



CRUCIAL ELECTIONS HAPPENING TODAY

Today, 13 May 2019, millions of Filipinos will troop to the polls to elect Senators, Congressmen, and local officials. The importance of this election has been instilled in the minds and hearts of Filipinos. For the information of future generations of Paulinians, we reproduce the letter of His Eminence, Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, to priests, with a message that should cascade to the faithful throughout the country:

Dear Brother Priests,

Greetings of peace in the Risen Lord!

The country is looking towards the elections on May 13, 2019. The Church, which is the faith community made up of the lay faithful and the pastors, exercises its duty to promote the good of society. Such a duty is motivated by the mission to bring the power and joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all strata of life.

The CBCP has encouraged organizations of the lay faithful to assume their rightful role in the evangelization of the political world, especially through an informed, prayerful and discerned choice of candidates. We want to share with you the process of discernment undergone by the People's Choice Movement, a purely lay group organized by lay Christian leaders. The criteria that guided them are explained in the two attached letters of Dr. Julieta Wasan, President of the Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas and Bishop Broderick Pabillo, Chairman of the CBCP Commission on the Laity. I urge you to share this initiative of the lay faithful with the lay groups, youth organizations, circles of discernment in your parish as a guide to their own discernment.

I am also encouraging you to include the integrity and peaceful conduct of the elections in the daily Masses leading up to May 13. Depending on the context of your parish, please organize prayer moments like a Holy Hour, rosaries, a triduum and the like. Let us also remind our communities that after the elections, we should continue our mission of participating in the renewal of society based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We entrust our people and the coming elections to the powerful prayer of our Blessed Mother, under her title Our Lady of Fatima, on whose feast the elections occur.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
LUIS ANTONIO G. CARDINAL TAGLE
Archbishop of Manila

LOOKING BACK...

Candy Giving Activity on Valentine's Day 14 February 2019

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*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."
(1 Corinthians 13:4-5)*

For most of us, February is love month but for the advocates of life, February is not just about love, but it is also Pro-Life Month. On 14 February 2019, the St. Paul University Manila – Pro-Life Organization organized a candy giving within the campus and on Pedro Gil street. The activity was initiated by the Pro-Life Organization of the Philippines to remind the world that true love really exists. It has been originally done in Dangwa every 14th of February. Volunteers give away candies in exchange for condoms. The Pro-Life Organization of St. Paul University Manila organized this activity to promote chastity and true love. This activity also aimed to give joy to those people who were given candies.

HIV SEMINAR: "KNOW HIV = NO HIV" 6 March 2019 Fleur-de-Lis Theater

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The Red Cross Youth Council, in collaboration with SPU Manila Pro-Life Organization, organized an HIV Seminar held on 6 March 2019 in the Fleur-de-lis Theater. The seminar was entitled "Know HIV = No HIV." It aimed to impart knowledge on the prevention of HIV/AIDS, to create awareness of HIV facts, and to be updated on the status of HIV in the Philippines, thus aiming to reduce the number of HIV cases in the Philippines.



The Senior High School students participated in the said seminar. The organizers invited four guest speakers for the seminar: Mr. Monciar Datu, Dr. Jerome Cleofas, Dr. Gerardo Guiuan, and Mr. Andi Santos. They shared their knowledge with the participants from different perspectives. Mr. Andi Santos from Project Red Ribbon, shared his experience as an HIV Advocate from his perspective of someone who is suffering from HIV and striving to cope with his condition.

SPMAFI HOLDS BACK TO BACK MEETINGS

The recently elected Board of Trustees of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation, Inc. (SPMAFI) has started having back-to-back meetings, Board meetings at 10:00 A.M.-12:00 NN and meetings with jubilarians and other class representatives at 12:00 NN-2:00 PM. The first such back-to-back meetings were held on 7 May 2019 in the Meeting Room of the HRM Training Center.



The new Board of Trustees are: Seated-Carolle Agbulos (PRO), Marionette Martinez, Sherry Alingod (President), and Beth Concepcion (Treasurer). Standing-Pilar Almira, Popi Gutay (Secretary), Emilie Simon, Lahla Laforteza (VP-External) and Jennifer Ramos (Auditor). Not in picture are Marichen Dychangco (VP-Internal) and Eileen Batacan.



The Board with representatives of jubilarian and other classes: Seated-Annie U. Salita, Carolle Chan-Agbulos, Cleofe Gatchalian-Llamas, Marionette Ocampo-Martinez, Marie Sarthou-Bartolome, Doris Seva-Dasallas. Standing-Evelyn Angeles, Chit Malana (guest), Josie Guytingco, Bubut Gamboa-delos Santos, Maureen Noble-Sandejas, Lahla Pascual-Laforteza, Emilie Simon, Ruby Dizon-Abasolo, Sherry Lara-Alingod, Popi D. Gutay, Mary Anne Chua, Elizabeth Pineda-Concepcion, Patty Ty-Reyes, Sandra Cuyas-de Jesus, Grace Aguinaldo, and Pilar Nenuca Almira.

The host class of the 2020 homecoming, High School 1970, presented their initial plans and solicited suggestions from the attendees about the activity.