

Aurora, Zamboanga  
Philippines  
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Dear Alice and Maurice,

Many thanks for the pictures. They really brought back memories. On Jan.20 Fr. Bob Cullen's new church was blessed. Fr. Bill was there. I had the pictures with me and he really got a kick out of them. Fr. Bob's new church is really a beauty. It is a concrete structure, something new in these parts. He has been working on it since last July, but he really has results for the hard work that he put into it.

How is your Canasta coming? I hope you haven't any visitors that keep you up till 2A.M. playing. I haven't played any since we got off the ship.

There isn't much news. I was over to Fr. Bill's place for a day. He is right on the waterfront. I prefer where I am. I saw enough water for the month and five days that we were traveling.

Some one of these days I hope to start taking pictures. When and if I do I will send some on to you, so you can get an idea what this country is like. There is an import control on here and as a result it is hard to get stuff like film now and then. It is loosing up now due to the War in Korea.

The work here is quite interesting. You have the regular parish church and then a lot of what they call barrio churches or chapels. These are small communities living in the mountains or outside the towns. The larger ones have Mass once a month. This really keeps you on the go. At present I am working on the lingo and doing an odd barrio.

That seems to be all the news for now. Give my best regards to all the folks. Thanks for the remembrance in your prayers. Keep it up. I will do the same. Thanks again for the snapshots.

Sincerely

Pat Lavin