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### The crosses celebrities bear

SINCE IT'S the Holy Week, let's veer away from the usual controversies. Beneath the glitz of the biz, celebs have had their share of *Kalbaryo*, too. May the true significance of Lent help us bear all our heavy crosses.

**Ogie Alcasid:** "My worst *kalbaryo* was when I had to hide my relationship with Regine. I had to wait for the right time to face the music. I was able to go through it because of my belief that before God can heal our wounds, we should also try to cleanse ourselves."

**Miriam Quiambao:** "The hardest time I had in my life was when I was suffering from bouts of anxiety, confusion and depression. When I entered into a personal relationship with Christ, I eventually experienced healing and found more joy, peace and love."

**Marvin Agustín:** "The toughest years I endured was when my dad was still in prison. I survived through fervent prayers and with our family standing by each other. That trial made us stronger as a clan."

**Diether Ocampo:** "When my dad passed away, I went through hell. I was torn between continuing my studies and working to be the *padre de familia*. Perseverance, strong faith and determination helped me surpass all the obstacles."

**Yasmien Kurdi:** "It was a living nightmare when my mom was confined in the hospital for her kidney problem. It was a close call. I really thought I was gonna lose her already. Thank God for His miracle, my ma is alive and well!"

**Christian Bautista:** "I was devastated when my grandfather passed away. I got by with the prayers of friends, love of family and peace from God."

**Benjie Paras:** "The biggest *kalbaryo* I had was during my college years. I had four practices a day weekly. One for UP, one for PBL, one for the national team plus weight training. And in between, I had to attend school. That went on for three years. *Natapos ang kalbaryo ko* when I joined the PBA because I only played for one team. Life became easier for me and I had more time for myself and my friends."

**Bayani Agbayani:** "*Pinakamatindi na pagsubok ko yung* time my daughter Rosalinda, who was then 2, vomited blood. It was torture waiting for the doctor's diagnosis. I kept praying in the chapel of the hospital where she was confined." ■



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