

SR. ANUNCIATA PASSES AWAY



Sr. Maria Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC, Dean of the College of Music and the Performing Arts, passed away peacefully on 8 August 2020.

She had just celebrated her 85th birthday on the 2nd of August.

Sister succumbed to cancer after refusing any further treatment for it. She said she was ready to face the Father and embraced death happily, with the SPC Sisters and some family members at her side.

Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, University President, shares this account of Sister's last journey:

In August 2018, she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer that had metastasized to her bones. When her friends came to know about it, they were all in tears. But not for this very brave and courageous Sister. She instead said, "Great! Now, I have something to offer to God!"

How she was able to function excellently within the past two years despite her illness was a miracle

- as Dean of the CMPA
- as a BOT member of SPU Manila
- as alumni moderator
- as Technical Panel Member of the CHED for the Music program
- as a composer and musician.

Two months ago, her health started to deteriorate further because the Big C had spread to her liver. She refused to undergo any treatment knowing that these did not guarantee any cure.

She spent her days preparing for the final day: making sure the CMPA will continue to run effectively even without her, getting assurance that after she goes, her caregiver will be sent to college to finish a degree, tapping sources of scholarships for talented music students, and piling up "treasures in heaven that neither moth nor rust could destroy."

Two things she remarkably maintained: a clear mind and her sense of humor.

By her bedside was a toy piglet which grunts like a pig when pressed. She would press it to welcome anyone who would enter her room and to bid goodbye especially when it was difficult for her to speak.

Dear Sister Ata, I am so blessed to have witnessed how you have remained faithful until the end. It was so edifying to see you bear your pain without any complaint, how you surrendered

to the will of the Father, how you maintained a happy disposition despite your health condition, how you thought of the welfare of others before your own. Your peaceful passing makes me see death not as something to fear but as a door to eternal joy with God.

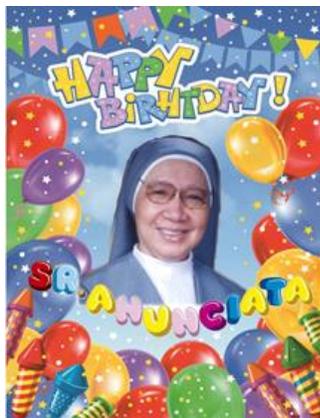
Go with God, Sr. Ata! I will never forget that you were the one who enticed me to be a Sister of St. Paul of Chartres. Thank you for leading me to the wellspring of life—a decision that I never regretted.

I will sorely miss you! I love you, Sister.

"Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear." – Anonymous



Some pictures of Sister in healthier days:



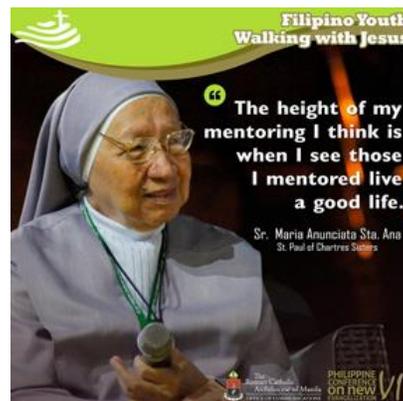
SPMAFI Christmas Party...



Music Therapy Conference...

Her last birthday...

Her legacy...



SAYING GOODBYE TO SR. ANUNCIATA



The wake and the Funeral Mass...



AND REMEMBERING...

Dear Sr. Anunciata,

A few days ago, after seeing pictures of your 85th birthday celebration, I took out my old piano books. As I played Mozart Sonata III which you taught me when I was 11 years old for my premier solo recital, many fond memories came to mind. I looked forward to being with you again at our next Paulinian homecoming... to tell you that I am back playing the piano...that I got my grandchildren interested in playing the piano too... that my 10-year-old granddaughter now plays this same Mozart Sonata and I accompanied her on the piano at the Christmas recital in Princeton. Yes, somehow, I passed on to the "Apos" what I learned from you.

I remember that you also taught me how to sing, not just with the Glee Club, but solo... for our HS play-Goodbye to the Clown. I was the clown... it was challenging enough that I had to do cartwheels on stage but to sing?? From this experience, I learned how to have faith, courage and confidence.

You were there with us at happy or sad family occasions and school events. Through life, I realized how music can make a difference - it helped me cope with different circumstances by enabling me to express myself...it inspired me to take action and calmed my stress.

Thank you so much Sr Anunciata! The Angels must be singing today as they accompany you home to Him who made you- the amazing YOU. Your liturgy songs will continue to bring us closer to God and to one another.

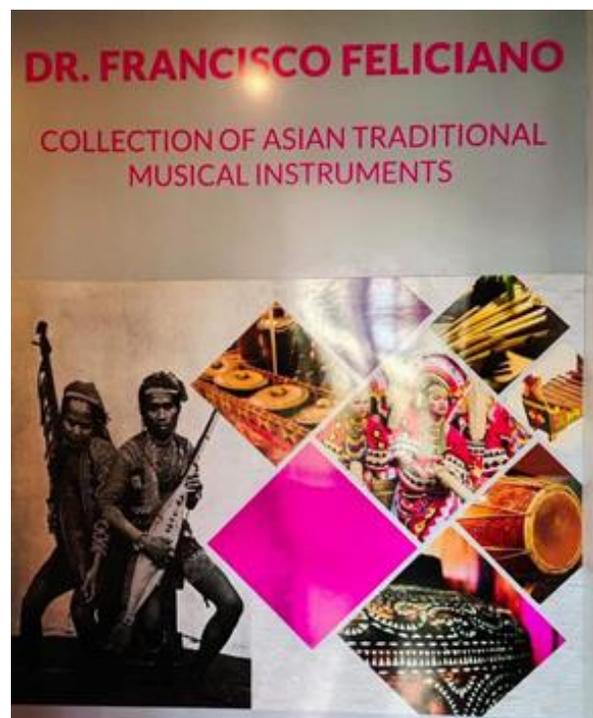
Corito Garcia- Singson and family



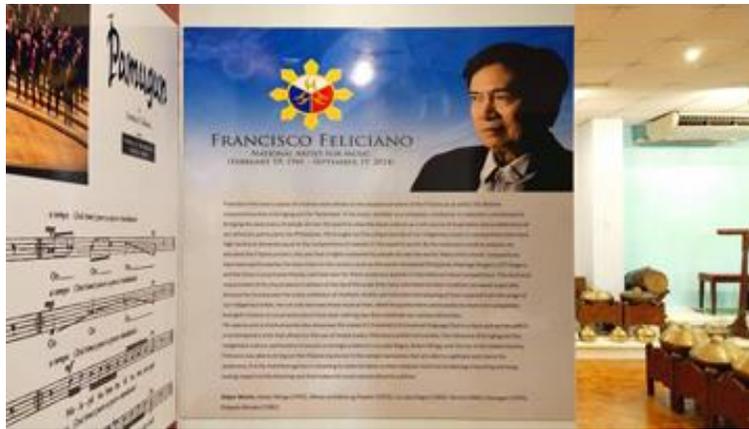
AND IN HER MEMORY... THE SPU MANILA GALLERY OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

On 2 August 2020, the birthday of Sr. Anunciata, the College of Music and the Performing Arts held the Blessing of the SPU Manila Gallery of Musical Instruments, featuring Dr. Francisco Feliciano's Collection of Asian Traditional Musical Instruments.

The gallery reminds viewers that, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." – Plato



A photograph of a musical score for the piece "POKPOK ALIMPAKO" by Francisco F. Feliciano. The score is written for a vocal line (V) and a piano accompaniment (P). The title "POKPOK ALIMPAKO" is prominently displayed, along with the composer's name "Francisco F. Feliciano" and the word "MUSIQUE". The score includes a photograph of a man playing a stringed instrument. The lyrics are in Tagalog: "poko-poko sa lalim ng burol" and "Lalim ng burol sa lalim ng burol". The score is numbered 12.



CEAP NCR Mass of the Holy Spirit

The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines – National Capital Region (CEAP-NCR) annually organizes assembly of Catholic schools invoking the Holy Spirit for guidance as they begin the school year. The event is usually participated in by school administrators, faculty members, and students of CEAP NCR member institutions.

The said event animates CEAP institutions as they begin the school year keeping in mind that they can only accomplish their goals if they are guided and united by the Holy Spirit.

For this coming school year, the ONLINE Mass of the Holy Spirit was held at 9:00 a.m. on 7 August 2020.

It was presided over by His Excellency, Most Rev. PABLO VIRGILIO S. DAVID, D.D., Bishop of Kalookan. This year's theme is "Catholic Education as Gift and Mission... Journey to 500 Years of Christianity."

