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

And so the pandemic goes on and on. And so Metro Manila is on General Community Quarantine. But the numbers keep increasing and increasing:

### COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Last updated: June 1, 2020

Last updated: June 8, 2020

Coronavirus Cases:

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6,278,606

7,085,740

Deaths:

Deaths:

374,158

405,272

Recovered:

Recovered:

2,852,761

3,459,841

The top five countries most affected by the coronavirus are:

June 1, 2020-June 8, 2020

	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
USA	1,837,170-2,007,449	106,195-112,469	599,867-761,708
Brazil	514,992-691,962	29,341-36,499	206,555-302,084
Russia	414,878-467,673	4,855-5,859	175,877- 226,731
Spain	286,509-288,630	27,127-27,136	196,958-N/A
UK	274,762- 286,194	38,489-40,542	N/A-N/A

It will be noted that Brazil now has the second highest number of COVID cases. Russia has significantly increased in the number of cases and overtaken Spain and the UK and that curiously both have not reported any recoveries.

In the Philippines, these are the figures:

June 1, 2020-June 8, 2020

<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Recovered</u>
18,086-21,895	957-1,003	3,909-4,530

## **SPU MANILA RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

### **US PAULINIANS EASTER GIFT**

Contributed by Marilyn Abalos

A number of Paulinians in the US have donated funds to provide PPEs and support for frontliners in St. Paul Hospitals and Clinics in the Philippines. Launched during Holy Week in April, Paulinians and friends' Easter Gift came to over \$8,200.

Headed by Sister Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, donations were centralized via SPU Manila to provide PPEs, including masks, face shields, coveralls, head caps, shoe covers, gloves, alcohol, and bleach to Paulinian frontliners. St. Paul Hospitals in Metro Manila, Baguio, Tuguegarao, Nueva Vizcaya, Cebu, Iloilo, Surigao, Cagayan de Oro, Antique, Bukidnon, and Cavite were served, as well as Paulinian Clinics throughout the Philippines.

"I sincerely appreciate the donors," Sister Evangeline, President of St. Paul University Manila, said. "I am aware that the USA was badly affected too by the pandemic, especially in NY, but despite that, you still extended your help to us. May God reward you a hundredfold for your generosity and kindness. I am truly truly grateful!"

Paulinians from New York to Hawaii, California to Canada extended support for St. Paul Hospitals and Clinics. In addition, a number of US based Paulinians contributed through their respective class batches to help St. Paul.

"Caritas Christi Urget Nos—the Charity of Christ—indeed came to being as many Paulinian alumni generously donated to support their alma mater, Sisters, and hospitals," Techie Ignacio Gonzalvo said. "As a Paulinian from Kindergarten through college, graduating in 1974 with a BSN, it was definitely and without a doubt, a paying it forward moment. The need for Personal Protective Equipment is evident for the Sisters, nurses, and other frontliners in the hospitals and facilities of St. Paul. This is just a small and humble way of continuing to support our beloved alma mater!"

Jane Singson Fields coordinated collection from Paulinians and friends in the Virginia, Maryland, and Washington DC area while Marilyn Abalos reached out to Paulinians from other states in the US. Lucy Babaran gathered the collection from Via-Maries 71 alumni and Lucy Bermudez collected from Fleur-de-Marie 1970, along with Corazon Canlas, class 1969 Marvioletta, and Lucy's sister Guia Ilao-Layco, class 1964 Lililmarie from California.

Led by Jane Singson Fields, Paulinians and friends from the VA, MD, WDC area donated \$1,310. Donors include Jandi Arboleda, Aileen Baldo, Winkie Collas, Emerald de la Rosa, Carole Gambe-Escolano, Evelyn M. Hernandez, Arabella Harmon-Horwitz, Joy Masakayan-Karaan, Joy Maceren, Bambi Manalang, Ramon Edgardo Masakayan, Elizabeth Medina-Tata, James William Moses, Judy Reyes-Francia, Patricia Roldan, Jane Singson Fields, Rica Sunga-Campos, and Teoffy Taganas.

Donations from Marilyn Abalos and other Paulinians from around the country came to a total of \$2,575. Contributions were from Marilyn Abalos, Pauline Agatep-Co, Carol Del Gallego-Limjoco, Lily Gamboa-O'Boyle, Techie Ignacio-Gonzalvo, Rosa Bing Joaquin, Lourdes Lapus, Marite Moreno-Vella, Erlinda Obias, Lourdes Pantaleon-Clark, Milagros Donato-Gavieres, Maria San Agustin, Patsy Santiago-Schultz, and Mariejo Yaneza.

"United as Paulinians, WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER," Lucy Babaran, BSN Via- Maries 71, said.

Coordinated by Lucy, Via Maries 71 donated \$2,050 from Angela Almeida-Isidro, Norma Aquino-Salud, Evelyn Arriola-Sanchez, Dina Azcueta-Krenzischek, Elvira Balagot, Rosa Besite-Sario, Lourdes Chua-Afan, Rebecca Duncan, Lina Gallardo-Shaffer, Lita Garcia-Tangonan, Lydia Generoso-Garcia, Evangeline Imson-Bondoc, Irene Miras -Sze, Terry Razo-Girado, Adelwisa Riate-Gelle, Lucy Romero-Babaran, Thelma San Andres-Domingo, Herminia Sanson-Flint, Fe Nieves Soltis-Francisco, Nerie Tranquilino-Chin, Violy Tordesillas-Navo, Daisy Querubin-Bose, Josie Villamil-Sison and Amy Villarico-Benito.

"A simple ACT of giving from the heart brings priceless gifts of Renewal and Redemption," Violeta "Bolet" Santiano-Villanueva of Fleurs 70 said, "just as you receiving them yourself with open eyes and open ears and both extended arms to reach out to the needy..."

Headed by Lucy Bermudez, the Fleurs-de-Marie 70 from the US and Canada donated \$2,300 for PPEs to St. Paul Hospitals.

### **NEW LOCAL SUPERIOR INSTALLED**

Sr. Maria Vicenta Estrella, SPC was installed as the new SPC Local Superior on 31 May 2020 in the Chapel of the Crucified Christ. Sr. Marivic is also the Vice President for Finance Services of SPU Manila. She spent some years as a missionary in the United States before coming home to St. Paul Manila. She succeeds Sr. Jesusa Taccad, SPC as Local Superior.



Photo above right shows Sr. Marivic and Sr. Jesusa. Below is the celebration of the community for their new Superior.



## FROM THE COUNSELING AND CAREER & PLACEMENT SERVICES

### IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC: THE COUNSELING OFFICE IS NOW ONLINE

#### ONLINE COUNSELING SERVICES

As many of us may feel restless because of this pandemic, the Counseling and Career & Placement Services is also restless in providing services to reach out to the Paulinian Community, especially at this time when most people are immobile or confined in their homes. On March 30, 2020 the unit launched the online counseling service to help students and employees alike with their concerns and worries. This is possible through the use of the guidance email address: [guidance@spumanila.edu.ph](mailto:guidance@spumanila.edu.ph) and with the approval of Sr. Alegria Avellaneda, SPC, Vice President for Student Services.



The unit introduced the service through the official Facebook page of the University (@spumanila) with the help of the Public Relations Office. The counselors can now be reached from the safety of our homes. Many have since tried it out and they were given guidelines about the service to start the process. The unit hopes that by this simple way they are able to help and connect with the Paulinian community.

The guidance personnel are fortunate enough to have some connections with other local universities and school personnel and were able to do benchmarking to inquire about their online counseling practices. Through this effort, the personnel learned of ethical and secure avenues to provide online counseling to Paulinians. The guidance email is also a way for people to inquire about other services, like requesting for good moral certificates.

**ONLINE ADMISSION SERVICES  
OF THE COUNSELING AND CAREER & PLACEMENT SERVICES**

In line with the aim of being more accessible, the Career & Placement Services launched the online admissions service on April 16, 2020, wherein people can apply through email. The online admission caters to students who would like to be part of the Paulinian community. The Office launched the service through the official Facebook page of the University (@spumanila) with the approval and help of the Academic Services, headed by Dr. Marichen Dychangco, Vice President for Academic Services. The unit is able to send out updates and instructions on how applicants can reserve their slot in the university. Since the launching, many people have used this platform to inquire and apply through the admissions email address: [admissions@spumanila.edu.ph](mailto:admissions@spumanila.edu.ph).


  
 APPLICANTS FOR  
**Incoming Grade 11 & 1st year College Students**

**STEP 1:**  
 Submit scanned or picture format of your most recent report card and duly accomplished Application Form (downloadable from the Official FB page of SPUManila) and send your application to [admissions@spumanila.edu.ph](mailto:admissions@spumanila.edu.ph). Indicate in the subject line - FULL NAME and the LEVEL (Senior High School or College - Course) that you are applying for (e.g., CRUZ, Juan – Grade 11 Senior High School).

**STEP 2:**  
 Kindly wait for the confirmation regarding the status of your application.

**STEP 3:**  
 Once approved, a Letter of Acceptance will be sent to you via email together with the procedure and list of requirements to be submitted upon arriving at SPU Manila prior to enrolment.

Note: This procedure will only be applicable in this time of ECQ. Once we are back with our normal routine, we will carry on with our usual admission process.


  
 APPLICANTS FOR  
**College Transferees**

**STEP 1:**  
 Submit scanned or picture format of the following documents:  
 a. Transcript of Record  
 b. Honorable Dismissal  
 c. Course Description  
 d. Duly accomplished Application Form (downloadable from the Official FB page of SPUManila)  
 Send all the documents to [admissions@spumanila.edu.ph](mailto:admissions@spumanila.edu.ph). Indicate in the subject line - FULL NAME and the COURSE that you are applying for (e.g., CRUZ, Juan – BS Psychology)

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 APPLICANTS FOR  
**Graduate School Program**

**STEP 1:**  
 Submit Letter of Intent on your chosen program and send to [vpacademics@spumanila.edu.ph](mailto:vpacademics@spumanila.edu.ph). Indicate in the subject line - FULL NAME and the PROGRAM that you are applying for (e.g., CRUZ, Juan – MBA).

**STEP 2:**  
 Kindly wait for the confirmation regarding the status of your application.

**STEP 3:**  
 Once approved, the procedure and list of requirements needed will be sent via email prior to enrollment.

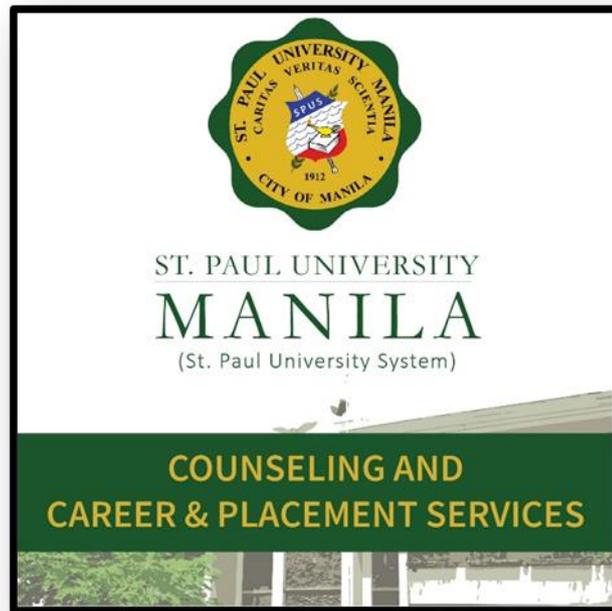
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## OFFICIAL FACEBOOK PAGE OF THE UNIT

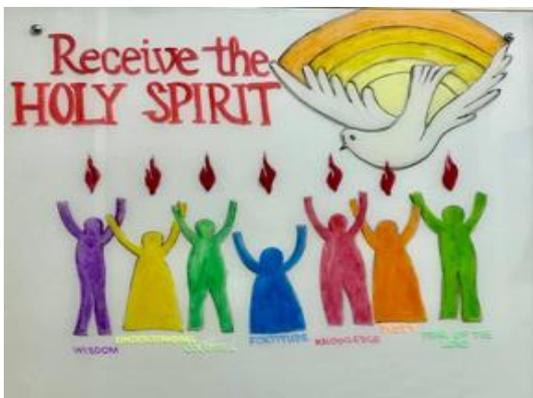
People are still uncertain about what will happen in the coming months. With this concern, the guidance personnel were thinking of how to not just be accessible but also be visible online, so they decided to create the official Facebook page of the unit on May 1, 2020 (@SPUManilaGuidance).

The page aims to post updates and helpful information about the various services of the unit, such as counseling and admission, among others. The unit's goal is to give beneficial postings that can provide self-care and assistance during this pandemic. The page has been well received by the community. People

are also able to communicate with the guidance personnel through this venue and to give feedback or inquiries to the unit. The unit hopes that people will find their faith strengthened and be enabled to thrive despite this difficult situation. Hopefully as we approach the new normal, the unit will still be able to serve the Paulinian community to the best of its abilities. May we all unite to help one another and be kind to one another as we take care of our health and safety.



## SPC SISTERS CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY



The SPC Sisters celebrated Pentecost Sunday with a special Mass and a special lunch, courtesy of Marilyn Abalos HS 1969, Chair of SPCM USA, and catered by Millie Reyes, also HS 1969.

## CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles  
with the family of Angelica Que-Gonzales (HS 1965).

