



## MARED GRADUATES AND STUDENTS ATTEND RESEARCH FORUM

### THEME:

## “Journey to the Truth”

### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

1. Build stronger bonds of missionary communion among the Sisters of different congregations with the SPC as lead facilitator.
2. Offer collaborative actions, consistent with congregational requirements, on research findings that need continuous support.
3. Initiate the periodic conduct of this research forum every three years in SPU Manila under the MARED Program.



*“I have no greater blessing than to hear that my daughters walk in the truth.”* -Fr. Louis Chauvet, SPC Founder

Graduates and students of the Master of Arts in Religious Education Program attended a Research Forum in the Founders Hall on 21 June 2018, the death anniversary of Fr. Louis Chauvet, Founder of the SPC Congregation.

The forum sought to gather the alumnae and students of the program to share their learnings, particularly those pertaining to their mission assignments.

Registration and Opening Prayer were taken care of by the SPC Sisters, JP 1/JP 2. Sr. Jesusa Taccad, SPC, Vice President for Christian Formation, welcomed the participants to the forum. The first research sharing was on Beliefs, Rituals, and Practices of the Christianized Aetas in Barangay Matag-ub, Janiuay, Iloilo by Sr. Ma. Kristina Bergonia, SPC, MARED batch 2016, *magna cum laude*. This was followed by an Open Forum. The second sharing was on Pre-Marital Sex and Its Implications to Catholic Moral Teachings by Sr. Melleniza Gases, SPC, MARED Batch 2016, followed by another Open Forum. The third sharing, on Religious Consecrated Women in the Diocese of Alaminos, Witnesses of Evangelical Joy, was given by Sr. Romina Manalaysay of MARED Batch 2018, again followed by an Open Forum. Certificates of participation were given during the break.

A Communal Reflection was facilitated by Dr. Gerardo Guiuan, Chair of Religious Education, who also gave the Closing Remarks. The Closing Prayer and Preparation for Holy Mass was given by the SPC Sisters JP 3, after which everyone went to the Chapel of the Crucified Christ for the Noon Mass.

## **MSJO WINS FIRST PRIZE IN VIENNA FESTIVAL**

The Philippines' very own Manila Symphony Junior Orchestra (MSJO) emerged victorious in the 12<sup>th</sup> Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna, Austria.

MSJO won first place with "outstanding success" in the competition's String Orchestra category, along with the Jerusalem Conservatory Hassadna String Orchestra.

Christian Geo Molina, cellist and 2017 graduate of the SPU Manila College of Music and the Performing Arts, is a member of the MSJO.



**The young Filipino musicians who brought honor to the country**

## **SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND HOLY SPIRIT MASS**

At 8:00 A.M., 6 July 2018, the Senior High School students attended a Mass of the Holy Spirit in the Fleur-de-lis Theatre. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dominic Nolan, MSSC.

The Holy Eucharist celebration in honor of the Holy Spirit has a very long tradition. Since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, universities and colleges would mark the beginning of the academic year by invoking the presence, guidance and inspiration of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity – the Holy Spirit. In celebrating this Holy Eucharist in schools, we actually imitate Jesus, Who, at the beginning of His public ministry, was anointed by the Holy Spirit (during His baptism) and was led or driven by the same Spirit. This school-year, we pray that we may be truly Spirit-led and Spirit-driven so that, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we may attain the goals we set for the year (*Cogito*).

## **ALUMNAE VISIT PAULINIANS IN THE CORRECTIONAL**

A group of alumnae joined the SPMAFI regular visit to the Correctional Institute for Women (CIW) to interact with inmates coming from Paulinian schools. To date, there are 15 Paulinians there, coming from St. Paul Manila, St. Paul Quezon City, St. Paul Makati, St. Paul San Miguel, St. Paul Tuguegarao, St. Paul Dumaguete, and St. Paul Ilocos Sur. Three of the previous 18 have been released.

The visit was spearheaded by SPMAFI President, Sherry Lara-Alingod (HS 66), and Alumni Relations Officer, Marionette Ocampo-Martinez (HS 54). Highlights of the gathering were the inspirational talks of Atty. Pilar Almira (HS 70), President of Cardinal Santos Medical Center and Lourdes Hospital, and Atty. Agnes Torres-Devanadera (HS 66), Chair of the Energy Regulatory Commission. The latter brought three lawyers from her office who are working on the appeal letters of the ladies.

After the consultation with the lawyers, the ladies presented a program for their visitors, who were touched by their heartfelt singing of "God's Love" and "I Am Blessed" despite their difficult life. The visitors then broke bread and interacted with their fellow Paulinians. Three of these who deserve compassion are Chit Malana of St. Paul Tuguegarao (72 years old and has served 27 years); Sonia Bagtang, former CI in St. Paul Manila (who has stage 3 cancer); and Fatima Buen, St. Paul San Miguel (who has served 22 years of a 20-year sentence).

Pictures are not yet available as cameras are not allowed in the facility and pictures were taken by an "official inmate photographer."

## **ALUMNAE GATHERINGS**



**SPMAFI Meeting with 2019 Jubilarians  
2 July 2018**

**Lunch after CIW visit  
6 July 2018**



**BSC 1977  
Second Quarter Birthdays**

## **CONDOLENCES**

The Paulinian Family condoles with three alumnae who lost their husbands recently:



Mita Tesoro-Gutierrez (High School 1968)—Dr. Ric Gutierrez



**High School 1968  
at the wake of Mita's husband**

Millie Salcedo-Calaquian (High School 1964)—Mr. Bert Calaquian

**High School 1964  
at the wake of Millie's husband**



Annabelle Tan-Amor (AB 1967)—Mr. Bobby Amor

DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL.  
IT DOES NOT COUNT.  
I HAVE ONLY SLIPPED AWAY INTO THE NEXT ROOM.  
NOTHING HAS HAPPENED.

EVERYTHING REMAINS EXACTLY AS IT WAS.  
I AM I, AND YOU ARE YOU,  
AND THE OLD LIFE THAT WE LIVED SO FONDLY TOGETHER IS  
UNTOUCHED, UNCHANGED.  
WHATEVER WE WERE TO EACH OTHER, THAT WE ARE STILL.

CALL ME BY THE OLD FAMILIAR NAME.  
SPEAK OF ME IN THE EASY WAY WHICH  
YOU ALWAYS USED.  
PUT NO DIFFERENCE INTO YOUR TONE.  
WEAR NO FORCED AIR OF SOLEMNITY OR SORROW.

LAUGH AS WE ALWAYS LAUGHED AT THE LITTLE JOSES THAT WE  
ENJOYED TOGETHER.  
PLAY, SMILE, THINK OF ME, PRAY FOR ME  
LET MY NAME BE EVER THE HOUSEHOLD  
WORD THAT IT ALWAYS WAS.  
LET IT BE SPOKEN WITHOUT AN EFFORT, WITHOUT THE GHOST  
OF A SHADOW UPON IT.

LIFE MEANS ALL THAT IT EVER MEANT.  
IT IS THE SAME AS IT EVER WAS.  
THERE IS ABSOLUTE AND UNBROKEN CONTINUITY.  
WHAT IS THIS DEATH BUT A NEGLIGIBLE ACCIDENT?

WHY SHOULD I BE OUT OF MIND BECAUSE I AM OUT OF SIGHT?  
I AM BUT WAITING FOR YOU, FOR AN INTERVAL,  
SOMEWHERE VERY NEAR,  
JUST ROUND THE CORNER.

ALL IS WELL.

- HENRY SCOTT HOLLAND

**Annabelle's tribute to Bobby**