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ONE MAN'S VIEW

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Successful Annual Picnic of Migrant Heritage Commission... Kainan, sayawan, basketball, tennis at iba pa

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPT. 14 (*PinoyGlobal*) - Once again, the up and coming Filipino-American organization in the United States and Canada known as the *Migrant Heritage Commission (MHC)*, a 501-C (3) tax exempt, national service-oriented NGO that addresses the growing concerns of migrants, founded barely five years ago, successfully held a summer picnic for the Filipino community in and around the Washington Metropolitan area yesterday from 10 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon.

Legion of guests started coming early, and by noon, a Catholic Holy Mass was held with the

popular and charismatic Father Andy Gonzalo officiating.

The well-attended potluck picnic attracted various Filipino groups from as far as Baltimore and several outlying Virginia and Maryland counties.

"*Higit sa lahat, building networking among organizations is our primary goal for the annual salosalo,*" stated Atty. Arnedo "Nedo" Valera, (*TOFA Awardee*), one of the three spearheaders and executive directors of MHC. The other executive directors are Jess Gatchalian and Grace Valera-Jaramillo (*TOFA Awardee*). #



The Key Leaders of the Successful 2009 MHC Picnic

From left : Jess Gatchalian, Grace Valera-Jaramillo, Atty. Arnedo "Nedo" Valera, Carl Abella president of ALPHA Travel, and Father Andy Gonzalo.



Part of the crowds before the Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Andy Gonzalao



The charismatic and popular Father Andy Gonzalo



The Fourth Estate At The 2009 MHC Picnic

From left to right: Rene R. Calandria, publisher of Pinoy Herald, Atty. Nedo Valera (TOFA Awardee); Aida Mendoza of PinoyGlobal-Filipino Image; Salvador "Lito" Serrano, owner of AsiaVision Multicultural Communications Network; Nonoy Mendoza of PinoyGlobal • FilAm Image; Grace Valera-Jaramillo (TOFA Awardee). #