

## **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION, MINALIN, PAMPANGA.**



The devotion to Our Lady of Consolation happened when St. Monica in a vision received a black leather belt from the Blessed Virgin, who assured the holy widow that she would take under her special protection all those who wore it in her honor. In return, Monica gave it to her son, Augustine who later changed his ways and eventually became one of the saints in the Roman Catholic Church.

The 18th century painting of La Consolacion at the top level of the Altar Retablo of Sta Monica Parish Church, Minalin, Pampanga, depicts the Blessed Virgin Mary, holding her child, Jesus Christ. She's wearing a cord which is a representation of a belt that she supposedly gave to St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine. According to Rev. Fr. Pedro Galende, Director of the San Agustin Museum, the belt is a "symbol of chastity" that represents Mary's Immaculate Conception delivery of Jesus into the world.

The feast of Our Lady of Consolation is celebrated every September 4. The Clausura Procession is held every last Saturday of the month after the mid-morning Mass. The image is passed on from one shoulder to another shoulder by devotees as the procession goes around the convent in tradition of the early monastic period.

**BLESSINGS TO THE FAMILY OF THE LATE ALEJANDRO AND CONCORDIA LINGAT. CORAZON LINGAT ISIP & FAMILY. ALMA & ARMANDO CAGAMPAN & FAMILY.**

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