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THIS WEEK IN SPU MANILA...

BLESSING OF THE MUSIC THERAPY CENTER

The St. Paul University Music Therapy Center will be blessed at 5:00 P.M., 10 October 2014. The ribbon cutting will be done by Sr. Lilia Thérèse L. Tolentino, SPC, Provincial Superior of the SPC Sisters; Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, SPU Manila President; and Ms. Annette Asuncion, Music Therapy Center pioneer faculty.

The liturgy of the blessing will include lighting of candles, blessing of holy water, blessing and breaking of the inaugural jar with symbolic hatchlings.

A reception in the HRM Training Center will follow the blessing of the center and launching of the music therapy program

RECENT ACTIVITY...

4th Year CSIT, FMA, BSA, and Legal Management Retreat @ SPCR Alfonso, Cavite (26-28 September 2014)

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On 26-28 September 2014, the 4th Year CSIT, FMA, BSA, and Legal Management students had a life changing experience, their annual retreat in the St. Paul Center for Renewal in Alfonso, Cavite.

The activity began with an orientation on the true purpose of a retreat--that in life, people need to withdraw, to draw back and take time away from their ordinary life, to enter into the Lord's presence, keeping company with Him and allowing themselves to be encountered and be healed.



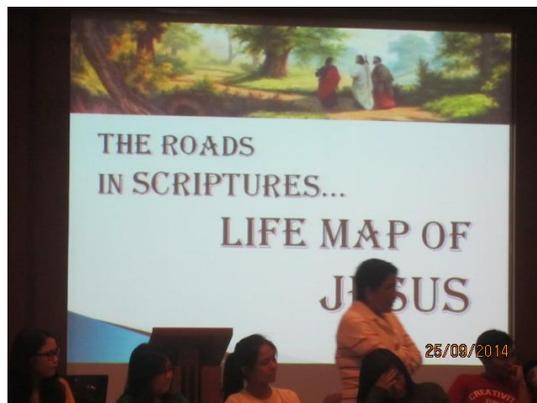
Ms. Maritoni Suarez, retreat facilitator, said that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. That is why, in thanking the Lord in their prayer, the participants expressed their gratitude through dance.



In the next session, the facilitator made the students reflect on the most important events in their lives and the things they are aiming for.



The participants created their road maps, which they candidly shared with their classmates.



They were taught the different roads and places which our Lord himself traversed and stayed in during his time. After being familiarized on these places, they were asked to choose one and share the reason for their choice.



On the next day, the students had their prayer at the gazebo with a blossom dance, which was followed by a session that led to receiving the sacrament of Confession. This major interiorizing activity led them to reflect on the kind of relationship they have with God and how to make it better.

In the session, they realized that in their entire life situation, they must be open and fearless; that they must see God and allow God to work on it, and, they can only do so through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These became more meaningful by the pastoral care given by Sr. Vianney Ramirez, SPC one of the accompanying persons of the activity.



This was intensified more when the students offered their wishes to God by making diplomas and happily sharing their plans for the future with their classmates. The night, before the retreat ended, was the reconciliation and affirmation activity, wherein everyone had the chance to intimately talk with one another, asking forgiveness, thanking, and affirming one another. The night did well for everyone in this activity; reconciled, freed, loved, forgiven, affirmed.

What are they now?

Renewed and alive in the mighty power of God!



ALUMNI GATHERINGS

**Silver Jubilee Reunions
BSN 1989
Angelies Cristies et Mariae
in New Jersey**



... in New York



... and in Manila.



**HS 1969 Mini-Reunion in New York
L-R: Marilyn Garcia-Bautista,
Angelita Eugenio-Santiago,
and Patsy Santiago-Schultz, with two friends**

**HS 1970
October Birthdays Celebration
Residence of Anna Puno**



