



Devotion to the Sto. Niño: A Treasure of Faith and History

The Sto. Niño, or the Holy Child Jesus, holds a special place in the hearts of Filipino Catholics. The devotion to the Holy Child dates back over 500 years, beginning when the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan arrived in the Philippines in 1521. As a gift of goodwill, he presented a statue of the Child Jesus to Queen Juana of Cebu. This image, now revered as the Santo Niño de Cebu, symbolizes the beginning of Christianity in the Philippines, making it a profound link between faith and the nation's history.

The Sto. Niño is more than a religious icon; it embodies the innocence, humility, and joy of Christ as a child. For centuries, Filipinos have turned to Him in times of hope, need, and thanksgiving, believing in

His tender guidance and miraculous intercession. Annual celebrations, most famously the Sinulog Festival in Cebu, reflect the deep love and devotion that the Filipino people have for the Holy Child, drawing millions of faithful each year.

By introducing the devotion to the Sto. Niño here in our Parish Family, we are invited to experience His joy, trust in His care, and grow in our personal relationship with Christ. Let us come together in prayer, offering our hearts to the Child Jesus who has been a beacon of faith for generations.