

The Role of Regional Service Team (RST) Region XI

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It is indeed a joy-filled journey growing in faith with all of you dear brothers and sisters in our wonderful Cursillo Movement!

It seems like it was just yesterday when you chose me to serve as a Regional Service Team (RST) member in Region XI.

This is a four-year term which started on October 1, 2019, so by the grace of God, I am almost halfway there!

As an RST member, our duties include assistance in providing service and filling the needs of the Diocesan Secretariats in the form of workshops, meetings, Cursillo De Cursillos, Step by Step, and other duties stipulated in the Articles of Operation of the US Cursillo Movement.

The Filipino Cursillo Community (FCC) of the Diocese of Oakland has been affiliated with the National Cursillo Movement (NCM) for several years now.

Affiliation with NCM provides benefits to each diocese such as:

- Allowing us to support each other's evangelization efforts beyond the borders of our local parishes.
- Demonstrating solidarity of who we are as a Movement in the dioceses, regions, and the world.
- Providing consistency of what Cursillo is in order to be more effective in the work of evangelization.
- Keeping us connected, linked, related, through love and friendship.
- Maintaining the Movement's structures as one body, one essence, purpose, mentality, method, and Charism.
- Helping to maintain the operation of the National Cursillo Center in order to provide service to Cursillistas in about 250 Diocesan Cursillo Movements.

The NCM consists of twelve regions: Region I through Region XII, in which our diocese belongs to Region XI.

Of all twelve regions, only Region XI has a Filipino language group and that makes us unique!

There are other language groups in the entire NCM such as English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Portuguese and of course Filipino.

In Region XI Filipino language group, there are eight Diocesan Secretariats namely: Dioceses of Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Jose, San Bernardino, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Orange. Each Diocesan Secretariat is headed by its Lay Director as representative in Region XI Secretariat.

Sister Cora Tuason is the current Lay Director of the Oakland FCC Secretariat and our representative in the Regional Secretariat.

Our Region XI Filipino language group is under the leadership of Sister Rosalinda Pascual, Regional Coordinator (RC). The RC is supported by RST members namely: Sisters Evangeline Bravo (Los Angeles); Andrea "Len" Robrigado (San Bernardino); Penny De Leon (Oakland) and Bro. Mario Camorongan (Oakland). Our Regional Spiritual Advisor is Father Ven Amidar (Orange).

You have seen them in action if you attended the very first Virtual Filipino Grand Ultreya on August 28, 2021 hosted by Region XI RC and RST members.

On behalf of Region XI RST members, it's always a pleasure working with you all!

De Colores!