ALUMNA CONFERRED PAPAL AWARD

Pilar Nenuca Almira, HS 1970, BSC 1974, was conferred the Papal Award, Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, on 27 May 2015 in Sentro Pastoral, Isabang, Lucena City. The conferment was officiated by His Eminence Bishop Emilio Marquez of the Archdiocese of Lucena.

Ms. Almira is a distinguished alumna of St. Paul Manila, member of the Board of Trustees of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation, Inc. (SPMAFI), and Chairman of the Paulinian First Fund. She is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cardinal Santos Medical Center.

She received the award, the highest given by the Pope to a layman, in recognition of her numerous apostolic and charitable endeavors. It is symbolized by a medal, a pin, and a certificate from the Vatican.

Pilar with her aunt, Dr. Pelagia Medenilla, and sister-in-law, Delia Almira
... with Bishop Emilio Marquez
with the bishop and Thelma Oliva
... and High School 1970 classmates and friends.

Sr. Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, University President, gave the Welcome Remarks. Sr. Ma. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC, CMPA Dean gave the certificates of appreciation to the facilitators.
The Chapel of the Crucified Christ, the Fleur-de-lis Theater, and SPU Manila Museum were among the chosen heritage spots visited by the walking tour on May 31, 2015, organized by the Ermita-Malate Business Owners Association (EMBOA) and attended by around 50 participants from different places. SPU Manila, the last destination of the tour, impressed the participants as they learned about the history of the chapel and saw its stunning facade and well-preserved architectural design. The tour provided a meaningful experience of knowing and appreciating the heritage of some iconic institutions in Ermita-Malate, such as St. Paul University Manila.

Viewing the mural, *Evolution of Philippine Culture*, by National Artist, Carlos "Botong" Francisco...
ST. PAUL SISTERS CLIMB MOUNTAIN FOR A CAUSE
Reprinted from Pinoy Mountaineer

Four nuns from the St. Paul Hospital, Cavite, hiked up Mt. Talamitam last Saturday to raise funds for cleft lip and cleft palate patients. They were assisted by hikers from One Hike Mountaineering Club. Mt. Talamitam is a 630-meter mountain in Nasugbu, Batangas known for its open grassland slopes, scenic views, and a relatively steep final ascent to the summit.
Aside from the noble cause, it is very inspiring to see the nuns climb the mountain. Sr. Aurelia, was the oldest at age 77, followed by Sr. Arclita was 61, Sr. Anna, 49, and Sr. Rachel, 34. "Nagulat po ako akala ko hindi nila kaya but they proved me wrong," says Joseph Felix, a member of the OHMC. He added that many hikers in Talamitam were touched by the nuns' effort to climb the mountain.

Kudos to the good sisters, to the One Hike Mountaineering Club for assisting them in this effort, and Joseph Felix for sharing this heartening story! Indeed the mountains have the power to inspire us, and the mountains can also empower us to inspire others.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

AB 1967
Mini-Reunion
Birthday Lunch for Zeny Dimalanta
L-R: Betty Lee-Gantan,
Zeny Sia-Dimalanta,
Bernie Azurin-Quimpo,

High School 1970
Bizu Patisserie-Greenbelt 2

Anita Tobias, Benita Ting,
Rebecca Ingrid Tionloc-Baltao,
Cora Cabrera-Katigbak,
Susan Alarcon-Mendoza,
Nena dela Riva-Sunico