

## Deacon Alex (Alejandro) Masongsong

Deacon Alex (Alejandro) Masongsong was born in Manila, Philippines, and is married with two grown up children, namely; Anthony and Anna. Together with wife Nora (Leonora), and son Anthony, he migrated to Canada in the late 1973 and settled in Toronto, Ontario. They were blessed with 2 grandchildren, Xavier and Ethan.

He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Accounting from University of the East in 1968.

Before coming to Canada, Alex worked as a Cost Accountant in a Textile Company for seven years. In Toronto, Alex worked as a Bookkeeper/Accountant in various private firms for 35 years and presently semi - retired and self employed specializing in Bookkeeping and other related fields of Accounting duties and responsibilities.

Alex greatest joy, after 5 years of formation and studies at St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto, was when he ordained as a Deacon by Bishop John Boisseneau, Vicar of Deacons on June 19, 2004. This was a moment of all moments for him, the big start to a new life dedicated and committed to the service of God and his fellowmen to "serve and not to be served."

As a Deacon, Alex is assigned at the Lady Assumption Parish, the home of Filipino Catholic Mission in the Archdiocese of Toronto as his Liturgical base - proclaiming and preaching the word of God. He is assisting in the Eucharistic celebrations, performing Baptisms, witnessing Weddings, Wake and Funeral services among other duties.

He is also assigned at Bridgepoint Hospital also in Toronto as part of his ministry visiting the sick, the elderly and those who are dying. In 1996 and 1997, Alex was a Grand Knight with the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Council of the Knights of Columbus of Ontario at Blessed John XXIII Parish. At present, Alex is the Assistant Friar of the Assembly of Infant Jesus 2692 of the Knights of Columbus also in Toronto. He is also an Assistant Chaplain of Our Lady of the Assumption Council of the Knights of Columbus and Assistant Spiritual - Adviser of the Filipino Canadian Catholic Charismatic Prayer Community (FCCCPC).