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## SPU MANILA HOSTS 7<sup>TH</sup> SPU SYSTEM BUSINESS EXPO

Saint Paul University Manila hosted the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Paul University System Business Expo 08 on 21-23 October 2008. In line with the celebration of the Year of St. Paul, the theme of the activity was "Continuing St. Paul's Advocacy in Enabling Education to Empower Businesses and Enrich Economy."



The Expo aimed to:

- strengthen the students' business knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes by following the teachings of St. Paul;
- inspire the students to further appreciate business endeavors through testimonies on current industry trends and updates; and
- promote camaraderie among Paulinian business schools.



**St. Paul-Iloilo delegates registering ...**

Six St. Paul University System schools actively participated in the Expo: SPU-Dumaguete, SPC-Ilocos Sur/Vigan, SPU-Iloilo, SPU-Quezon City, SPU-Surigao and SPU-Philippines. The opening day, 21 October, was graced by the presence of Honorable Mayor Alfredo S. Lim of the City of Manila and Ms. Helen M. Camacho, a Paulinian graduate and currently the Vice President of Slimmers' World International.

The Expo included various competitions on Business, Hotel & Restaurant Management, & Information Technology.

St. Paul-Quezon City bagged the prizes in most events, namely: Information Technology Quiz Bee, Database Programming Competition, Business Case Analysis Contest, and Cake Decoration Competition. St. Paul-Dumaguete got first place in the two levels of the Accounting Quiz Bee. St. Paul-Philippines garnered the top spot in Digital Imaging and Web Design Competitions, while St. Paul-Iloilo won in the Management/ Marketing Quiz Bee.

**The digital imaging and web design contest ...**



## SPU MANILA CHORALE TO PARTICIPATE IN FRANCISFEST 2008

**A blessed opportunity to help!**

SANTUARIO DE SAN ANTONIO PARISH

Be part of the annual celebration of the **Francisfest** in honor of ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI, man of peace and lover of the poor...

**Francisfest 2008**  
*St. Paul's Oratorio*  
**By Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy**  
 (Concert on the Jubilee Year of St. Paul)

**featuring**  
 Dr. Ernest Hoetzi, Conductor  
 The Manila Philharmonic Orchestra  
 Ronaldo Abarquez, Baritone  
 Camille Lopez, Soprano  
 Ronan Ferrer, Tenor  
 Combined Choirs led by  
**CORO DE SAN ANTONIO**  
 The Motet  
 Coro Tomasino  
 Kammerchor Manila  
 St. Paul's University Manila Chorale

**November 25, 2008 (Tuesday), 7:30 p.m.**  
 Santuario de San Antonio Parish  
 Forbes Park, Makati City

**For the Benefit of the following Parish Charity Programs:**  
 PGH Outreach Ministry      Friendship Home (Employment Assistance for the Poor)  
 JPIC-Scholarship Program      Mission Parishes  
 Prison Ministry                  Other Projects of the Parish

**Tickets available at:**  
 SSAP Parish Office  
 843-8830 • 843-8835

As part of Francisfest 2008, the annual celebration in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, man of peace and lover of the poor, the Santuario de San Antonio Parish will present St. Paul: An Oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy in a Concert on the Jubilee Year of St. Paul. The concert will feature Dr. Ernest Hoetzi, Conductor; The Manila Philharmonic Orchestra; Ronaldo Abarquez, Baritone; Camille Lopez, Soprano; Ronan Ferrer, tenor; and the combined choirs led by CORO DE SAN ANTONIO, The Motet, Coro Tomasino, Kammerchor Manila and the St. Paul University Manila Chorale.

The musical event will be held at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, 25 November 2008 in the Santuario de San Antonio Parish, Forbes Park, Makati. It is for the benefit of the charity programs of the parish, such as the PGH Outreach Ministry, the JPIC Scholarship Program, and the Prison Ministry.

## RECAP OF RECENT EVENTS

### ALUMNI DONATIONS

#### SPMAFI MEETING

5 November 2008



Sherry Lara-Alingod gives Sr. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC a check for P50,000.00 for Gulliver Enverga's scholarship, (left) a donation from alumna, Ruby Chan-Tuazon, and hands a check for P100,000.00 to Ms. Wynna A. Medina for the centennial play, a donation from the Fr. Reuter Golf Classic project of Paulinian First (right).

## GRADUATION AND FAREWELL PARTY FOR CHILEANS 6 November 2008



Chilean students sing *Bahay Kubo*, accompanied by Sr. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC at their Graduation and Farewell Party on 6 November 2008.

The students arrived on 28 June 2008 and took courses in Teaching of English as a Second Language, which is what they will be doing when they return to Chile.

The students were accompanied by Ms. Carmen Orria Garriz, EODP (English Opens Doors Program) coordinator.

The 15 students were Nicole Christine Herrera Lacourt; Mabel del Carmen Bravo Cardenas; Daniela Paz Pichinino Inguerzon; Viviana Loreto Cea Riquelme; Gustavo Homero Meneses Maldonado; Camila Alejandra Diaz Jeria; Grace Baleska Morena Garcia Huidobro; Guillermo Sebastian Rodriguez-Diaz; Anahi Carolina Diaz Rojas; Jimena Carolina Briones Montino; Bernardo Bonilla Barrientos; Romina Pia Rojas Paez; Margarita Alvarado Zamora; Carolina Andrea Herrera Lazcano; and Ivon Alejandra Avila Lopez.

## CONVERSATIONAL ANALYSIS TRAINING WORKSHOP 20-25 October 2008

The conversational analysis training-workshop under Mr. Paul Llido was held on 20-25 October 2008 in the Founder's Hall.

Participants in the workshop were English teachers coming from the SPU System member-schools and selected SPC Schools.

This is a graduate level course for language professionals in the field of English language, ESL, EFL or European languages.

**Mr. Llido, Sr. Flor, Ms. Medina  
and participants ...**



**CENTENNIAL PLAY  
PRESSCON  
22 October 2008**



**Fr. Reuter answers questions from Peachy Vibal. Ms. Medina and Sr. Sarah listen.**

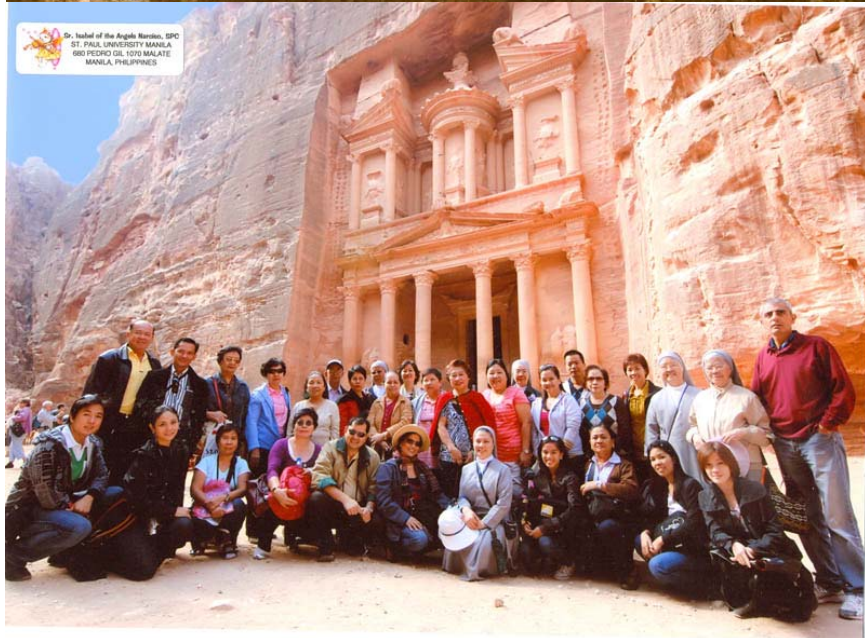
**MATINEE FOR KIDS FROM PANGASINAN  
10 November 2008**



Pupils from a school in Burgos, Pangasinan administered by St. Paul Sisters travelled all the way to Manila to watch a matinee of the centennial play, *Our Children's Children*. After the show, Ms. Medina treated them to a Jollibee party.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

Some SPC Sisters went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land recently. Sr. Isabel Narciso, SPC shares these photos:



The Golden City of Jerusalem ... and the pilgrims in Jordan ...

## REMEMBERING OUR ALUMNAE

November being the month for remembering our departed relatives and friends, let us take a moment to pray for some of our fellow Paulinians who have gone ahead to that far, far better place.

**VERONICA AMBAS-ELLIOT (HS 1963; AB 1967)**

Veronica Amba was a member of the HighSchool Class of 1963; AB 1967, one of the most active alumnae batches, helping the school in many of its projects.



In November 2007, she was one of those alumnae abroad who could not attend the Grand AB Reunion but sent their contributions. In April 2008, when Ms. Wynna Marie A. Medina, SPU Manila President, and Mrs. Marionette O. Martinez went to the US West Coast on a centennial blitz, she was one of the organizers of the reunion in Long Beach, contracting the well-known caterer, Pinoy-Pinay, and footing the bill.

She was also one of the first to reserve and pay for the Name that Seat project. Now her seat—C 18—will be her memorial in the Fleur-de-lis Theatre.

Veronica passed on to the next world on 11 November 2008, after a very short battle with the big C.

Photos taken in April this year show a vibrant, lovely woman in the pink of health, barely seven months ago.



**IMELDA ACOSTA (High School 1954)**

Imelda Acosta was a Paulinian from Kindergarten, in the early post-war years. She was always the quiet student, who never got into trouble with the Sisters, her teachers, and classmates.

Diagnosed with lung cancer stage 4 end of August, the Lord freed her from her suffering at 6:30 A.M., 26 October 2008.



When she got sick, Imelda confided to her classmate, Carmelita Reynoso, that when she was younger, she dreamt that she and her friends were in front of the Chapel of the Crucified Christ and that He was calling her to go with Him. She said no, Lord, not yet. And now? she was asked. Now she said, I am ready to go. And she did.

She is shown here, fourth from left, with her classmates in their golden jubilee in 2004.

## **RENE DE LA ROSA**

Rene de la Rosa was the husband of a Paulinian, Emerald Kapunan (AB-BSC 1971). "At 6:30 in the morning (Washington DC time) of Monday, 13 October 2008, Rene peacefully joined our Creator in the loving presence of our dear Emmy and children, May and Reena at their residence in Virginia. They were joined by friends and the Paulinians on duty for that morning, Teoffy Taganas and Joy Masakayan Karaan."

The following account from schoolmate and dear friend, Agnes Torres-Devanadera, is reproduced here because it is a vivid and inspiring illustration of the Paulinian spirit.

Dear Classmates,

I arrived from Washington DC last night. While there, I had a chance to visit Emmy Kapunan de la Rosa, AB-BSC 71 and my successor as the President of the Student Catholic Action in St. Paul. She underwent surgery twice for the adhesion of her intestines and was in the hospital for two months. She is now recuperating but feeds on liquid that goes through a tube connected to her arm. When I saw her last Wednesday and Thursday, she had just started on solid food--about two spoonfuls of lugaw. Her nourishment still comes from the liquid sort of milk. Before she could leave the hospital, her husband, Rene de la Rosa, from San Beda and also the President of SCA in his school, was diagnosed to have cancer of the brain and was told by the doctor that he had only about two months to live. This is his second month or so and he is fast fading.

Emmy is always by his side with all the tubes attached to her body. They converted their living room into a hospital room--Rene is on a hospital bed while Emmy lets the night pass on the sofa most of the time. Our fellow Paulinians and their friends take turns in going on duty (although there is a set of nurses round the clock and members of their family) for all sorts of help. I saw the schedule being dutifully handled by Joy Masakayan Karaan (of Josephine's Restaurant) and coordination being handled by Teoffy Taganas, BSN 72, I think, Cherry Sy Decena, the sister of Pinky Sy, and some others. Their volunteer work includes even the cleaning of the house and the kitchen and cooking for everyone. These Paulinians are mostly those who were with me during my SCA days and those who came with me as volunteers to work in the mountains of Kalinga Apayao after our graduation from College.

I have never seen such genuine friendship, care, concern, generosity, dedication and selflessness. Once again, many 'Noemis' are discovered and re-discovered. The Paulinian spirit lives on!

As of the latest text message from our friends, Rene is getting weaker and weaker . . . and is patiently waiting for his Hand-over to the Great Beyond. Let us pray for Emmy and Rene that they may be given the strength and the faith to go through this.

Agnes