

IN THESE PANDEMIC TIMES...

IT'S STILL ABOUT COMMUNITY PANTRIES

We put on hold reporting about the community pantries in SPU Manila to give way to news about the tri-partite celebrations of the SPC Congregation: "325 years of presence, mission, and service in the world; their 110 Years of religious formation in the Philippine Province; and their legacy of God's unconditional love, constant call, and shepherding guidance emanating from the colorful tapestry of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines likewise celebrated this year..." In addition, the Sisters commemorate the 311th Death Anniversary of their holy founder, Fr. Louis Chauvet.

So now, back to the community pantry news as narrated by Sr. Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, University President:

June 30, 2021

It has been two months and nine days since we first opened the St. Paul University Manila-Barangay 697 Community Pantry. It has been an experience of the magnanimity and love of God manifested in the kindness and generosity of people. What SPU Manila invested in this project is nothing compared to the contribution of countless individuals and groups who have shown their compassion, love, and solidarity with the poor: Paulinian alumni, present and past faculty and staff, students, other Paulinian schools, our good neighbors, friends, and even strangers who have become our friends because of this mission. We have stopped counting because many have chosen to remain anonymous.

Our experience has proven that, indeed, the more we give, the more we receive. We cannot stop giving because many compassionate hearts continue to offer their help. May God bless all of them a hundred times over.



It is my prayer that SHARING becomes our way of life: that those who are blessed with more continue to share with those who have none; that those who live in plenty will provide food for those whose tables are empty. Then, no one in our community will be hungry; everyone will be happy...and what a better world this would be.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:19-21



July 1, 2021

UP Manila-Ugnayan ng Pahinungod-St. Paul Manila-Barangay 697 Community Pantry –our version of PPP: Public-Private Partnership

Today’s CP was another opportunity to share with almost 300 brothers and sisters. The queue started on Pedro Gil St., turned on Gen. Malvar St., and went halfway towards Orosa St. Oh, what a joy it was to see smiling faces of those who received!



Thank you, Dr. Menchit Padilla, UP Manila Chancellor, for your very supportive presence! Thanks to you and to Dr. Eric Talens, Dr. Lulin, and the UP Ugnayan Pahinungod volunteers for this partnership.

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”- Matthew 25:40



“None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.” – Mother Teresa

NAPA-ANTS COMMUNITY PANTRY



On July 8-9, 2021, the Non- Academic Personnel Association (NAPA) and Academic Non-Teaching Staff (ANTS) led the monthly celebration of SPU Manila’s 110th Anniversary Celebration. Together with the Sisters, they gathered for a “Misang Pilipino” on July 8 at 8:00 AM, which was also live streamed at <http://FB.com/SPUManila>. They also offered snacks for the Community Pantry recipients at 9:00 AM, July 9. Thank you NAPA and ANTS!

Big, big thanks to SPCM High School Batch '75 for sponsoring the Community Pantry on July 9 and for joining us in our 110th Anniversary Celebration for July! May God bless you all a hundredfold!

July 9, 2021

It’s more fun in St. Paul University Manila- Barangay 697 Community Pantry!” The CP on July 9 was part of our celebration of the 110th Founding Anniversary of SPU Manila with the theme: In God’s Kairos— Goodness Overflowing!

What is unique about the CP was that we did not give out only food but also clothes.



Our sincere expressions of gratitude go to particular groups and individuals who sponsored our pantry on that day.

- SPCM HS Batch'75 for the tuyo, veggies, eggs, salt, bread, rice, canned goods, and noodles;
- Lia Ramos for leading her classmates, HS Batch '75, to sponsor two rounds of community pantry;
- Florian Nequinto (HS Batch'75) for the 20 sacks of rice;
- Sunny Velasco (HS Batch'75) and Cathy of "Tony & Jackie" for the RTWs;
- Non-Academic Personnel (NAP) and Academic Non-Teaching Staff (ANTS) of SPUM for the snacks for the recipients (pancit);
- The Sisters, NAPA, and ANTS for helping in the repacking and distribution of goods;
- Barangay Chairman Andrey Garfill Lee, the Kagawad, Tanod and our security guards for helping in the discipline and for facilitating the smooth flow of our community pantry.



IOB TURNS ANOTHER YEAR OLDER

Today, the SPU Manila Inter-Office Bulletin (IOB) turns a year older and begins Volume XV. It will be recalled that the IOB was initiated after a planning session held in Bangkok as a means to improve communication and information dissemination among school offices and divisions.

It can be downloaded from the SPU Manila website. We request offices and divisions to continue sharing information on their recent and future activities through the IOB.

CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles with Fely Silva-Santos (HS 62) on the passing of her husband, Vic.

