

IN THESE PANDEMIC TIMES...

WE STILL REMEMBER...AND GIVE THANKS



On October 29, 1904, seven Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres (SPC), landed in Tinago Beach, Dumaguete, Philippines. The seven pioneers were: Mother Marthe de St. Paul Legendre, Sr. Anna de la Croix Anne, Sr. Marie Louise du Sacre Coeur Nivou, Sr. Ange Marie Bannier (French); Sr. Marie Josephine Rappeport (American); Sr. Catherine de Genes Gutierrez (Portuguese from Macau); and Sr. Charles Aho, Chinese.

Photo left is the memorial statue of the Sisters' arrival.

Sisters of St. Paul Statue in Dumaguete, often called the "Sisters Statue." Seven Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres set sail from Saigon and arrived in Dumaguete, southern Philippines in 1904. Their mission was to nurture the faith of the predominantly Catholic population recently freed from 377 years of Spanish rule but was then prey to the intense proselytizing campaign of Protestants, as well as patriotic influences of the Philippine Independent Church. Starting their missionary work under extreme conditions of poverty and enormous cultural difficulties, they nevertheless proved to be excellent nurses and educators. The first Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres in the Philippines opened the first Paulinian School in Dumaguete Negros. (From *Asia Images*)

The arrival of the Sisters in the Philippines was a festive event with the ringing of the bells, the music of the band and the cheering crowd who welcomed the Sisters. The ship had stopped some hundred meters from the shore and the Sisters were brought by boat to fifty meters from the shore. Filipino boys crossed hands and formed a seat to carry each Sister from the boat to dry land!

In procession, the priests, Sisters, and the people then made their way to the Church for the *Te Deum*, the Sister's first act of thanksgiving to God. Like their Founders, the Sisters recognized that call of the Philippine harvest through the open window that was Dumaguete. (From *A Hundred Thousand Miracles*, St. Paul University Manila, 2012)

St. Paul University Dumaguete commemorated the 117th Foundation Anniversary of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres, Philippine Province and of the University in a Thanksgiving Mass, presided over by Rev. Msgr. Glenn Corsiga, Parish Priest of the St. Augustine of Hippo Parish.

The Eucharistic Celebration was held at 9:00 A.M., 29 October 2021 in the St. Paul the Apostle Chapel.



On the same day, St. Paul University Manila also celebrated the 117th year of SPC mission in the Philippines.



The University made this day more meaningful by distributing 200 food packs to street dwellers in Malate and Ermita. We added a reminder to our voters. Thank God for blessing our mission!



FROM THE PAULINIAN EDGE...

Yay to Monday!



Another fun episode of Yay to Monday!

Joining Dr. Brian Bantugan and Prof. Lalaine Vitug-Mallari are Tonz Mercado-Borabo and Roseanne Dela Cruz, who are both graduates of St. Paul University Manila. Our facilitators and guests share their experiences and memories of St. Paul University Manila.

Another offering from Yay to Monday! Joining this "All Souls Day" episode are Dr. Brian Bantugan, Dr. Lournna Tagay and Prof. Lalaine Vitug-Mallari.

Watch this video as our facilitators share their fond memories of their loved ones. What about you dearest Paulinians, what are your fond memories of a loved one who passed on?



FIL-THAI LANGUAGE XCHANGE PROGRAM

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LanguageXChange Program
BATCH 1 CULMINATING ACTIVITY
October 27, 2021, 4 PM Bangkok Time, and 5 PM Manila Time

THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

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The culminating activity of Batch 1 of the Fil-Thai Language Xchange Program was held on 27 October 2021, 4:00 P.M. Bangkok time and 5:00 P.M. Manila time.

The exchange program is a joint venture of Silpakorn University and St. Paul University Manila.

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