



BUKIDNON MISSION DISTRICT
Retreat House, High Schools & Parishes



Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe Parish



Our Lady of Mediatrix
of All Graces Parish



St. Therese of the
Child Jesus Parish



Ad Majorem
Dei Gloriam

ABOUT THE BUKIDNON MISSION – Mindanao has long been the focus of the apostolic engagements and ministry of the Philippine Jesuits since 1596. With spiritual guidance from the Diocese of Malaybalay in the province of Bukidnon, they have integrated their education, apostolate and social outreach programs through four mission high schools and three parishes in Cabanglasan, Pangantucan, Miarrayon, and Zamboanguita, with the Jesuit Retreat House in Malaybalay as their Ignatian spiritual formation center. Located along the base of Mt.



Kalatungan, Mt. Kitanglad and Mt. Pantaron range, these rural communities are inhabited by indigenous people (also known as Lumad, in the regional dialect), whose tribal ethnicities are mostly Talaandig, Higaonon, Manobo, Umajamnon, Matigsalug, Pulangiyen and Tigwahanon. The Missionary Congregation of Mary, the Carmelite Sisters of Our Lady and the Ursuline Missionaries of the Sacred Heart assist in the academic and administrative services in the high schools.

With their **ROADMAP TO MINDANAO** as guide, the Philippine Jesuits' strategic priorities include: the alleviation of poverty among the Lumad peoples; their protection from the pervasive effects of conflict between government and rebel

forces; the prevention of the degradation of the natural environment and protection of natural resources; the realization of lasting peace through education, human development, justice and inter-faith dialogue with Muslim communities.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MISSION – as an individual or civic organization

Empower the Lumad youth with a gift of college scholarship – In ever increasing numbers, deserving youth from Lumad families and impoverished communities graduate from our high schools. Help these aspiring graduates move up to universities in the region. Currently in need of support are 21 college scholars. Tuition, school fees, dorm and pocket money run about \$2000 per student per year. Alternatively, you can contribute to our fund for scholars' dorm and living expenses – \$100 per month pays for board, lodging and meals.

Help us build or refurbish our mission chapels in the mountains – Scattered around far-flung settlements are 80 mission chapels that also serve as our literacy and catechism centers. A new chapel made of sturdy, low-cost building



materials will cost about \$1000, while renovation will run about \$500 each. The parishes also need support in funding formation programs for lay ministers, repair of altars, and for vestments, liturgical and catechism instruction supplies.



Renovate our formation center – The Retreat House serves as the spiritual formation center for our students, teachers, parishioners and lay apostolate volunteers. It also attracts retreatants from the region, drawn to its meditative quiet and natural beauty. Built in the 1990's, our retreat house facilities are now due for major repair. The rehabilitation of prayer kiosks will cost \$2000 each. Plans are under way to establish our own organic garden for self-sufficiency (about \$8000 cost) and to build a dorm for our college scholars (budget TBD).

Donate as an individual or civic organization to the Philippine Jesuit Foundation (PJF) - US residents can send tax-deductible donations by check to PJF, duly registered with the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization. Mailing address: Philippine Jesuit Foundation Inc., PO Box 312, New York, NY 10028. For online donations, please visit: <https://www.phjesuits.org/pjf/share.php>. Indicate Bukidnon Mission as the beneficiary and the specific purpose of your gift.

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