

IN THESE PANDEMIC...

It is still time to celebrate birthdays...

Sr. Evangeline's 60th birthday

Contributed by Jeannie Ebal-Gutierrez



November 18, 2021 marked the 60th birthday of our University President, Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC. Unlike her usual birthdays, we made sure to have it grander and more special as she is a DIAMOND LADY this year.

Planning was made as early as September. For the stage design, we had a touch of pink as it is her favorite color, with combination of silver and gold to add glitter and a diamond effect. The party theme was "Cheers to 60

Years!" and so we gave out beer mugs as souvenirs.

The celebration started at 10:00 AM with a Thanksgiving Mass. Then everybody proceeded to the Founders Hall, where we had fun playing games, watching videos and birthday greetings for Sr. Eva, cheering the dance presentations by the Office Staff and the Sisters, and of course the special number of Dr. Sunico. He serenaded Sr. Evangeline with her favorite song, "Fill the world with love."

Even though the event could not accommodate a bigger crowd because of the COVID health protocols, and lunch were packed and we had to chop the traditional lechon beforehand, the spirit of camaraderie still filled the Hall.



The celebration became more special with the complete attendance of the employees gathered at the venue. We were happy to see familiar faces we had been missing. Of course, we were also graced by some managers and our beloved alumni representatives, Ms. Emilie Simon and Ms. Raquel Leonio of HS Batch '70.



Sister's brother and sister also came, and her sister gave away raffle prizes, which added to the excitement.



Then came the highlight of the event, the "Money Cake." This was made possible by our generous alumni, managers, and friends. We were overwhelmed with excitement and joy each time the GCash notification popped up. It brought fulfillment to our wish to give our dear President a big surprise!

I for one am sure that the best years of Sr. Evangeline's life are still to come, and I am glad I have helped to make her 60th birthday an unforgettable one.

SPU Manila students also celebrate Sister's birthday!

A Broadway Birthday Show: Paulinians Celebrate University President's 60th

Contributed by Ryan Rivera (*The Paulinian*)

The student body of St. Paul University Manila celebrated the 60th birthday of our University President, Sr. Ma. Evangeline L. Anastacio, SPC, with a virtual program titled, "A Broadway Birthday Show" on November 19, 2021, that premiered on the Facebook page of SPU Manila-Supreme Student Council.

The program started with a prayer led by the Paulinian Liturgical Animators, followed by an opening act from Edward Cardaño, who performed "I Dreamed a Dream" from *Les Misérables*, and video presentations prepared by the different colleges and student organizations.

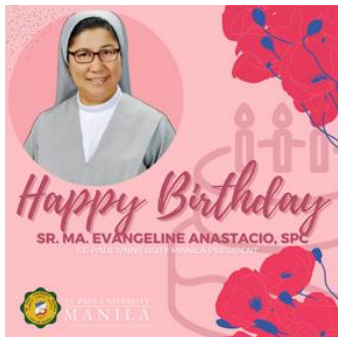
The College of Music and Performing Arts kicked off the presentations with their rendition of "You've Got a Friend" from *The Carole King Musical*. With a song from ABBA, the College of Business and Management performed "Mamma Mia" from *Mamma Mia*, followed by an



intermission number from the Paulinian Dance Troupe. The presentations continued with "Seasons of Love" from the musical, *Rent*, by the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences; and "For the First Time since Forever" from *Frozen*, presented by the College of Arts and Sciences and College of Education, together with the Integrated Students Media Society, Paulinian Psychology Circle, and The Paulinian. Tanghalang St. Paul also performed "Journey to the Past" from *Anastacia* as an intermission number, followed by the special performance of "For Good" from *Wicked* by the Supreme Student Council.

Video greetings and birthday messages were also prepared for Sr. Evangeline by the co-curricular and extra-curricular organizations—Hotel and Restaurant Management Circle of Paulinians, Hospitality and Tourism Management Students, Junior Marketing Association, Junior Philippine Computer Students, Paulinian Tourism Society, inforNursetion, Paulinian Debate Society, Paulinian Environmental Society, Paulinian Public Relations, SPU Manila Pro-Life, Red Cross Youth Council, RED Management, and Youth Alliance for Peace. The Senior High School Faculty, Office of the University Registrar, Mr. Lamer Morales and Ms. Judith Alderete of Kapisanan ng mga Guro, as well as non-academic personnel, including office staff, general services staff, guidance office, PEAC staff, finance staff, Ms. Cristina Ramos—former secretary of Sr. Evangeline—also gave birthday greetings and messages. Moreover, the family of Sr. Evangeline showed video greetings for their "Tita Nun," including special messages, a dance, a song, and a slide show of her 60 colorful years.

The program ended with a closing message from Ms. Jasmine Kalaw, Supreme Student Council President, followed by a closing prayer from the Paulinian Liturgical Animators.



Students also sent greetings via facebook: Heads up, Paulinians!

Today is a very special day as we are celebrating the Birthday of our dear University President, Sr. Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC! Your dedication and determination inspire us to be ever more dedicated and determined. Thank you for leading team SPU Manila to greater heights and for making our workplace an awesome place to be.

May this special day be filled with wonderful memories and love from your family, friends and the entire SPU Manila community.

Happy Birthday, Sr. Evangeline!

In a Facebook comment, Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, expressed her gratitude for the event:

"Thank you so much for all your heartwarming birthday wishes and kind words. They mean so much to me. Thank you for putting a big bright smile on my face today! You are God's wonderful blessings to me on my 60th birthday, I love you all. My wish for all of you is for you to become the most beautiful persons that God wants you to be. I love and appreciate everything about this presentation, and I consider this Broadway Birthday Show as a GIFT. For me, it is your way of affirming me as a Sister, as a friend, and as a companion in this life's journey. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and your gestures of love and respect. For the gift of who you are, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH! May God bless you all!"

...and to hail Music Therapy in SPU Manila

Music Therapy was the brainchild of Sr. Ma. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC, former Dean of the College of Music and the Performing Arts (CMPA), and Annette Asuncion, Music alumna and Music Therapy expert. Both Sister and Annette have passed away, but their legacy is alive and well.



SPU Manila offers Bachelor of Arts in Music Therapy and Master of Arts in Music, major in Music Therapy.

One of the music therapy students, Louise Jeanne Bito-on, was the President's List awardee for the 2nd semester/Special Term AY 2020-2021 in the Academic Recognition Rites: Celebrating our Charism in God's Kairos, held on November 12, 2021



In addition, the CMPA is offering a webinar entitled "The Music in Me: An Introduction to Music Therapy for Guidance Counselors". This webinar will be held at 2:00-4:00 PM, 25 November 2021, via Zoom. It is the second in the Introduction to Music Therapy Webinar Series.

CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles with

the family of Asuncion Borja-Hernandez (BSN 71), and husband, Tony.

the family of Chet Gargantiel-Aldana (BSN 71);

Betty Dizon-Medea (HS 68) on the death of her brother, Tom;

the Santiago sisters—Sonia, Olivia, Sr. Victoria—on the death of their sister, Monina, Sr. Theresina Santiago, OSC.

