

Societas Verbi Divini (SVD) - Philippines

FR. CRESENTE 'Sonny' DE RIVERA JR., SVD

Birthday: September 15

Missionary to Rome

Happy Birthday, Fr. Sonny!

Fr. Sonny is from Claveria, Cagayan, one of the mission territories of the SVD in the north. He was born on September 15, 1954. He entered Christ the King Mission seminary and belonged to HS Batch '72. He was ordained a priest in 1981 at the Divine Word Seminary Tagaytay. Among his classmates are Fr. Manny Menguito and Fr. Lex Ferrer.

His first mission assignment was to South America.

Then he was assigned to the SVD Chicago Province, in the United States.

Later, he was called to join the team of Filipinos in Rome. He was there during the time that Fr. Tony Pernia was the Superior General of the SVD, together with some Filipino SVDs.

In Rome, he is involved in the annual publication of the SVD – the Catalogus. He is also the editor of the Arnoldus Nota, the monthly publication of the SVD that keeps us informed of what's happening in missionary ministries around the world.. Also, he is in coordination with the sister congregation of the SVD: the Sisters of the Holy Spirit (SSpS).

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"Ours is not a joy that comes from having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person. We accompany, we follow Jesus, but above all we know that he accompanies us and carries us on his shoulders."

- Fr. Cresente de Rivera, SVD

