

Sr. Adelaida Ygrubay, OSB, currently the Prioress of St. Scholastica's Priory in Manila, is a Benedictine Missionary richly endowed with talents further developed in the field of education and various missionary endeavors both in her home country, the Philippines and abroad. She hails from Leyte, the place which became well known particularly at the height of the Yolanda disaster in 2013.

Her work as Teacher, Hospital Supervisor, Coordinator of Rural Missionaries of the Philippines, Pastoral Worker, Formator, Superior and so forth honed in her the Benedictine spirit of hospitality which at present is so evident in her sincere efforts, together with her community and all other religious communities in the Philippines, both men and women, to voice out and fight for justice and truth, for life and dignity, for freedom and honest service, etc. She is at the helm of the continued efforts to be the voice that cries out in the wilderness of politics and social issues in our country.

I believe that many concrete experiences on hospitality will be laid before us today as she gives flesh to our theme: "Let all be received as Christ!".

Please welcome Sr. Adelaida Ygrubay, OSB!