



## Israel embassy brings Pope exhibit to St. Paul University

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Ambassador Rafael Harpaz led the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Pope Francis' photo exhibit in St. Paul University Manila on 28 November 2019. The exhibit is in commemoration of the 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of diplomatic relations between the State of Israel and the Holy See.

**SPU Manila president Sister Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC and Ambassador Rafael Harpaz open the photo exhibit with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.**

The visit of Pope Francis to Israel on May 25-26, 2014 marked an important milestone in the deepening relationship between the Catholic Church, Israel, and the Jewish people. Pope Francis was the fourth Pope to visit the Holy Land.

"Today, we are very happy and grateful for the generosity of our Israeli Ambassador in sharing with the community, St. Paul University, a concrete evidence of what it truly means to be a Catholic—to be a brother to fellow brothers of other religions," said St. Paul University Manila president Sister Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC.



"Thank you very much Your Excellency for sharing with our school this proof, that indeed, interreligious dialogue is very much alive today," Sister Evangeline added.

“St. Paul University is a role model for tolerance and interreligious dialogue, everything we would like to see in distinguished academic institutions,” Ambassador Harpaz said.

The photo exhibit of Pope Francis’ visit to Israel will be displayed in St. Paul University Manila until tomorrow [9 December 2019]. “We’re planning to bring it to many more Filipinos,” Ambassador Harpaz said.

The exhibit was unveiled in the Philippines by Cardinal Tagle during his historic visit to the Synagogue in June this year. It was also brought to De La Salle University Manila and will be displayed to other Catholic schools.

### **SPU Manila President Attends 2019 Philippine Education Conference**

Sr. Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, SPU Manila President, represented the university in the 2019 Philippine Education Conference, held on 3-4 December 2019 in the SMX Convention Center. Theme of the conference was “Responsive Policies and Practices towards the Development of the Philippine Education Sector.”

The conference was organized by the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC), a five-member committee constituted to serve as trustee of the Fund for Assistance to Private Education (FAPE), a permanent and irrevocable trust fund. The committee possesses powers and authorities enumerated under Executive Order (E.O.) No. 156, series of 1968, as amended. It is composed of the following: Secretary of Education as Chairperson; a representative from NEDA as a member; a representative of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) as a member; a representative of the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities (ACSCU) as a member; and a representative of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities (PACU) as a member.





**Post PhilEd Conference Fellowship Dinner of the PEAC Regional Program Directors and Coordinators and the M Team of the PEAC NS.**

### **From the CMPA**



Sr. Evangeline wrote this message for the participants of the festivals:

*Throughout the years, many people have written about music. There is no lack of quotable quotes about music and its effects on life. A favorite quotation of mine is from Jane Swan, an American author, who wrote, "How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter, our fears, our highest aspirations?" True indeed; even without lyrics, music can move us to tears or laughter, to hopes and fears, to remembrances of the past and dreams for the future.*

*The composer, Philip Glass, on the other hand, wrote, "Each time you play music, it becomes new. This is one way I've been thinking about memory and the present, past and future times all fitting together. I call it an exquisite moment. It's an exquisite moment because the audience and the situation of performing allows us, requires us, to think of that moment. Very often we go through life without thinking about that moment." What a succinct description of the timelessness of music, of the past, present, and future waxing together in the flow and rhythm of the melody!*

*When I think of these quotes, I realize that this is one thing that makes St. Paul Manila special— the sound of music, which has pervaded our school for the longest time: from the pre-war years, when the College of Music was born; to the early fifties, when the glee club was formed and followed soon after by the string orchestra; to the sixties, when the lively and colorful musicals staged in the Fleur-de-lis Auditorium earned for the school the sobriquet, "Broadway on Herran." It is a treasured legacy, a beautiful string of "exquisite moments."*

*We are grateful that the College of Music and the Performing Arts has treasured this legacy and has immortalized it through the 15<sup>th</sup> Paulinian Piano Festival and 10<sup>th</sup> Paulinian Music Festival. The performers and their mentors, young artists and seasoned musicians, the synergy of voice and instrument, the harmony of sights and sounds filling the hall with pure musical magic remind us of a quote from Matt Haig, author of How to Stop Time, "Music doesn't get in. Music is already in. Music simply uncovers what is there, makes you feel emotions that you didn't necessarily know you had inside you, and runs around waking them all up. A rebirth of sorts."*

*For sure, time will stop and the audience will experience a rebirth of sorts during these piano and music festivals. Congratulations and thanks to the College of Music and the Performing Arts! Mabuhay!*

## **NURSING ALUMNA RECEIVES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN THE US**



Florina Reynoso-Ray (High School 1965, BSN 1970) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Continuum Healthcare Network on 6 December 2019.

The letter from the awards committee explains why Nina (shown in the picture with husband, John Ray) was chosen for the award:

*The Continuum Healthcare Network Awards Committee selects Ms. Florina Reynoso Ray as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a case/care manager in celebration of a lifetime of accomplishments. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates outstanding professional values and accomplishments throughout their lifetime. Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are credited with changing their world and inspiring others to do the same.*

*The committee selects their receipts for the Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of an individual who, like the award's namesake, has performed truly extraordinary service and created a positive and lasting legacy within the healthcare and case/care management community. Award recipients share how they lead their organizations and inspire their people to achieve high performance, and become counselors for excellence throughout the Healthcare and Care/Case Management Community.*

*In honoring the Case/Care Manager of Lifetime Achievement Award, Continuum Healthcare Network, Asian American Chamber of Commerce, American Diversity Group, and their Healthcare Partners highlight recipient accomplishments in the practice of Case/Care Management, presenting this award for their exemplary and outstanding achievement in this field.*

*Congratulations and we are so honored to have your presence on December 6, 2019; 5 PM-8 PM at The Landing of Silver Spring at 13908 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Award will be presented to the recipient by the CEO of ALTA Healthcare Services; Dr.Hannah Dibonge, PharmD and General Manager of The Landing of Silver Spring Ms. Connie Miller.*

*We are looking forward to your presence and your family to honor for all the work you do in our community!*

*Sincerely,  
The Continuum Healthcare Network Awards Committee*

## **ALUMNAE GATHERINGS**

### **TWO EARLY CHRISTMAS PARTIES**



**High School 1968  
2 December 2019  
Residence  
of Justice Estela Perlas-  
Bernabe**

**High School 1964  
6 December 2019  
Residence of Lydia Yabut-  
Ochoa**

