

# Student Testimonials

## Fr. Vilsom Basso, SCJ

(Brazil)

Serving for the SCJs in the  
Philippines

Dates Attended ESL Program:  
July 1, 2006 – December 4, 2006

My name is Vilsom Basso. I was born in Tuparendi, RS, Brazil on February 16, 1960. I am a priest of the Sacred Heart and have been a priest for 20 years. I'm from the Brazilian Central Province, and I worked in a Mission in the Northwest area of Brazil for 20 years. In December, 2007 I will be going to work in a SCJ Mission in the south of the Philippines. I like to read, to watch movies, and to work with poor people. The ESL Program has been a wonderful experience for me. In this program I have learned to read, write, and speak English. I know that learning English has been very good for me, and I know that the language will help me in my future mission life.





**Fr. Jean Pierre Kabongo-Mukuna**

**(The Democratic Republic of the Congo)**

**Serving for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**

**Dates Attended ESL Program: January 16, 2006 - May 4, 2007**



## **Fr. Omar Antillon**

**(Mexico)**

**Serving for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee**

**Dates Attended ESL Program: January 17, 2007 – May 4, 2007**



**Fr. Tri Priyo Widarto, SCJ**

**(Indonesia)**

**Serving for the SCJs in Indonesia**

**Dates Attended ESL Program: July 5, 2006 - May 4, 2007**

**My name is Jorge Manuel Blanco Calderon. I was born in Veracruz, Mexico on September 20, 1944. I am a diocesan priest from the Dioceses of Tarahumara, in Chihuahua, Mexico. My diocese is a mission and it is necessary to work with Indian communities all the time. We don't have large cities, only rural communities.**

**I have been a priest for almost 34 years. I am from South Mexico. Before I received my priestly vocation, I went to Chihuahua. After two years there, I went to the seminary. I was working in many parishes. I went to Rome to study Moral Theology. I worked in the Pontifical University of Mexico. I also worked in the Vatican**

**and with the Episcopal Latin American Council in Bogotá. Now, I want to serve Hispanic and American people in the USA.**

**For this reason, I am here in the ESL Program at the Sacred Heart School of Theology. I need to learn to speak, write, and read English. The ESL Program is a real good one because the teachers and colleagues are open, frank, and support our personal studies. I hope to seize the opportunity to enjoy my English studies and to learn them. This has been a wonderful experience for me in my mission, meeting all of these wonderful people.**