tide. When her world crumbled, she held on to faith and kept her family together. She joined the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and later served as an officer. Through spiritual conventions and shared prayer, her devotion deepened, and from that time on, she became a devoted follower of the Virgin Mary.



Sister Evangeline Vettiger and Friends



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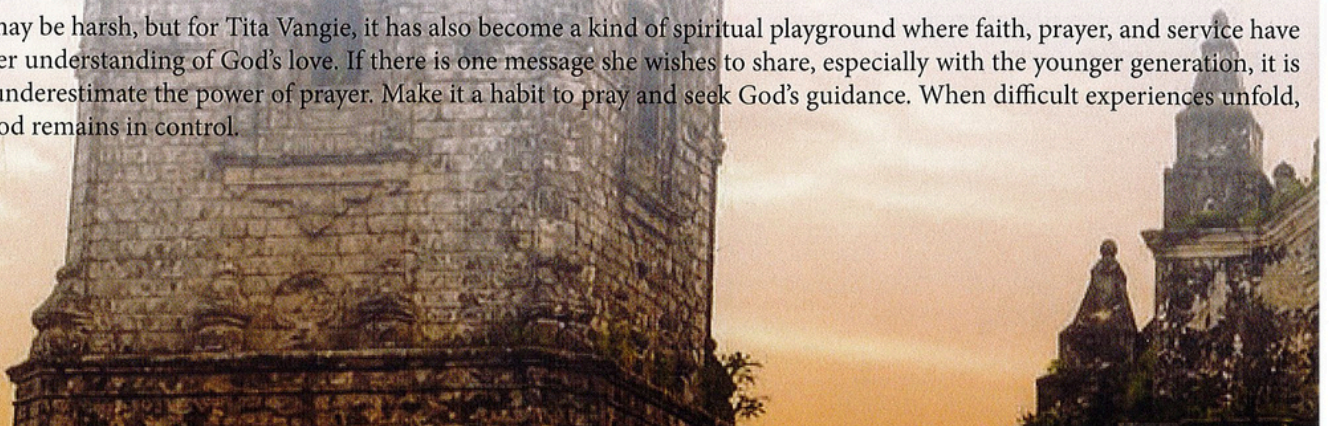
Life continued to unfold with unexpected turns. In time, life seemed to smile at her again. Tita Vangie pursued her career in Agricultural Engineering, specializing in irrigation, and worked as a Provincial Coordinator for the Economic Development Sector Committee in Agusan del Sur. From a place of deep loss, she gradually rose through dedication and leadership. These efforts opened doors to wider opportunities, including her selection for an international agricultural seminar. This opportunity brought her to Switzerland and marked the beginning of a new chapter in her life.

Switzerland became a place of renewal. Love found her again when she met her second husband, Rudolf Vettiger. They were blessed with a son, Mark, and little by little, she began to heal from the wounds of the past. She worked at Coop for twenty years, became active in local organizations, and led charity initiatives as president of Samahang Pilipina Zürich, supporting school and community projects in her hometown.

Just as life seemed to regain its balance, another season of grief arrived. In 2005, her second husband passed away at the age of 57. Seven years later, her youngest son, Mark, died in an accident at the age of 22. These losses could have shaken her faith, but instead, they strengthened her resolve. Her desire to serve God and others only grew deeper.

Today, Tita Vangie is a respected pillar of both the church and the Filipino community in Switzerland. She has served for many years as a member of the pastoral council at St. Marien Winterthur. She continues to organize charity drives, guide couples, lead novena groups, and help bring the community together through various church activities.

The world may be harsh, but for Tita Vangie, it has also become a kind of spiritual playground where faith, prayer, and service have deepened her understanding of God's love. If there is one message she wishes to share, especially with the younger generation, it is this: never underestimate the power of prayer. Make it a habit to pray and seek God's guidance. When difficult experiences unfold, trust that God remains in control.





Where The Call Leads:

The Story of Father Julipros Dolotallas

Father Julipros Dolotallas' PCM Timeline

- May 21, 1971 – Julipros Dolotallas is born in Bohol, Philippines, the youngest of seven children.
- 1988 (Age 17) – Enters the seminary of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD).
- 2000 – Ordained a priest after completing formation in Bohol, Cebu, and Quezon City.
- 2000–2012 – Serves as a missionary in Brazil for twelve years, working with poor communities and church development.
- 2012 – Receives an invitation to support migrant pastoral work in Switzerland.
- 2013 – Officially transferred to the Swiss province of the SVD.
- 2018 – Begins service as parish priest in Neuheim.
- August 2023 – Appointed chaplain of the Philippine Catholic Mission at Maria Lourdes Church in Zürich.
- Present – Serves all PCM communities across German-speaking Switzerland, leading pastoral activities, celebrations, and recollections.

Within the same community where faith is lived in everyday acts of service, there are also those called to guide and shepherd. Their presence gives structure to prayer and continuity to tradition, especially for Filipinos finding their footing far from home.

Father Julipros Dolotallas' journey began in Bohol, where he was born on May 21, 1971, the youngest of seven children. His name, "Julipros," formed from those of his parents, Juliana and Proceso, reflects the roots that shaped him. At seventeen, he entered the seminary of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), beginning a life shaped by vocation and mission.

His formation took him across Bohol, Cebu, and Quezon City, where he later professed his perpetual vows and was ordained a priest in 2000. Soon after, his missionary calling led him far from home—to Brazil—where he spent twelve years working among poor communities. There, he helped build church life from the ground up, offered humanitarian support, and lived the Gospel through presence and simplicity. Years later, that same missionary spirit brought him to Switzerland. Invited to support migrant pastoral work, Father Julipros became a steady presence for Filipino communities navigating life in a foreign land. Through Masses, shared meals, and simple conversations, he offered not only spiritual guidance but a familiar sense of home.

Those who have met him often speak of his gentleness—how he listens, how he smiles easily, and how his quiet compassion leaves a lasting impression. From parish work to community gatherings, his ministry is marked less by formality and more by closeness.

In 2023, Father Julipros assumed the role of chaplain of the Philippine Catholic Mission, continuing a mission built by those who served before him. Today, he accompanies PCM communities across German-speaking Switzerland, present at baptisms and weddings, house blessings, and Simbang Gabi celebrations that warm cold winter nights with familiar faith.

Through it all, Father Julipros remains what he has always been—a missionary guided by faith, simplicity, and love, walking with the community one prayer, one gathering, and one person at a time.



Father Dolotallas



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When I pause and look back on the journeys of Tita Vangie and Father Julipros, I see the stories of two people whose lives were shaped by faith. Their paths were not always easy. They were seasons of joy, loss, and unwavering service shaped through the years—but they navigated each moment with a quiet strength that inspired everyone around them. Their lives remind me that faith does not grow independently. It deepens when it is shared, nurtured, and lived out in the embrace of a community. Because of people like them, the Filipino community in Switzerland continues to feel a profound sense of connection—grounded in our shared heritage, in our love for one another, and most importantly, in our faith in God.