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A WORLD IN CRISIS: COVID-19: PART FIVE

And so the pandemic goes on and on. And so the enhanced community quarantine is extended again. And so the numbers keep increasing and increasing:

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Last updated: April 08, 2020, 03:15 GMT

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Coronavirus Cases:

1,431,706

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1,934,557

Deaths:

82,080

Deaths:

120,438

Recovered:

302,150

Recovered:

456,736

The top five countries most affected by the coronavirus are:

	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
USA	587,173	23,644	36,948
Spain	172,541	18,056	67,504
Italy	159,516	20,465	35,435
France	136,779	14,967	27,718
Germany	130,072	3,194	68,200

In the Philippines, these are the figures:

<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
4,932	315	242

At least 21 doctors have died in the Philippines due to the novel coronavirus, local media reported on Wednesday.

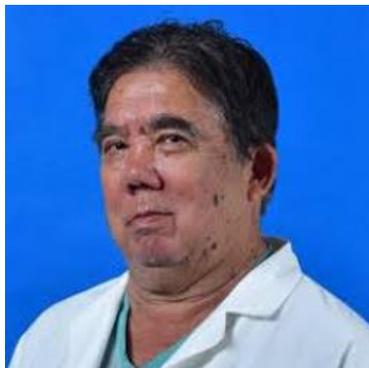
"Doctors who died due to the coronavirus was primarily due to patients lying about their condition or exposure history," local broadcaster GMT quoted Rustico Jimenez, the president of the Private Hospitals Association in the country, as saying.

So far, 740 medical staff in the Philippines contracted the coronavirus and are under 14-day self-quarantine after suspected exposure, said the association.

Jimenez argued that the shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for doctors and other health staff in private hospitals was also behind their deaths. "Private hospitals do not receive PPEs, we buy our own. But at this point, it's hard to buy supplies," said Jimenez.

Soon after the Jimenez's statement, the country's Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) said they would ensure all public and private health staff were given protective gear. "We will check this with our health authorities but it's in our records that we have given PPE gears to private hospitals," the state-run Philippine News Agency quoted Karlos Nograles, Cabinet Secretary and IATF spokesperson, as saying.

We do not have the names and pictures of the 21 doctors, only these three:



Dr. Roberto Anastacio
Cardiologist
Makati Medical Center



Dr. Mary Grace Lim
Asian Hospital
Emergency Medicine



Dr. Leandro Resurreccion
Pediatric Transplant Surgeon
Philippine General Hospital

The nation can only say thank you for the sacrifice of your lives. "Greater love than this no man hath...that he lay down his life for his friend."

PPE CAMPAIGN FOR FRONTLINERS IN SPC-RUN HOSPITALS

St. Paul University Manila has joined forces with other Paulinian Schools all over the country to provide the following Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for frontliners during this COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Washable and Reusable Coveralls
- Surgical Masks
- N95 Masks
- Shoe Covers
- Head Caps
- Face Shields
- 70% Isopropyl Alcohol
- Food for Frontliners

The PPEs shall be donated to SPC-run hospitals since as private hospitals, they receive very minimal support from the government. To date we have received from Paulinian Schools and some Paulinian alumni donations amounting to...

Php 400,000.00

SPU Manila would like to encourage the Paulinian community, alumni, and friends to support this project through donations, in cash, in-kind, or through shipping or transport services.

CASH DONATIONS may be sent through

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Please send a copy of the deposit slip to: president@spumanila.edu.ph.

DONATIONS IN-KIND

- Surgical Masks, N95 Masks, Disposable or Reusable Coveralls, Face Shields

You may drop your donations at the SPU Manila Malvar Gate or you may deliver these directly to the SPC Hospitals whose address may be found in this link: <https://www.spchcm.com/spc-hospitals>. Please take a photo of your donation, specify the quantity, and email this to: president@spumanila.edu.ph so that we can acknowledge you.

SHIPPING OR TRANSPORT SERVICES

We need to transport the PPE allotment for the SPC Hospitals located in the following areas:

- Cebu City
- Dalaguete, Cebu
- General Santos City
- Cagayan De Oro City
- Surigao City
- Maramag, Bukidnon

Call us up at +639273273963 or +639473735207 for the arrangement of transport or shipping service.

This is the time to discover the “hero” in each one of us. As Pope Francis says in his meditation, *Urbi et Orbi*:

“Embracing the cross means finding the courage to create spaces where everyone can recognize that they are called, and to allow new forms of hospitality, fraternity and solidarity. By His cross we have been saved in order to embrace hope and let it strengthen and sustain all measures and all possible avenues for helping us protect ourselves and others. Embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope.”

LETTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Although SPU Manila has been closed for some time now because of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, the Administration of the University continues to meet and discuss ways to assist the academic community in these difficult times.

The following letter has been sent to all the school personnel.

April 12, 2020

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY OF ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY MANILA

Dear Sisters and lay co-workers,

The Sisters and I send you our **Easter Greetings of HOPE and JOY** even amidst this pandemic! **Happy Easter!** Just as our Lord Jesus saved us all from the darkness of sin at His resurrection, we believe that He will save us from this crisis.

With the **extension of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) until April 30**, the top administration of **St. Paul University Manila** has decided to implement the following:

- **Release the regular salaries of the college faculty on April 10 and April 25** knowing that the Vice President for Academics has made provisions for the continuing delivery of online classes. This includes the college faculty members who are delivering courses that cannot be delivered online (e.g. P.E. Accounting, laboratory classes, Applied Music, etc.) trusting that they will undertake make-up classes as soon as the situation in Metro Manila has normalized.
- **Release the vacation pay of the Senior High School (SHS) teachers** who have satisfactorily served for at least two years;
- **Release a special remuneration equivalent to one-half month to SHS teachers** who have satisfactorily served for one year but deduct from this the DOLE CAMP subsidy once our application for the **DOLE COVID-19 Adjustment Measures Program (CAMP)** for them has been approved.
- **Release the regular salaries of the Academic Non-Teaching Staff (ANTS) and Office Staff (OS)** who have been doing output-based work at home. We are requesting the immediate managers to continue to monitor their work and to email to the VP of the Division an update on the accomplishments of these staff members. Also, they are requested to indicate the hour-equivalents for these accomplishments.

In our letter to you on March 21, we made it clear that we shall start applying the unused leave credits after March 25. The whole Holy Week, however, will be considered

holidays—meaning this will be a whole week of paid leaves. Considering this, we have decided to implement the following:

- **For regular ANTS, OS, and Maintenance Personnel who were not able to do their work at home, your unused leave credits shall be applied.**
- If all leave credits have already been used-up, five-day absence per week shall be recorded by the Human Resource Office, and the equivalent salary shall be computed by the Compensation and Benefits Assistant. **For ANTS, OS, and Maintenance Personnel who are on probation** and are not yet entitled to any leave credits, your absence shall, likewise, be recorded. **However, these will not yet be deducted from your salaries during the ECQ period** since we understand that these are times when you need to have enough available emergency resources. **Salary deduction (SD) shall be implemented only one month after things are back to normal and shall be spread out within six months or possibly more.**
- **Release the DOLE-CAMP subsidy of Php 5,000** to qualified employees once approved.

We would like to take this opportunity to update you about the help that **St. Paul University Manila has extended to the frontliners, other health workers, and the marginalized** during this pandemic.

FOR FRONTLINERS

- We are united with Paulinian Schools all over the country to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the frontliners. To date we have collected close to Php 400,000.00 from eight Paulinian Schools and some Paulinian alumni just enough to acquire 450 washable and reusable coveralls, 1500 head caps, and 1500 shoe covers.
- We have decided to donate the PPEs to SPC-run hospitals since as private hospitals, they are usually neglected by the government. Some have already been sent to our hospitals in Cavite, Baguio, and Cebu City. We are still exploring ways to send to our other hospitals in Visayas and Mindanao.
- 260 face masks have been provided for the Bureau of Quarantine and Ospital ng Maynila
- 200 improvised face shields made by the Sisters and stay-in personnel have been sent to Notre Dame de Chartres Hospital in Baguio and St. Paul Hospital in Cavite.
- One box of 70% isopropyl alcohol was donated by the CNAHS to PGH Ward 3 where our students go on duty.

FOR HEALTH WORKERS

- We offered three private rooms (S- Rooms: Mere Marthe, Mere Barbe, and Mere Micheau) for frontliners from the Philippine General Hospital (PGH) but doctors and nurses directly caring for COVID-19 patients were given priority in the lodging facilities provided by the hotels within the vicinity of the hospital.
- The other health workers from PGH assigned in other sections, especially those who reside outside Manila, pleaded us to help them because they were left without rooms to stay during the ECQ. So, we opened the S-rooms and four additional vacant rooms in our students' dormitory for them.

- The "one-week-duty, two-weeks-off" schedule of the nurses is very favorable because instead of accommodating only a maximum of 18 health workers (12 in the dorm and 6 in the S-Rooms), we will be able to accommodate three or four times as many since a new set of nurses comes every week. By the end of the month, we will have been able to help around 72 nurses from the PGH.
- May we request the maintenance staff who live near SPU Manila to help in the washing and ironing of bedding on Tuesdays to Thursdays.

FOR THE MARGINALIZED

- We were requested to host the homeless; however, no matter how much we want to do so, we do not have enough facilities to house them. So, we contributed whatever we can for the food of the 140 "guests" who are currently housed in DLSU and St. Benilde. We were able to contribute four sacks of rice, one sack of detergent, bread, and noodles during the first week of the lockdown.
- Just before the lockdown, we also sent 200 pcs. of canned goods sourced from the Community Development Center (CDC) to the "Batang Lumad" who are housed at UP Diliman.

We are in these outreach projects together. All the assistance that we have extended so far are so little compared to all the blessings that we have received and continue to receive from God. We encourage those among you who consider yourselves blessed to generously share your blessings with the frontliners and the marginalized. This is the time to discover the "hero" in each one of us. As Pope Francis says in his homily during the recently completed Easter Vigil at the Vatican:

"How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death! In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life.... May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities."

We continue to pray for every one of you and the members of your families. If you need anything, please free to call us or message us. We shall remember you and your family in our Masses, especially during the Easter season.

Jesus is alive! He is our HOPE! Happy Easter!



Sincerely yours in Jesus,
Sr. Ma. Evangelina Anastacio, SPC
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