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## PAULINIANS COME HOME!

Alumnae of St. Paul Manila trooped back to their Alma Mater on Sunday, 28 January 2018 to attend the homecoming, themed "Tara na sa St. Paul."

The organizers of the event, High School 1968 Golden Jubilarians, and the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation Inc. (SPMAFI), held their collective breaths until 2:00 P.M. as the weather was unpredictable and rain was falling continually. But the skies cleared up after the Mass, and all went well after that.

Starting at the registration, the atmosphere was undeniably festive as the Senior High School Drum and Lyre Corps welcomed everyone with lively music.

Mass was held in the Chapel of the Crucified Christ, with Fr. Manny Cruz officiating. Alumnae who found it difficult to go up the chapel steps heard Mass via live streaming in the Founders Hall. This was followed by the traditional batch picture taking on the chapel steps.



After the Mass, everyone enjoyed fellowship with former classmates and friends, teachers, and Sisters while partaking of dirty ice cream and *balut*, shared free by the HS 1968. An early dinner followed, and soon after, the program began.

Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, University President, welcomed the alumnae and gave them a brief glimpse of the school at present:

*HOME is where your heart is. St. Paul University Manila is and will always be your HOME.*

*This is a day of CELEBRATION. We celebrate today what you, St. Paul's daughters, have become: successful professionals and achievers, effective leaders, joyful homemakers, and/or victorious heroes in your own unique ways. For this, St. Paul University Manila is proud of you.*

*This is a day to REMEMBER and THANK our pioneer Sisters, and all our predecessors, whose steadfast love, wisdom, and hard work have helped St. Paul University Manila grow into the prestigious and respected institution that it is now.*

*This is a day of RENEWAL: a day to renew ties, loyalty, and commitment to our University who, at 106 appears to be so old and yet so new...being always at the helm of excellence in Philippine*

*Education, as evidenced by the consistently high passing rate in board exams for nurses, teachers, and psychometricians; as well as in faculty research and community extension.*

*Four years ago, we were amidst uncertainty, not knowing what the K-12 Law would bring. Without our own Basic Education Department, our biggest question then was, "Will SPU Manila survive?" It meant CRISIS for SPU Manila.*

*But every CRISIS ushers in great opportunity. Some teachers were displaced; but this gave them the opportunity to go for further studies, teach abroad, or handle key positions in other universities.*

*College enrollment was low but the opening of new graduate programs in Music Therapy, and in Curriculum Design, Development and Supervision, and the Doctorate in Musical Arts boosted the enrollment in the Graduate School.*

*There were very few college freshmen within the last two years; but we admitted 1230 SHS students, 30% of whom had to be supported by scholarships.*

*To respond to the prevailing crisis, we launched the HOPE Ablaze Project, which provided scholarships to Senior High students coming from the public schools.*

*We give special thanks to...*

- *The Golden Jubilarians, High School Batch '68, who handed in their donation of P0.5M yesterday.*
- *High School Batch '62*
- *Mila Glodava - BSE '69*
- *Ms. Charo Santos-Concio - AB Com Arts'79*
- *Atty. Agnes Devanadera and HS Batch '66 for facilitating a 1M donation from San Miguel Corporation.*
- *Mrs. Marionette Martinez and the college graduates who initiated the AB Scholarship Program.*

*To them and to many other donors, we express our sincerest gratitude.*

*More than your financial offerings, it is the sharing of your expertise, your networks, and your very selves that we most appreciate. We thank all who have served as members of the Board and as top administrators of SPU Manila, and those who have joined the SPC Congregation.*

*We value those who have joined us as teachers or members of the staff. We appreciate those who have served as speakers, those who have facilitated our connection with other experts and philanthropists.*

*Thanks to those who have witnessed to Paulinian values, those who have spoken well of this school which inspired more students to come to us; and those who have given their valuable suggestions and feedback for the improvement of the school.*

*My dear Paulinian alumni, your alma mater needs you. Know that we welcome even the least and the littlest assistance that you can extend to St. Paul Manila.*

*Facing the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is a big challenge but with you by our side, assuring us of your unwavering support, we can face the future with much hope. The charity of Christ urges us!*

*Welcome home, my dear Paulinians. Let us all enjoy this evening because you are HOME!*

Here are some pictures of the batches that attended:



**High School 1968: Golden Jubilarians**



**BCS 1968:  
College Golden Jubilarians**

**BSN 1968:  
College Golden Jubilarians  
with Sr. Evangeline**





**Three College 1958  
Diamond Jubilarians**

**High School 1963: Emerald Jubilarians**



**High School 1978:  
Ruby Jubilarians**



**High School 1973:  
Sapphire Jubilarians**

**College 1978: Ruby Jubilarians**



Some glimpses of the program:



**BSN 1968  
Golden Jubilarians**

**College, Grade School,  
and Kinder 1958  
Diamond Jubilarians**



**High School 1978  
Ruby Jubilarians**

**High School 1969  
Golden Jubilarians 2019**



**Grade School 1968  
Golden Jubilarians**

**SPU Manila Faculty and Staff**



**Jonathan  
Badon  
Special  
Guest**



**High School 1973:  
Sapphire Jubilarians**

**High School 1968:  
Golden Jubilarians**

