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CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MEET ON 2011 ACTIVITIES

The Centennial Steering Committee had its regular monthly meeting on 4 November 2010 in Meeting Room A.

Sr. Lilia Thérèse L. Tolentino, SPC, Honorary Chairman of the committee, presided over the meeting, during which the January and February 2011 activities were further discussed and detailed.



Following are important matters discussed at the meeting:

- A. Before discussion on the main agenda, the body agreed that the event on 29 January 2012 will not be simply the Centennial Alumni Homecoming but the Centennial Celebration of SPU Manila. This will mean that it will be open not only to the alumni and their families but also to the faculty and staff, other schools, government and Church leaders etc. There could also be some kind of opening of the centennial on 3 January, the school's foundation day.
- B. Regarding the Caritas Christi Centennial Awards Program:
 1. The revised program presented in the minutes of the last meeting was accepted.
 2. The design for the invitation was chosen from four suggestions from the ICT.
 3. The letters for sponsors, guest lists and Sr. Zeta were signed and will be sent by courier.
 4. Fr. Reuter's guest list has been submitted.
 5. Mae Aranas reported that there will be 16 nursing students who will usher. The girls will wear matching skirts and *kimonas*, the boys black pants and *barongs*. As previously agreed upon, there will be 20 faculty ushers and usherettes. Sr. Ignatius will buy the *kimonas* for the ladies.
 6. Invitations will be sent not later than the first week of December 2010.
- C. Rissa Gimenez presented several logo designs. The committee members had a difficult time choosing one. The choices were eventually narrowed down to two, with some suggested alterations. Rissa promised to email the two designs with suggested revisions so the group can vote on-line (and avoid the pressures of *viva voce*).
- D. Regarding the Tribute for the Sisters on 3 February 2011, 2:00 -3:30 P.M.:
 1. Sherry reported:
Possible performers: Pinky Marquez, Sharon Cuneta, APO, Pilita Corrales.
Confirmed :Cynthia Patag

2. The program will be:
Opening remarks: Sr. Lilia; Variety Show; Paulinian Hymn.
3. Proposed emcee: Tina Revilla-Valencia
4. Loot bag for Sisters will contain CD on St. Paul, AVP of the Sister; some food

The next meeting of the committee will be on 7 December 2010, same time and venue.

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Sr. Ma. Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC, Dean of the College of Music and the Performing Arts, dropped in during the meeting to invite the committee members to the Manila Cathedral-Basilica Pipe Organ Festival on 12 November 2010. The SPU Manila Chorale will be one of the featured choirs in the festival. Sister gave the committee members complimentary tickets to the event. She also invited them to two forthcoming events of the CMPA: the faculty concert "A Night at the Opera" on 19 November 2010 and the Alumni Concert on 5 December 2010. The events will be held at 7:30 and 6:00 P.M. respectively in the Fleur-de-lis Theatre. Tickets are priced at P 300.00 and P500.00.

SPMAFI MEETING



The Board of Trustees of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation, Inc. (SPMAFI) had its regular monthly meeting immediately after the meeting of the centennial steering committee on 4 November 2010.

Mrs. Sherry Lara-Alingod, president of the association, presided over the meeting.

The meeting started with a proposal from Pilar Almira (HS 1970, BSC 1974) to revive the Paulinian First project of the SPMAFI. Paulinian First is a fund meant to help alumni in need, particularly the sick and the aged.

Ms. Almira was inspired by the outpouring of donations from alumni for a fellow Paulinian, Marinela de Guzman, who needed help for her health needs. Marinela passed away on 31 October 2010, and some funds donated for her were left. The donors have been asked if they agree to transfer these funds to Paulinian First and they agreed. Pilar, who is COO of Manila Doctors Hospital, will head the project. She will review the guidelines with Celia Sandejas, former SPMAFI President, under whose term the fund was initiated, and Susan Velez.

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Representatives of the different jubilarian classes also attended the meeting to discuss plans for the General Alumni Homecoming on 30 January 2011.

The Silver Jubilarians presented the tentative program of activities for the event:

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| 1:00 P.M. | Registration (Pedro Gil and Malvar gates) |
| 3:00 P.M. | Mass (Chapel) |

4:00 P.M. Picture-taking by batches (Chapel steps)
5:00 P.M. Fellowship and program (Quadrangle)

They also presented the tentative flow of the program, "Icons of the Era," during the event, which they dubbed "The Checks Are Back"; as well as their fund-raising activities: blocked screening of the latest Harry Potter film and sale of food and souvenir items, like t-shirts, bags, and jackets.

The next meeting of the Board will be on 7 December 2010, same time and venue.

SPU MANILA ADMINISTRATORS ATTEND INSTALLATION OF NEW SPUD PRESIDENT

Sr. Lilia Thérèse L. Tolentino, SPC, President of SPU Manila, and immediate past President, Ms. Wynna Marie A. Medina, were among the top administrators of schools and universities in the St. Paul University System who attended the formal installation of Sr. Nintha Lucilla Navarro Baldado, SPC as the 11th President of St. Paul University Dumaguete.

The installation was held in St Paul the Apostle Chapel on 29 October 2010. Sr. Nintha succeeds Sr. Nilda Masirag, SPC, who is now President of St. Paul University Quezon City, where the former used to be the President.

Sr. Nintha is a native of Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental. She finished elementary, secondary, and tertiary education at SPUD. She graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1980. She completed her Master in Business Administration in 2003 in the International Academy of Management and Economics (IAME) in Makati City, Metro Manila. She also finished her PhD in Educational Management in De La Salle University. (*from a Dumaguete publication*)

The installation of the new President was the highlight of the SPUD's Founder's Day celebration, which was held on 20-19 October 2010.

SHARING...SHARING...SHARING

From the College of Music and the Performing Arts

Sr. Maria Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPC, Dean of the College of Music and the Performing Arts, has sent the following invitation to alumni and friends of the college:

"The ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY MANILA COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND THE PERFORMING ARTS SUPPORT GROUP-SPU Manila CMPA Support Group) aims to augment the music scholarship program of the College.

"Founded in 1940, St. Paul University Manila College of Music and the Performing Arts (formerly, St. Paul College of Manila Conservatory of Music) looks back to a glorious past -- the widely acclaimed St. Paul College Glee Club in the 50's and the Broadway Musicals in the 60's directed by Fr. James B. Reuter, S.J. which merited for the Fleur-de-lis Auditorium its sobriquet 'Broadway of Herran.'

"However, the Conservatory has been beset by struggles for survival and financial difficulties for the past 70 years. Nevertheless, St. Paul University Manila College of Music and the Performing Arts has remained committed to its goal of discovering and honing the skills of talented Filipino youth and of developing the aesthetic aspect of the human person.

"Since the re-focus on Performance in 2005 and the opening of the Graduate School, the College of Music has regained its stature as confirmed by the tremendous increase in enrollment and the quality of performance of its constituents.

"It is our great privilege to invite you to be a partner in our commitment to espouse this noble mission.

"This year 2010, the St. Paul University Manila College of Music and the Performing Arts celebrates its 70th anniversary with the Celebrating 70 Concert Series:

19 November 2010 A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Fleur-de-lis Theater 7:30 P.M.

featuring SPU Manila Voice Faculty Ronan Ferrer, Thea Perez, Elisanta Cortes, Nene Espina, and guest performer Eugene Delos Santos; assisted by piano faculty Mary Anne Espina and Najib Ismail.

The repertoire includes excerpts from Mozart's *Così fan Tutte*, *Don Giovanni* and *Le Nozze di Figaro*; Verdi's *Aida* and *La Traviata*; from Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana*, de Falla's *La Vida Breve*, Catalina's *La Wally* and Strauss II's *Die Fledermaus*.

5 December 2010 TRIBUTE
Fleur-de-lis Theater 6:00 P.M.

A concert presented in cooperation with the SPU Manila Music Alumni Association and the Stella Goldenberg Brimo Music Society honoring Fr. James B. Reuter, S.J., Sr. Marie Vincent Llamzon, Sr. Marie de St. Charles Freitag, SPC, Maria Mota, Stella Goldenberg Brimo, Mercedes Agravante-Isleta and all those who helped in the growth of the Conservatory of Music.

"Featured performers are SPU Manila Music Alumni and former students of Mrs. Brimo.

Offering	P	2,000.00
Donor		5,000.00
Patron		10,000.00
Sponsor		15,000.00
Major Sponsor		30,000.00

"All contributions and donations will be used to support the scholarship program for talented and deserving music students; upgrade the music library, equipment and facilities in the College.

"Should you have any inquiries, you may contact Bing, Tel. 5245687 local 216 or mobile +63922 869 8709."

From the Archbishop of Manila

As the debate on the reproductive health bill continues to rage, in legislative halls, coffee shops, and sundry forums, let us be guided by the pastoral letter of our prelate, Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales, Archbishop of Manila:

ABORTION, A CRIME AGAINST LIFE

With possible malicious intent the ugly part of life is again gaining the limelight in our country as the frequency of aborted fetuses is publicly exposed. The placing and exhibiting of aborted human fetuses in public places are not favored in other cultures, and decent people refuse to do the same.



Cardinal Rosales

Thou shalt not kill! A deliberately procured abortion is a moral evil and the Catholic Church attaches the canonical penalty of Excommunication on those who procure it and on those who help obtain abortion (Canon 1398).

If the expositions of discarded human fetuses are not done with evil intent, then the practice alone of rampant abortion is symptomatic of a grave moral decadence and irresponsible behavior that now seriously threaten the country.

Human lives are always precious to God and any violation of it will be dealt with by Him for He said, "Vengeance is mine . . . He will avenge the blood of his servants" (Gene 4:15, Deut. 32:43). Abortion is a grave sin against a defenseless life; and for this the severe canonical penalty to perpetrator/s is Excommunication.

Unwanted pregnancies could be avoided if only people are less selfish, are more disciplined and capable of self control, exercising a strong will, and capable of making sacrifices. These are virtues that are much needed in a country of disciplined people.

Short cuts to progress even by way of new laws cannot compensate for abandoned values. Human life, created in the image of its Maker, (Gen. 1:27), the very source of the rights and dignity of the human person, must always be respected and defended.

In Churches where public exposition of fetuses occurs, special prayers and acts of reparation will be made, for the sins of the perpetrators, at the church's Prayer and Adoration Chapels. Pray and include also in your prayers the special prayers to ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, for the perpetrators and instigators of this grievous sin against the life of the innocent.

May Mary, Mother of Life, intercede for all who value the sacredness of life.

CONDOLENCES

The Paulinian Family condoles with the parents of Leona Reyes, A BS Tourism junior, who passed away due to complications from dengue. Leona, 19 years old, was an only daughter.

