Handwritten Bible in Different Languages to Unite Filipino Christians

As part of the ongoing May They Be One Bible Campaign, a five-year (2009–13) distribution and promotion effort in the Philippines, Filipino Catholics and Protestants are working together to create a handwritten Bible intended to spread the Word of God and promote brotherhood among Christians. The cooperative effort was launched in July 2010 by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines—Episcopal Commission on Biblical Apostolate, in collaboration with the Philippine Bible Society. Each verse will be written by representatives of Catholic and Protestant churches, and by representatives of “sectors of civil society,” according to a report by the Rome-based www.asianews.it (see www.asianews.it/news-en/A-handwritten-Bible-in-different-languages-to-unite-Filipino-Christians-18960.html). Pope Benedict XVI will draft the Bible’s first and final verses. The 35,656 verses of the 78 books of the Bible will be written by hand by people from rural and urban regions, including by migrant workers, youth and schoolchildren, farmers and fishermen, church and government officials, and indigenous people. The handwritten Bible will feature two columns, one for English and the other for one of eight Filipino languages.