Philippines

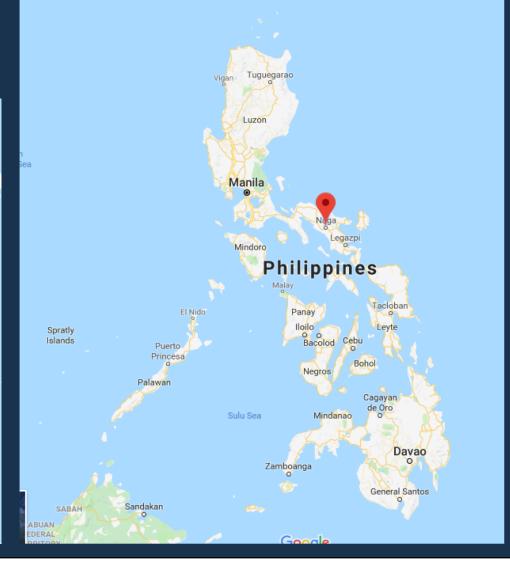






On the Map







Fast Facts

- The Philippines is an archipelago (a group of 7,100 islands) of Southeast Asia located in the western Pacific Ocean.
- The country is slightly larger than Arizona.
- The population is close to 106 million people.
- The capital city is Manila.

- It has mostly mountains with coastal lowlands.
- There is significant volcano activity.
- 80% of the country is Roman Catholic.
- Some of the struggles of the Filipino people are lack of education and extreme poverty.





23 Handmaids live in 6 communities







Work of the Handmaids

In Quezon City

- Help families living in very poor conditions and /or dangerous areas
- Provide basic needs like food and education
- Offer scholarships to older students to continue their education so they can have a brighter future

In Naga

- Run a school for children
- Provide donations of books, food, supplies to needy students
- Construct homes for families in damaged areas
- Fund scholarships for students to continue education















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Catholic Social Teaching

- The Handmaids serve the people of the Philippines in connection to the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of:
- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

 These three teachings lead the Sisters to follow in Jesus's footsteps and motivate them to help in the Philippines because all people, especially the poor, deserve to have their basic human needs met and be treated with respect.





Our Prayer

Dear God,

Today we pray for our friends in the Philippines
For the people without shelter
For the people suffering from disease
For the people who cannot afford education
For the people affected by natural disasters
For the people who have passed away

Bless the sisters helping the Filipino children and young people. May we keep the people of the Philippines in our hearts and remember to pray for them. Amen.

