

### **THE SHEPHERDS WALKING STICK**

Many of you must be wondering: How did the second Sunday Mass go? Well, there were about 40 people who participated. Most of them were young people in their teens. Of course, our altar servers were from among them. But, the others willingly did the readings and sang the Responsorial Psalm. They even did the collection themselves! Some of them formed themselves into a choir to lead the singing! I thank Jewel White, Anne del Mundo and Kitin Cayona for mentoring our young people.... I don't know what this second Sunday Mass is going to look like in the future, but I am hoping that it will evolve into a regular Youth Mass. The faithful in all stages of being youth – the young ones and the young once – will be certainly welcome, but the young ones will perform most of the liturgical ministries. From there, I further hope that there will sprout more activities for the young members of our parish in terms of an organized youth ministry.... I would like to make a follow-up on Scott Beattie's explanation last Sunday and encourage everyone to enrol themselves in the parish envelope system. With that you will receive a box of envelopes with a number printed on it where you can put your financial support for the parish. This would entitle you to a receipt at the end of the year, so that you can claim a tax refund for your donation. If you forget your envelope on a Sunday, you may use the blue envelope that is always available at the church's foyer. Just don't fail to indicate your envelope number. The other white envelope on the table in the foyer is for your Mass intentions. What you put in it will not entitle you to a receipt; it will rather become part of my remuneration as the celebrant of the Mass; and I will be taxed for it.... My heart goes out to all of you who have family, relatives and friends that are affected by the volcanic eruption in the Philippines. Be assured of prayers for your loved ones especially during my visits to the Blessed Sacrament. I exhort everyone as well to pray for all victims of this natural calamity.