



## IN THESE PANDEMIC TIMES...

### PEOPLE STRIVE TO REMEMBER

The United States of America, undoubtedly the most powerful country in the world, proved to be powerless against the Covid-19 virus. It has the biggest number of covid cases and of deaths in the whole world.

Americans can also be seen as the most sensitive people in the world as they have built a lasting memorial for their fellowmen who have succumbed to the pandemic.

From above, the 695,000 white flags shivering in the wind on the National Mall look similar to the gravestones just across the Potomac in Arlington National Cemetery. Each flag, planted in neat squares on 20 acres of grass just north of the Washington Monument, represents one person who has died from Covid-19 in the United States.



Titled "In America: Remember," this sobering memorial—on view in Washington, D.C. through October 3—is the work of Maryland artist Suzanne Brennan Firstenberg. With the sea of plastic flags, many of which feature handwritten dedications to lost loved ones, "we are recapturing the human dignity of each one of these people who have been compressed and ... reduced to numbers," said Firstenberg at a September 17 opening ceremony. The artist's attempt to make the pandemic's death toll tangible began in October 2020

with a similar display of 219,000 flags at the D.C. Armory. As Firstenberg recounted at the September event, "pure outrage" inspired the installation, dubbed "In America: How Could This Happen..."

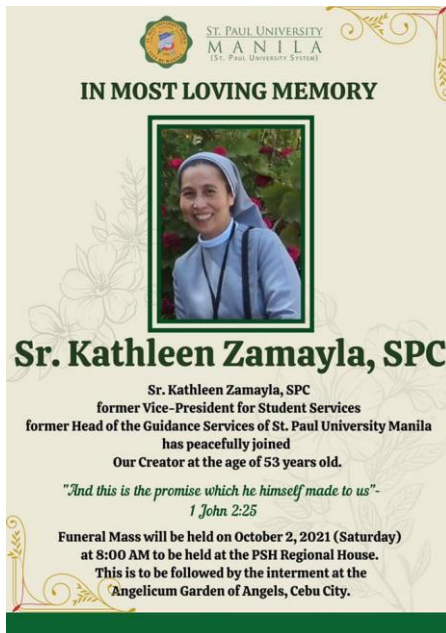
"This is communal," Firstenberg told Petula Dvorak of the Washington Post last year. "This is creating a space for mourning."

The more recent installation on the National Mall also makes space for bereavement: Benches are spaced along the grassy paths, and passersby can write tributes to deceased friends or family before choosing where to place their flags.

(from *The Smithsonian*)



## ST. PAUL MANILA LOSES ANOTHER SISTER



Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, SPU Manila President, writes:

Sr. Kathleen Zamayla joined our Creator at the age of 53 after a long battle with cancer. Your prayers for her are deeply appreciated.

Go with God, my dear Sr. Kate, where there is no more pain or sorrow or suffering... only peace... joy... and love... in your eternal home with Jesus!

"A true friend is never truly gone. Their spirit lives on in the memories of those who loved them."

"Friendship transcends death. Memories made will never be forgotten and created a lasting impression on those they left behind. Everyone became a better person for having such a wonderful friend."

Sr. Kate was assigned in the Perpetual Succour Hospital, Cebu City.

## PAULINIAN EDGE OFFERS NEW WEBINAR



"I have this passion to put up my own cafe or pastry shop," Alyssa Suay

What are the changing ideas of Entrepreneurship? Watch this video from the Paulinian Edge with Dr. Brian Bantugan, Head for the Center for Innovation and Development, Dr.

Amelia Butial, Head for Continuing Education, and Dr. Arsenio Bignotia, Dean of the College of Business and Management. Joining them are our BS Entrepreneurship students.

## AND FINALLY FRIDAYS...

One of the Finally Friday guests was Bro. Adrian Panganiban, a celebrity and preacher.

Bro. Panganiban shared this message with all Paulinians: "We all start with the Lord, and we all end up with Him as well."





On a lighter note, Paulinians had a fun interaction with Luisito Pascua, who will be remembered as “Kuya Bodjie” in the children’s show, Batibot.

The show’s co-hosts are Dr. Brian Bantugan and Dr. Amelia Butial. Joining them for this episode was Prof. Michelle Mijares.

On Batibot, Kuya Bodjie interacted with the other Batibot characters as part of the show's regular portion. Pascua's unique claim to fame, however, was a segment called "*Mga Kwento ni Kuya Bodjie*" ("Kuya Bodjie's stories") which featured Pascua telling a new short children's story in every episode.

Pascua called on his theater skills to make the narration lively and to give each character in the stories their own unique voice.

## CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles with:

the family of Sr. Marina Calderon, SPC, former Kinder teacher in SPCM;

the family of CMPA alumnus and teacher, Melvin Lazaro;

Elnora Aquilizan-Duran (HS 66) on the passing of her brother, Gregorio;

the Andal sisters, Ma. Socorro (HS 65), Ma. Luisa (HS 68), and Ma. Teresa (HS 74) on the death of their brother, Jaime;

the family of Chiqui da Roza-de Castro (HS 70);

Clarissa del Rosario (HS 66) on the death of her mother, Jo, and brother, Toto;

the family of Jestine Macalima (HRM 2013);

Aida Chan-Deveza (AB 82) on the death of her sister, Welina;

the family of Rosette Miranda-Fernando (AB 76);

Corazon Cabrera-Katigbak (AB 74) on the passing of her brother, Felipe;

the family of Susan Ongoco (HS 65, BSC 69);

Erlinda Tobias (HS 66) and Annie Tobias (HS 70) on the death of their aunt, Resurreccion Apostol, and niece, Rowena Apostol.

