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SPECIAL REPORT

BY THEIR FRUITS...

You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit (MATTHEW 7: 15-20).

One of the best ways to measure the effectivity of an educational institution is to look at its graduates: whether they have lived out the vision-mission of the school. Our Founder, Louis Chauvet said, "I have no greater blessing than to hear my daughters walk in the truth," and certainly this wish cascades down to the students in the care of the SPC Sisters.

In this issue, we are presenting three alumnae who are living out the school's motto, "Caritas Christi Urget Nos" in their own ways.

Joy Ruiz-Molleston



Dr. Joy Ruiz-Molleston (High School 1968) has recently opened a rehabilitation center for drug and other dependents called Moscati Meadows in Laur, Nueva Ecija.

Following is a newspaper account of the center and its founder:

A HAVEN FOR HEALING

by Genalyn Kabiling

LAUR, Nueva Ecija – Hope is not lost for the people addicted to shabu and other illegal drugs.

According to Dr. Joy Ruiz-Molleston, drug addicts could still be given a second chance in life through proper treatment and rehabilitation.

"We never lose hope, at least for me. I never lose hope on a person," Molleston, an addictionologist and founder of Moscati Meadows Residential Treatment Facility to be inaugurated by President Duterte Wednesday, said in a media interview here.

"If you detox them and treat them appropriately, for us, in the United States, the success rate is 40 percent... When you detox a person let's say three to seven days, you let the shabu come out of their system," she said.

She affirmed that a drug addict could not be considered a lost cause, adding she has known many who have recovered and even returned to school and found new careers.

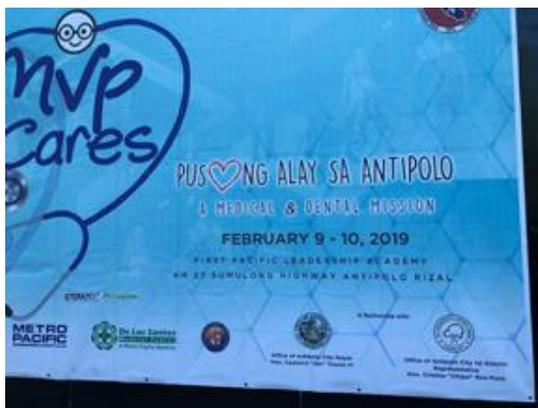
"In fact, a lot of my counselors used to be stimulant addicts; they're in recovery now. They don't use anymore; they become therapists. They go to school, finish college, have masters," she said. She made the remark when asked about her view on the President's sentiment on drug addicts. Duterte previously said when a person becomes addicted to shabu, rehabilitation was no longer a viable option. He insisted that drugs would adversely affect a person's brain and could compel users to harm other people, including their loved ones.

Molleston said the new facility, located in a family lot in Nueva Ecija, provides world-class treatment to all kinds of addiction, especially drug and alcohol, geared toward the beliefs of Christianity. The rehabilitation center, dubbed "The Healing Haven," has treatment activities with prayer, yoga, and meditation. It provides a six-month evidence-based treatment modality found in the United States including drug court expertise, telemedicine, trauma therapy, among others.



"MOSCATI MEADOWS was born out of a need for a more holistic type of treatment. Our mission is to provide full-circle rehabilitation of the addicted person, and includes case management for productivity and employment, a first in Asia, and possibly one of the few in the world. We are spiritually driven, believing that everyone will find fulfillment in ministry and that we were created for a good purpose. Let's bring out that purposeful life in you. Come to Moscati Meadows!" - Dr. Joy Ruiz-Molleston

Lucy Romero-Babaran



Lucy Romero-Babaran is a nursing graduate of St. Paul Manila, who is based in California but has been very active in organizing and joining medical missions in the Philippines.

The Medical Association of Southern California, in partnership with Manny V. Pangilinan Group of Hospitals and Companies, held MEDICAL, SURGICAL, DENTAL Missions, "Pusong Alay sa Antipolo," on 9-10 February 2019. More than 30 doctors and allied professionals from Southern California were able to treat more than 2,000 patients in two days.

Among the doctors/RNs/ allied medical professionals from the US who joined the mission were Drs. Sam and Susan Aquino, Drs. Salvador and Emma Arella, Dr. Joselito and Lucy Babaran, Dr. Andy and Helen Ebilane, Dr. Evelyn Evalle, Dr. Bob and Elsa Mungcal, Dr. Lee and Zeny Razalan, and Dr. Danny and Ruth Salandanan. It was a great way to give back to the poor community of Antipolo, Philippines. Dr Salvador Arella is currently the President of PMASC and Dr. Andy Ebilane was the one who initiated this humanitarian project two years ago to provide medical, surgical, dental services to the underprivileged in Antipolo as Manny V. Pangilinan's and the Philippine Medical Association of Southern California's (PMASC) way of giving back to the less fortunate.



Dr. Joselito and Lucy Babaran, with Doug and Margie Sullivan, who are directors of the United Specialist Healthcare Foundation (USHF) a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in the US, went to Puerto Princesa in Palawan on 13 February 2019 for the feeding program of the indigenous people of Batak Village. The indigenous children go to school while the women are taught livelihood projects like weaving so their products can be sold and will give them a source of income. However, most often, the sales are not enough to sustain food for their families. USHF Directors

bought many of their products to support their livelihood project and plan to continue providing them assistance through USHF fundraising projects in the US.

Milagros Garcia-Glodava

Milagros Garcia-Glodava is an education graduate of St. Paul Manila, who has been very active in Denver, Colorado in the field of stewardship. She has been listed as one of Denver's Women of Distinction. She has been giving back to her Alma Mater, as well as to her native country by organizing seminars and conferences on stewardship, the most recent of which were a Seminar on "Catholic Philanthropy and Spirituality of Stewardship," which was held on 1 February 2019 in SPU Manila and the "Asia-Pacific Conference on Stewardship," which was held on 4-7 February 2019 in the St. Paul Center for Renewal.



Mrs. Glodava wrote this about the international conference:



Presenting Stewardship of Treasure: It is about the Mission at the first Asian Pacific Stewardship Conference in the St. Paul Center for Renewal in Alfonso, Cavite, Wednesday 6 February 2019. Stewardship is indeed about the mission. It is this mission that made me think of my very small diocese, the Prelature of Infanta, and with the great support of my pastor, Fr. Andrew Kemberling, help it become sustainable through stewardship as a way of life. Led by the Holy Spirit, this initial desire has morphed into a movement in the Church in the Philippines. It has even been introduced to the Archdiocese of

Yangon in Myanmar and the Archdiocese of Seoul, South Korea. Among the fruits of this way of life is helping the Church in Philippines move towards implementing the abolition of the "arancel" or stipend for the Sacraments, as stated in 1991 PCPII decree, Article 118: "Tithing, after a good pastoral catechesis, shall be introduced with the end in view of the abolition of the Arancel System." The "arancel" has been a cultural part of the Church in the Philippines for nearly 500 years and is, therefore, not an easy one to abolish. Stewardship, which promotes tithing, offers the "good pastoral catechesis" to make the abolition of the "arancel" happen. The bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Manila have, in fact, signed a Stewardship Pastoral Letter in 2017 directing the eventual abolition of the "arancel." Praise the Lord!

SPC SISTERS' CELEBRATIONS

Happy Valentine's Day!



Happy birthday, Fr. Louis Chauvet!