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## A WORLD IN CRISIS: COVID-19: PART ELEVEN

And so the pandemic goes on and on. And so the enhanced community quarantine is extended again and again and again and again, and again and again and again, modified until 30 May 2020. And so the numbers keep increasing and increasing:

### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Last updated: May 18, 2020

Last updated: May 25,2020

Coronavirus Cases:

4,801,875

Coronavirus Cases:

5,498,207

Deaths:

316,671

Deaths:

346,685

Recovered:

1,858,170

Recovered:

2,301,990

The top five countries most affected by the coronavirus are:

May 18, 2020-May 25, 2020

	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
USA	1,527,664-1,686,436	90,978-99,300	346,389-451,702
Brazil	241,080-363,618	16,118-22,716	94,122-149,911
Russia	281,752-344,481	2,631-3,541	67,373-113,299
Spain	277,719-282,852	27,650-28,752	195,945- 196,958
UK	243,695-259,559	34,636-36,793	N/A-N/A

It will be noted that Russia has significantly increased in the number of cases and deaths and overtaken Spain and the UK and that the latter has curiously not reported any recoveries. Italy has been replaced in the top five countries by Brazil.

In the Philippines, these are the figures:

May 18, 2020-May 25, 2020

<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
12,513- 14,035	824-868	2,635-3,249

## PAULINIAN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

### BSN 1971 RAISE FUNDS FOR PPE FOR ST. PAUL HOSPITALS CAMPAIGN

Responding to the appeal for PPEs for St. Paul hospitals, spearheaded by Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, President of SPU Manila, in coordination with Ms. Marilyn Abalos, Chair of the SPCM USA, the BSN class of 1971 (VIAS MARIE), many of whom are in the US, raised funds for the frontliners in our country.



The VIAS MARIE batch have been preparing for their Golden Jubilee in January 2021. They have collected materials for a souvenir book—their profiles and pictures, and essays on their defining moments as nurses and mothers. They have also been brainstorming on their presentation for the homecoming program. However, everything has been put on hold due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of having a grand homecoming in January. In the meantime, they are helping in the PPE campaign.

The group's motto is "United as Paulinians, WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER."

Headed by Lucy Romero-Babaran, the following VIAS gave donations for the campaign: Amy Villarico-Benito, Violy Tordesillas-Navo, Lita Garcia-Tangonan, Terry Razo-Girado, Norma Aquino-Salud, Rosa Besite-Sario, Lydia Generoso-Garcia, Elvira Balagot, Rebecca Duncan, Josie Villamil-Sison, Daisy Querubin-Bose, Thelma San Andres-Domingo, Herminia Sanson-Flint, Nerie Tranquilino-Chin, Adelwisa Riate-Gelle, Irene Miras-Sze, Lina Gallardo-Shaffer, Fe Nieves Soltis-Francisco, Evangeline Imson-Bondoc, Evelyn Arriola-Sanchez, Dina Azcueta-Krenzischek, Angela Almeida-Isidro, Lourdes Chua-Afan, and Lucy Romero-Babaran. The group raised a total of \$ 2050.00.

These are two pictures of the recipients of the PPEs donated by Paulnians and friends:



The donations are needed because private hospitals do not get as much assistance from the government as the public ones.

## PAULINIAN NAMED NEW MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER PRESIDENT

Atty. Pilar Nenuca Almira, High School 1970 and BSC 1974 graduate of St. Paul Manila, has been appointed President and CEO of the Makati Medical Center, as announced by Manuel V. Pangilinan, Chairman of the MMC Board:



May 19, 2020

To the Makati Med Community,

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Pilar Nenuca (Nuca) P. Almira as President & CEO of Medical Doctors Inc. effective no later than September 1, 2020.

Nuca started her career as a human resources professional with multinational companies Nestle, Warner Lambert, and Kraft Foods International. In 1998, the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines awarded her Personnel Manager of the Year.

She started her career in the healthcare industry as COO of the UST Hospital. After a 4-year stint as SVP Business Development of St Peter Life Plans, she joined Manila Doctors Hospital as its Hospital Director, before she moved to her current job as President & CEO of Cardinal Santos Medical Center and later concurrently also became President & CEO of the Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

Nuca has an MBA from the Ateneo de Manila University (1978), a law degree from the University of the Philippines (1984), and a Masters in Health Services Administration degree also from the Ateneo de Manila University (2004). She was also conferred a Papal Award by Pope Francis in 2015.

Please join me in welcoming Nuca to the Makati Med family !

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manuel V. Pangilinan', is written over a light blue background.

Manuel V. Pangilinan  
Chairman of the Board



Atty. Almira has reached great heights in her career, as President and Chief Executive of Officer of Cardinal Santos Medical Center, President of Cardinal Medical Charities Foundation, Inc., and President and Chief Executive Officer of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital. She had also been Chief Operating Officer of the University of Santo Tomas Hospital, Senior Vice President for Business Development, Marketing and Sales Effectiveness of St. Peter Life Plan Incorporated, and Hospital Director of Manila Doctors Hospital.

Pilar's achievements come as no surprise as she had been an outstanding student of St. Paul College of Manila, where she received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Management (*Cum Laude*) in 1974 and was College Student Council President. She received a Master's in Business Administration from the Ateneo de Manila University in 1978, completed her law studies in the University of the Philippines, and passed the Bar Exams in 1984, and having chosen her career path, received her Master's in Health Services Administration from the Ateneo de Manila University in 2004.

In addition to these many accomplishments, she is also a very spiritual person, a poet, a singer, and a book writer. She regularly conducts street interviews of ordinary people living extraordinary lives and shares these on facebook, which her many friends and readers find as sources of inspiration. An extremely loyal alumna, she is one of the benefactors of the Senior High School HOPE Ablaze Program, a trustee of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation, Inc., and Chair of the Paulinian First Fund of the SPMAFI.

### **SISTERS CELEBRATE ASCENSION DAY**

On 14 May 2020, the SPC Community celebrated Ascension Day with a holy hour in the Chapel, rosary at Our Lady's Grotto and commitment to care for Mother Nature in accord with *Laudato Si*.

Sr. Flor Deza, SPC shares the following pictures of the celebration:



## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PASSES AWAY

### Drawing Beauty from the Stars: A Tribute to John Danielle Acuavera

by Christopher Go

*The Paulinian*

Tragedy does not seem to go away, ever since the COVID-19 pandemic entered our new reality. Since then, countless nihilistic views of people have constantly bombarded comment sections and conversations; conspiracy theories and audacious rumors began to abound; and the news became filled with discussions about our horrid reality—rising number of cases, more infected areas, and slow government responses.

However, one of the most tragic occurrences anyone can ever feel is the loss of someone dear.

#### A tragic and undeserved loss



A fellow Paulinian, John Danielle Acuavera, an aspiring artist and an upcoming senior high school graduate from the Arts & Design Track-2 (AADT-2), passed away on March 29, 2020.

According to a report in GMA News, he was refused accommodation by several hospitals for being suspected with COVID-19. He later turned out negative of the virus.

On March 27-30, John and his mother, Venessa Bandalan, struggled travelling from one hospital to another, namely, St. Clare's Medical Center in Makati, Medical Center Manila, Ospital ng Maynila, and Philippine General Hospital, as he was suffering complications, such as difficulty in breathing and weakness at the time.

However, they were rejected by the hospitals due to varied reasons, such as absence of equipment, lack of vacant rooms for Persons Under Investigation, which was how he was classified, long arrival of laboratory test results, and strict limitations of overall service.

The family experienced difficulty going to these hospitals, traveling via *padyak*, a two sitter that is attached to a bicycle, and long-distance commute due to the lack of public transportation during the implementation of the Enhanced Community Quarantine.

Perhaps because of all the struggles they faced, John died from Severe Distress Respiratory Disorder, with a possible factor of COVID-19, at Medical Center Manila. The findings were later debunked after he was tested negative for COVID-19, with the official result released on April 4, nine days after John's death. He was tested on March 27.

#### John Acuavera, the aspiring artist

John was said to be an artist with a colorful mind and with a great skill in illustration. According to his adviser, Antonio Jose Galauran, as a student, John was always excited to learn new things and use them to create the limitless possibilities he could do with the stroke of his hands.

