

## **Patriarcha de San Jose Parish Church (St. Joseph Parish Church)**



Considered as the oldest parish church in the province of Tarlac located in former pueblo of Patling now O'donell, presently a barangay in the municipality of Capas. Its bell was believed to be century old. This church was the only one included in the first category (de mamposteria- predominantly stone materials) though its convent was, like the rest, made of wooden materials; both the church and the convent of Mabalacat were of mixed materials (second class). Thus, and considering the former pueblo's topography and geographic location, it was most probably the massive church structure referred to by the people of O'donell was of recent origin, probably during the American period, according to prominent historian Dr. Lino L. Dizon.

