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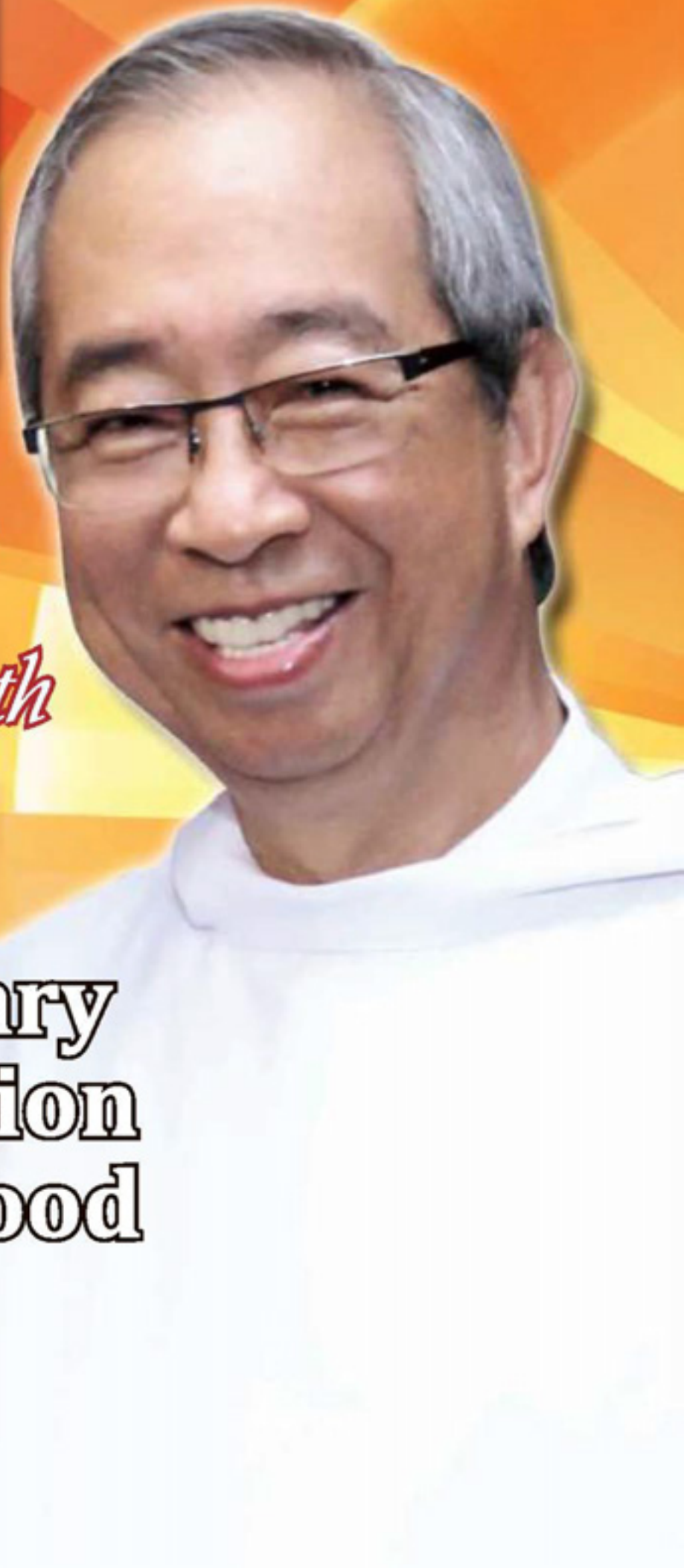
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Editor's Greetings

Dr. Joffre M. Alajar
(GS '72, HS '76, CAS '80)

To a number of Bedans, the Benedictine fathers will always have a special place in our hearts, for these disciples of Saint Benedict have been with us during our formative years in this 115-year old institution. A most beloved Benedictine is Rt. Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB, Abbot Emeritus of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, who celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to priesthood last September 27.



As a fitting tribute to Fr. Tarcisio, (HS '57, AB English '62), more popularly known as Fr. Tarci, the editorial board of the Bedan Alumnus has decided to lovingly dedicate to him, this special issue. We join the entire Bedan Community in wishing Fr. Tarci more blessings of love, peace and joy as he continues his good deeds in his bliss-filled priestly vocation. San Beda College is Benedictine not only in its provenance but also in its reason for being, because of good Benedictine priests like Fr. Tarci. We love you Fr. Tarci, and always will!

This special edition of *The Bedan Alumnus* also features a number of milestones in the lives of outstanding Bedans who have accomplished much for San Beda, our country and God. We bring them to you as these events are not only noteworthy but also inspirational.

May you all have a reflective and leisurely read!



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I am one with the Bedan family in greeting Rt. Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Narciso, OSB, Abbot-Emeritus on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood. This is truly a wonderful blessing of somebody who has given much of himself to the mission of the Bedan education. May we have more of the kind of Fr. Tarcisio in our midst.

It is with regret that we accept the irrevocable resignation of former SBCCA president Jojo Hautea from the SBCCA board of trustees due to his hectic work schedule. Jojo has served very well the SBCCA, and we continuously benefit from all his previous good works. It is hoped that he will find time to join us once in a while during the our board meetings, since his wealth of experience being a past president of the SBCCA makes a very big difference.



We welcome Philippine Daily Inquirer Chief Operating Officer Rene Reinoso to our SBCCA board of trustees as replacement of Mr. Jojo Hautea. Rene is a value-added outstanding Bedan to our roster of SBCCA board trustees. We all look forward to his presence and active participation in the Alumni Board.



Last August 2015, the Bedan community mourned the death of four beloved Bedan icons, namely: Arthur Macapagal, Supreme Court Justice Florenz Regalado, Atty. Maximo Amurao, Jr., and former Senator Butch Aquino. They are truly big losses in our roster of Bedan greats. Our condolences to their respective families.



THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S LINE



We are truly grateful to Mr. Gregorio A. Concon (GS'47, HS'51, CAS'54) for his donation of One Million Pesos to establish the first ever the **Gregorio A. Concon-Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre OSB Distinguished Professorial Chair** in Macroeconomics. Mr. Concon was very much willing to donate more than a million pesos with the challenge that San Beda College will sooner than later find itself among the top schools worldwide. I am sure we are all one in assisting our Alma mater in reaching greater heights.



Another good news is the scholarship grant given by Mr. Andrew T. Gotlanun, Jr. for a deserving student enrolling in our Basic Education Department, San Beda College Rizal campus. This scholarship grant was committed by Mr. Gotlanun during the ground-breaking ceremony of the Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre Garden of 100 Native Trees held at the Havila

Filinvest, Taytay. Our gratitude to Mr. Gotlanun for his untiring assistance to San Beda College.

Not to be forgotten is Mr. Manuel V. Pangllinan (GS'58, HS'62) who has committed once again to provide scholarship grants to our financially-challenged but deserving graduating students. With his valuable assistance, and generous heart, a lot more financially hard-up students would be able to experience Bedan education. We thank PLDT-Smart Foundation president Ms. Esther O. Santos and MNTC president & CEO Mr. Ramoncito S. Fernandez for facilitating the release of a great scholarship package for San Beda College through the SBC Alumni Foundation.



In support of the College thrust to have a strong research program, the SBCAF has increased its professorial chair research incentive from Php60,000 to Php100,000. This will surely attract more faculty members to conduct scholarly research, and make San Beda not only a learning but a research institution as well, in the immediate future. To date, there are now 18 Professorial Chairs.

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We are all jubilant as our beloved Abbot-Emeritus **Rev. Fr. Tarcliso Narcliso OSB** has celebrated his golden anniversary as priest belonging to the Order of St. Benedict. A significant number of Bedans have been under **Fr. Tarcl** as High School Principal and CAS Dean. His solemn celebration last September 27, 2015 was made more memorable by the presence of a number of alumni and former High School and CAS teachers who have experienced **Fr. Tarcl**'s inspiring leadership.



Lazo

On behalf of **Mr. Alex Lazo**, I thank the numerous alumni and friends who have been extending help during this most difficult time in the life of a former great High School guidance counsellor, teacher and class adviser. When the SBCAA office posted in the facebook our call for financial assistance for **Mr. Alex**

for his medical needs, we were all overwhelmed by the responses. As we recall, we acknowledge the following Bedans for their generous monetary contributions: **Rondel Lindayag, HS'89**, and **TJ Gonzales**.

We all look forward to the staging of **Essentially Red**, a fund-raising fashion show featuring a number of Bedan fashion designers, to be held on November 16, 2015 at the Resorts World Manila. Well known fashion event director **Mr. Cata Figueroa (GS'77, HS'81, CAS'98)** is directing the show, and preparing all the details to make sure that this will be a big event worth holding every year.



Figueroa

Congratulations to Law Class 1990 who will be this year's Law silver jubilarians. As expected, the class chaired **Judge Selma Alaras** and DepCom. **Denise Funa, Gov. Aurelio "Oye" Umali, Atty. Elvis Balayan** and former Congressman **Joseph Santiago** and **Atty. Froilan Castelo**, Vice Dean **Rocky Delson** has prepared a grand celebration at the City of Dreams, Pasay City on November 30, 2015. With all the great preparations, we are all confident that this will be another grand affair worth remembering.

WHO REALLY FOUNDED

The Bedan ALUMNUS?

by Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB

If you have been regularly and attentively reading the issues of *The Bedan Alumnus*, you would find inside the title box of this official publication, the caption "*Third Epoch founded 1962 by Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB*". This line was added upon my request shortly after I was appointed SBCAA moderator in 2004.



But who was really the founder of this alumni publication? In my research, the late distinguished Bedan **Atty. Dante Q. Barbosa (AB '57, LIB'60)** explained that the origins of our magazine were really the group of prominent alumni, who met in the restaurant *Ambos Mundos* in 1959: **Ramon "Mon" Santiago (BCS'54)**, **Benjamin "Benni" Rosello (BCS'56)**, **Raul I. Contreras (HS'56, AB'60)**, **Rafael "Peng" Velez (AB'57, LIB'60)**, **Antonlo Y. Capay (HS'53, BCS'57)**, **Atty. Dante Barbosa** and the late **Honorable Estelita "Esty" Juco**, the only female SBCAA "honorary alumna". The maiden issue of *The Bedan Alumnus* came out on March 8, 1959, just in time for the homecoming.

I surmise that *The Bedan Alumnus* fathered by the alumni group who met in the restaurant *Ambos Mundos* in 1959, had a short life and was not published quarterly; and that shortly after I was appointed Rector on May 1961, I felt that as Rector, I have to give the magazine new, better and permanent life.

I rest my case!

Remaining Faithful in Devoting Life to the Eucharist

(Homily of Rev. Fr. Austin P. Cadiz, OSB during the Eucharistic Celebration on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination to Priesthood of Rt. Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB)

Very Rev. Fr. Rafaelito Alaras, our Prior Administrator, Very Rev. Fr. Savio Siccuan, Pro-Visitator of the Philippine Pro-Province of the Subiaco Cassinese Congregation, Rt. Rev. Abbot Eduardo Africa, Rt. Rev. Filomeno Cinco, my fellow concelebrants, my brother monks, fellow religious, family and friends of the Rt. Rev. Abbot-Emeritus Tarcisio Ma. Narciso, guests, my brothers and sisters in Christ:

In one of the church's I visited, there was an inspiring reminder for priests which was displayed in the sacristy just below the crucifix that says: "O Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it was your first Mass, as if it was your last Mass, as if it was your only Mass." These words can be applied to all of us not only to priests. Today, we are invited to celebrate with our Father, Abbot Tarsi, this Thanksgiving Mass and to pray with him fervently as if this Mass is our first, our last, and our only Mass.

Since my early formation years in the monastic life, to this day, I have always been inspired by the way Fr. Abbot Tarcisio celebrates the Mass. He inspires us with a certain kind of devotion and piety. There is a deep sense of reverence and gratitude for what is happening in the celebration, a sign of deep intimacy with the Lord. He celebrates the Mass as though it is his first Mass, his only Mass, and last Mass.

When he was in grade school, Abbot Tarsi was part of the group of altar servers who had a devotion to St Tarcisius—an early century martyr of the Eucharist. St. Tarcisius had a profound love for the eucharist. In fact, he died a martyr protecting the Eucharist from being desecrated. St. Tarcisius is the patron of altar servers. The group of altar servers where Abbot Tarsi was a member celebrated Vigils before the Blessed Sacrament as part of their formation and because of this he developed a deep love





for the Eucharist. When Abbot Tarsi entered the Abbey in Manila, he asked that his monastic name would be in honor of St Tarcisius and the Blessed Virgin Mary. True to the spirituality of his patron saint, for 50 years, he has remained faithful in devoting his life to the Eucharist as a monk and priest.

There is an ancient title often given to priests: *"alter Christus"* (another Christ). Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB explains it this way: *"At Mass, the sacrifice of Christ is re-enacted and made present, and the priest takes the place of Christ himself, who is indeed also the victim."* At the celebration of the Eucharist the priest indeed stands as *"another Christ."*

How difficult and heavy the responsibility to act and speak in the name of Jesus Christ is. And yet, the gospel

tells us of this responsibility that we all must bear, each in his or her own vocation. For the priest, he is to speak in the name of God and to act as *"another Christ"* – a very difficult, if not an impossible, task! How much more difficult it is to faithfully proclaim the Word of God by our life! But by the grace of God – all things are possible! Our Holy Father St. Benedict in his Holy Rule constantly reminds us of this *"dura et aspera"*, the "rough and rugged" path of monastic life, and at the same time, consoles us with words of wisdom when he writes: *"What is not possible to us by nature, let us ask the Lord to supply by the help of His grace (Prol 41)."*

I remember a story about a guest who stayed in the monastery for a couple of days for a silent retreat. One day while walking along the cloister, he saw an old monk and after greeting him, politely asked: *"Brother, what do*



you do here in the monastery?" The wise monk, after reflecting on the question, said in reply: "What we do here in the monastery is we rise and we fall, we rise and we fall, we rise and we fall." St Julian of Norwich explains it plainly this way: "First is the fall, then we recover from the fall, both are the mercy of God."

Today's celebration is an invitation to rise again, with the risen Christ, to new life – to encounter the God who is merciful and who loves us unconditionally in Christ, the High Priest. As our reading from the letter to the Hebrews says: *"Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help."* Today is a time for personal and community renewal in our covenant relationship with God. Today is a time for healing and experiencing mercy and forgiveness in one another for the love of Christ. Our community and our families are made stronger by mercy and love, as we rise from every fall. Indeed, today is a sacred time to give thanks to God, for sending us His only Son, Jesus Christ, the High Priest, who, as our reading says, sympathizes with our weaknesses and has been tested in every way, yet without sin.

This solemn monastic celebration of the golden jubilee of our beloved Abbot-emeritus Abbot Tarcisio is a proclamation of God's faithfulness and generosity, of God's mercy and compassion, of God's constant love – not only to Abbot Tarsi, but to all of us whose lives he has touched in his ministry of winning souls to God! God

continues to fulfill His promises to us, that He will always be faithful. And today, God will manifest His love and nourish us again in this Eucharist in which He gives His very life for our salvation. Let us thank God for the gift of the priesthood and for the gift of monastic life.

Our Benedictine community of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, Manila celebrates, this year, 120 years of monastic presence in the Philippines and Asia. At this table of the Lord, God continues to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us and bless us with His grace and mercy. In this same place, fifty years ago, Abbot Tarsi celebrated his first Mass.

Abbot Tarsi, thank you for being a true presence of Christ in the midst of us, your monastic community. May you continue to bring Christ to others and be a source of inspiration and perseverance to us all, especially to us young monks as we journey together towards eternal life in Heaven.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we continue to celebrate and thank God in this Eucharistic celebration, let us pray that through the intercession of our Mother, our Lady of Montserrat, we may all be faithful in seeking God and serving the Church by preferring nothing whatever to the love of Christ for He has preferred nothing to us when He gave up His life on the cross and rose again to new life in His resurrection. And may God bring us all to everlasting life. AMEN.



ALUMNI GREETINGS FOR A GOLDEN CELEBRATION

One of the most endearing persons who knows every Bedan by name. His contribution, loyalty and support to the Bedan community are unparalleled. I fondly remember him as one who empowers students during our Cub Recorder days as our moderator. He was likewise a sportsman who loves to watch and play the sport of basketball with the staff back then, proof of his being well grounded with a charisma that endures. May the people you have touched through your magnanimity continue the values of integrity, mutual respect and humility you have espoused in their respective communities. More power Father Tarsi and Happy 50th! Well done!!!

RENATO S. REINOSO
(GS'74, HS'78)



We convey to you Fr. Tarsi, our best wishes. When we look back, what we remember most are those times in high School when your love and kindness made a difference in our young lives.

The years may have rolled on but our respect for you as our one and only principal is as dearly cherished as in those days when youthful steps had a better spring and hearts were always on the verge of a Bedan fellowship hymn.

THE CAS CLASS OF 1980



On the occasion of your 50th anniversary into the priesthood, I would like to take this opportunity to relay my heartfelt thanks for your assistance, as my High School Principal, in securing a scholarship with the help of Fr. Columbano Adag OSB, that enabled me to finish my secondary and tertiary education in San Beda College. I am a living witness on how a Benedictine gesture of compassion and love can transform lives for the better. I am now paying it forward with scholarships that I sponsor for poor but deserving kids in the Football for A Better Life Program that I conduct nationwide and in the advocacy films that I produce on children's rights.

In my recent visit to Our Lady of Montserrat in Barcelona, Spain I specifically offered my thanksgiving prayers and masses to you and to the Benedictines of Our Lady of Montserrat Abbey Manila. May our Mare de Deu de Montserrat shower you with blessings of inside peace and happiness and grant you continuing wisdom and compassion. Happy anniversary!

ALBERT P. ALMENDRALEJO
(GS'73, HS'77, CAS'81)



I stepped into San Beda College High School as a freshman in the year 1972. It was the year you took on the responsibility of looking after the academic and spiritual guidance of us high school Bedans as our principal. 1972 was an important year in our nation's life. It was the year when martial law was imposed upon us. It must have been among the more memorable years in your life.

1965 must definitely be a more significant year for you as you were ordained into the religious life. From then you went on to become the high school principal of San Beda College, then the Rector of the school, and later the abbot of the Benedictine community. You have touched the lives of many Bedans in the numerous years through various official responsibilities you were given.

In my fifty-six years, I spent twelve in San Beda College [kindergarten to high school]. I fondly look back at my last four years there as a high school student, not only because those were

happy years, but that was the time when I learned how one should conduct oneself in life. What I am now, I owe much to what I learned in those few years. I am happy for what I have become. I am proud to be a Bedan. San Beda has taught me to love my country and to be proud of it and to help in making us even prouder. I have learned in San Beda to always be mindful of God's presence, for God is love. When you have love in you, you glorify God. When you have love, the world becomes a better place to live in.

Fr. Tarsi, let me congratulate you for touching the lives of many of us for half a century as a Benedictine priest. You have made us good members of our community and respectable citizens of our country and the world, all for God's glory. You are constantly in our prayers.

RENATO S. ORAYANI
(GS'72, HS'76)





High School Class of 1980 congratulates the Rt. Rev. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB on the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

Fr. Tarsi, as he is fondly called, has always been a steady influence in our quest to be faithful to the values and principles that San Beda College has inculcated in us - from the time he was our Principal in High School up to the present.

You are a wonderful person, Fr. Tarsi, and the world is indeed lucky to have you in it!

Again, congratulations and may the Lord continue to shower you with His choicest blessings!

THE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1980

SBLAA CHAIRMAN ATTY. AVELINO V. CRUZ

First Filipino President of the ASEAN Law Association

Atty. Avelino V. Cruz, the incumbent Chairman of the San Beda Law Alumni Association and recipient of Bedan Outstanding Alumni and Hall of Fame Awards, as well as "Bedan of the Century Award 2002", was unanimously elected President for a term of 3 years of the region-wide ten country ASEAN Law Association (ALA) at its 12th ALA General Assembly in Manila last March 4, 2015. He succeeds outgoing ALA President, Chief Justice Dr. Hetta Ali of Indonesia.

At the time of his election, Mr. Cruz was Chairman of the ALA Philippine National Committee, whose new Chairman is (Ret) Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban. Mr. Cruz is also the first former Secretary General of the Association to assume the ALA presidency and he was an established leader of the ALA Governing Council for many years. Under the ALA Constitution, Mr. Cruz as President is Chief Executive and Chairman and will preside over the ALA General Assembly and its Governing Council, whose current members include ASEAN Chief Justices, Kifrawi Kifli of Brunei, Hetta Ali of Indonesia, Tun Arifin of Malaysia, Sundares Menon of Singapore and Direk Ingkaninanda of Thailand. Other members are Vietnam's Dr. Prof. Le Minh Tam, Cambodia's Justice You Ottara, Lao PDR's Justice Khampha Sengdara and Myanmar's Attorney General Kyaw San. Philippine Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno sits in the ALA Governing Council. Philippine Senate President Franklin Drilon serves as Chairman of the ALA Foundation and Atty. Regina Gerales, its Treasurer will serve as the new ALA Secretary General.

Mr. Cruz obtained his Bachelors Degree (L.B.'61) magna cum laude and valedictorian from San Beda



College of Law. He obtained his Master of Laws (L.M.) in 1964 from the University of Michigan Law School, was a Ford Fellow at the University of California, and was recipient of the US Fulbright-Hayes and Dewitt Fellowships. In the 1961 with a Special Permit from the Philippine Supreme Court to take the Philippine Bar Exams, at age 20, he obtained first place with a grade of 90.95% over a field of 4,395 candidates, the youngest bar topnotcher in Philippine history.

Mr. Cruz taught Law at San Beda from 1962 to 1974. From 1981 to 1984, he was lecturer at the U.P. and taught "International Business Transactions". In 1986, following the EDSA revolution, as Deputy Prime Minister to the late Vice President & Prime Minister Salvador Laurel, he served as Chairman of the Working Committee composed of then Deputy Justice Minister, (later Chief Justice) Reynato Puno, and Solicitor (later Justice) Minerva Reyes, as members, which drafted the "Freedom Constitution", and which governed the Philippines from March, 1986 until February 1987.

The new ALA President is Founding Partner of the prestigious ACCRA Law Office and is one of the country's leading authority on public utilities and energy laws. Mr. Cruz has served in the Boards among others of Mobil Oil and Petron, PLDT, Philippine Airlines, Philippine National Bank (L.A.), Phil. Bank of Commerce and Associated Bank. Currently he is Chairman of the Hawaiian Airlines (Philippines) and serves in Isla Gas (Shell) of Guam. In 2002, he was elected centennial President of the prestigious Manila Golf & Country Club.

Mr. Cruz, for many years, was an established leader of the Philippine Integrated Bar and other Bar Societies. He is recognized by Chambers Asia Pacific in 2012 as "one of Asia's leading practitioners in corporate acquisitions, mergers and disputes", and is the first Filipino (and the first of only 2 Asians) ever invited to membership by the prestigious American Law Institute, the US Supreme Court think-tank. In 2012, Mr. Cruz was conferred Honorary Membership in the China Law Society's Huan Yu China/ASEAN Legal Cooperation Council.

He was voted the Philippines "Most Outstanding Legal Practitioners" by the Consumers Union of the Philippines.

Mr. Cruz is a composer of institutional and love songs, and has rendered piano concerts. He composed the official ALA Anthem approved by the ALA Governing Council in 2005. He is married to the former Helen Canave with whom he has four children, Nerissa, Franz, Tricia and Mary Rosalyn.



on their wedding day



(l-r) Dom Clement Roque, OSB, Rector-President SBC Alabang;
Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB, Rector-President, SBC Manila;
Helen and Avi Cruz, Fr. Tarcisio Narciso, OSB, Abbot Emeritus;
Fr. Pio Lomibao, OSB and Fr. Prior Rafaelito Alaras, OSB

Time rolls fast especially so when blessings abound and true happiness permeates, amid life's many challenges weathering these with love and great resolve.

Last May 22, 2015, outstanding Bedan Avelino Cruz and radiant wife Helen celebrated their 50 long years of wedded bliss in solemn rites at the Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat with no less than **Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB**, SBC Rector-President, concelebrating with several Benedictine fathers.

For their children (*Ma. Nerissa, Franz, Ma. Tricia, Mary Rosalyn*), relatives and friends, this golden wedding celebration signals the start of a lovingly-renewed chapter in the lives and heart of hearts of this well-admired couple.

Indeed, this golden celebration of togetherness should remind us all of each person's capacity to love, and fully express one's boundless humanity, not to be measured in days, or even decades. More so, it is how one so generously expresses and shares this love with others that matters most.

AVE & HELEN CRUZ GOLDEN MEMORIES & JOURNEY OF 50 YEARS TOGETHER

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



With affection, the entire Bedan Community wishes Atty. Ave and Helen more blessed union in the years and decades ahead, and extend it eternally.

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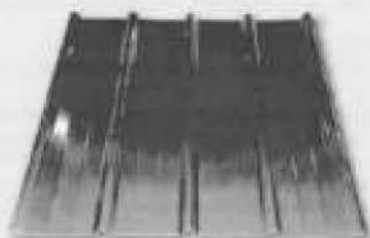
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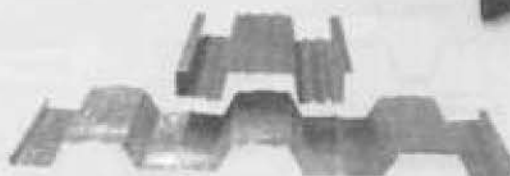
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Philippine Daily Inquirer Top honcho joins the SBCAA board

The entire Bedan Community welcomes Mr. Renato "Rene" Reinoso to the SBCAA Board of Trustees effective AY 2015-16. Rene is the chief operating officer (COO) of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Prior to his COO stint, Rene was responsible for the PDI's winnings in many prestigious competitions including the Agora Marketing Company of the Year Award for PDI's innovation in the areas of marketing, sales and distribution.

Reinoso took his early education at San Beda College, where he received the gold medal for excellence when he graduated from high school in 1978. He was recognized as the 2012 Most Distinguished Bedan Awardee by the San Beda Alumni Association.

He obtained his business economics degree from the University of the Philippines School of Economics, earning a dean's medal for academic excellence. He took master's studies in economics at De La Salle University. He earned his master's degree in business administration, graduating with distinction, from the Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia.

With his entry in the Alumni Board, expect the SBCAA to be more progressive reaching a higher level of excellence of service.



Outstanding Bedan Neri Colmenares aims for a Senate seat

- * Degree in Economics for San Beda College (Outstanding Bedan Award)
- * Graduated from UP College of Law
- * Lecturer on international humanitarian law and constitutional issues; Election law, Impeachment, Writs of Kalikasan and Amparo; and international criminal law in various universities and in MCLE seminars for lawyers

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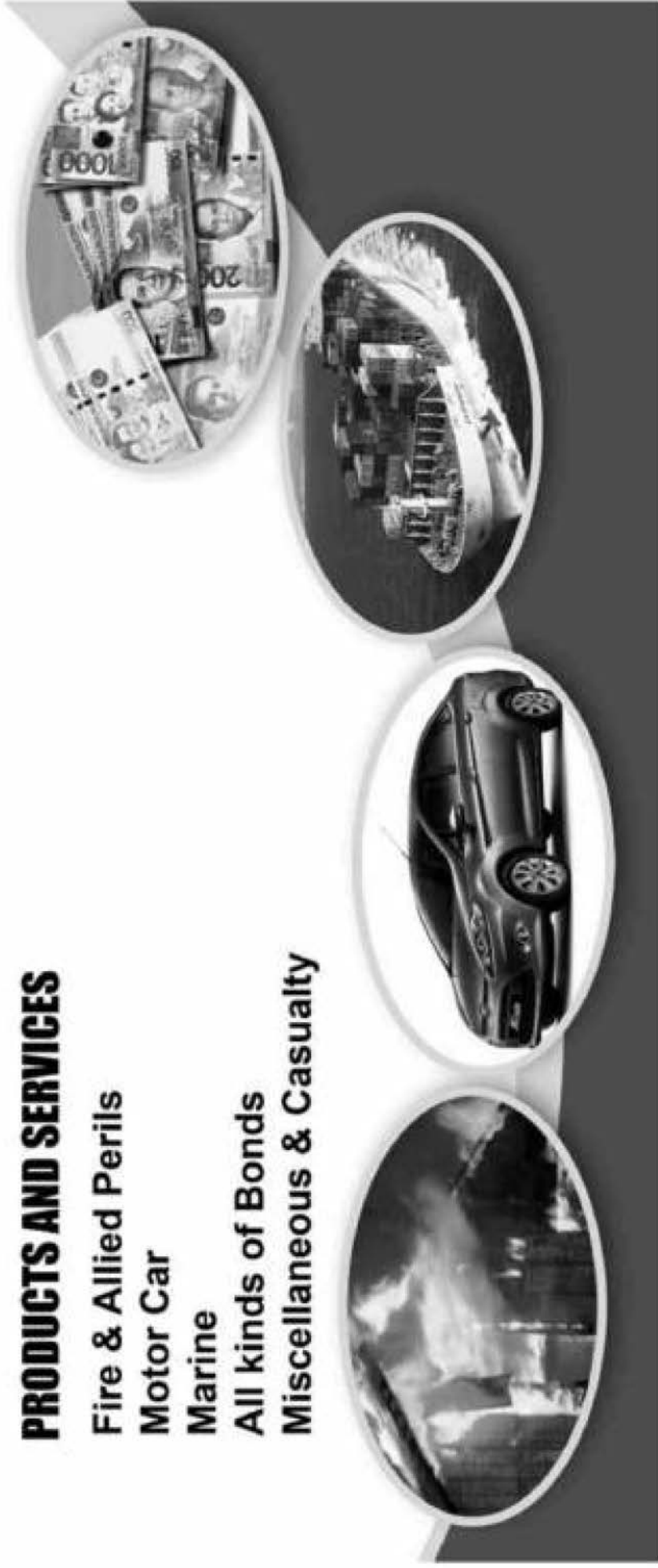
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Telco pillar writes book on industry evolution

Globe Chief Legal Counsel and Senior Advisor Rodolfo A. Salalima, a recognized authority in the field of telecommunications law, launches his new book titled: "Telecommunications in the Information Revolution".

The book is a compilation of the law and jurisprudence on telecommunications and of insights on the evolving language and fundamental issues of the Internet revolution. It helps provide understanding on the current communications technologies that help shape the change in people's lives and lifestyles. It is also used as a textbook filled with legal commentary for law students, and as a reference material for industry practitioners and non-lawyers.

According to Salalima, the book is an attempt to make it easier for ordinary readers to comprehend current technologies on telecommunications, broadcasts, and disruptive innovations, "I hope that this may help influence others in understanding these technologies or

contribute in the utilization of these technologies not only as tools for better social networking and communications but also, for nation building and growth."

Chancellor Adolfo S. Azcuna of the Philippine Judicial Academy and former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shared his appreciation of Atty. Salalima's new book, "He has done us all a good turn once again. I am delighted to see him produce another masterpiece. This book on Telecommunications in the Information Revolution is vintage RAS, a handy source of practical advice as well as a thorough treatment of the subject."

The book launch will happen at the Radiate Room, the Loft of the Globe Tower, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig on October 9, 2015. If you wish to have a copy of the book, you may buy at the UP Law Center, Malcolm Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City.

About the Author: Atty. Salalima is a recognized authority in the field of telecommunications law. He is one of the principal authors of the NTC rules of procedure. He is on the roster of Lecturers in the Supreme Court's Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) program for lawyers and has served as resource person and Philippine delegate in various local and international fora. He is President of the Philippine Chamber of Telecommunications Operators; Chief Legal Counsel and spokesperson of a leading telecom company in the country; and Vice Chairman of the International Telecommunication Union Council working group for the amendment of the ITU Constitution and Convention where he represents the Asia-Pacific region.

Luis and Amelia Ablaza

A Golden Wedding in Style

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

A number of Bedans were privileged to witness the grand golden wedding anniversary of well-loved couple Consul Luis Ablaza of Zambia (HS Class '55) and Consul Amelia Romero Ablaza of Guatemala. The grandiose affair was held in the sprawling eight-hectare estate of the Ablaza in Alfonso Cavite, named *Amelia*.

For the more than 500-selected guests, the event was a modern-day version of Camelot, styled by their well-known interior stylist son Jun-Jun Ablaza. Bedan Steve de Leon designed Mellie Ablaza's wedding gown with gold embroidered train trailing behind. The beautiful bride was driven to the estate chapel in a horse-drawn carriage with Brazilian pages walking behind.

The fairy-tale celebration, starting with a fabulous invitation in a huge gold-tailored box with a golden picture frame containing the details of the event, was attended by prominent people in society and a good number of Bedans led by George Yang, Jose Mari Lacson, Atty. Jonas and Anne Cabochan, Atty. Avelino and Helen Cruz, Atty. Rudy and Nora Robles, Don and Olivia Ferry, Dr. Joffre Alajar and a host of other great Bedans.

Indeed, it was a memorable golden affair, and it was the hearts of gold of Mr. Luis and Mrs. Amelia Ablaza that glittered the most.

Congratulations and more power to these two very beautiful souls.



George Yang



Rudy and Nora Robles



Jonas and Ann Cabochan



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MVP celebrates 69th birthday at the Abbey Church

A Call to Service in Education

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



MVP with Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB

There is an "aura of gratefulness" when one sees **Dr. Manuel V. Pangllinan** walk towards the Board Room of San Beda College for the quarterly board of trustees meeting where he serves as chairman of the board. Endearingly called MVP, the longest serving board chairman of this 115-year old Benedictine learning institution, gives back to his alma mater in providing quality educational leadership to the youth of today.

A recognized business leader who is known to be Asia's captain of corporate turnaround, MVP considers academic leadership as a big challenge and a humbling experience. He sees himself as a steward of the legacy bequeathed by the Benedictines, the religious order administering San Beda College. For more than a decade now, he has worked closely with the Benedictine fathers, fellow alumni trustees and lay administrators in reviewing, examine and solidifying the infrastructures of the college and arriving at a blueprint for change.

Rev. Fr. Aloysius A. Maranan, OSB, SBC rector-president, considers MVP as a multistream leader who values multiple forms of well-being for all stakeholders of the college, whom the millennial students are to emulate. *"He has a strong sense of nation and a staunch believer that San Beda has a pivotal role to play in the Catholic formation of the youth who will comprise the global workforce of 21st century,"* says Fr. Aloy who has been working with MVP for over a decade now. Their formidable team, together with other school administrators has identified ten institutional key area objectives which will serve as a common platform and space for advocating dynamic changes in this more-than-century-old academic community. These institutional objectives are: a) foster a Christian community of prayer, work and peace founded on faith knowledge and virtues; b) cultivate transformative leadership and governance; c) provide relevant curricula aligned with San Beda College's Vision-Mission-Identity as well as with local and international standards;





MVP Birthday Breakfast at the Abbey



MVP with his top executives

d) deliver quality instruction through teaching excellence by competent faculty; e) utilize upgraded resource materials and facilities for effective learning; f) build a culture of innovative research for knowledge advancement; g) engage the Bedan community in transforming lives; h) render responsive services for holistic student development; i) harness value-adding linkages in local and global educational cooperation; and j) offer accredited programs and services for quality assurance.

While San Beda College is not really part of the MVP Group of Companies, MVP brings to his alma mater his rich industry experience. He wants to see the school remaining financially robust amid the hard times and uncertainties of the future while joining the ranks of top educational institutions in the Asean region.

Members of the Bedan community see him as a good-hearted person whose sense of gratitude to San Beda seems boundless. Yearly, he supports the many plans and programs of the San Beda Alumni Association and the San Beda Alumni Foundation. As everybody knows, he is a staunch supporter of the SBC Red Lions basketball team, providing this winning team the

much needed training to become a consistent champion in the NCAA. Many are of the opinion that the SBC Red Lions would not have garnered the five-peat championship without MVP's leadership. In one of his rare interviews, MVP revealed that San Beda makes him more affectionate as person since the college is closest to his heart more than the other



MVP with SBC Red Lions



MVP with guests



Chef Claude Tayag shares a light moment with MVP and Benedictine priests



schools where he studied.

Rev. Fr. Rafaelito Alaras, OSB, prior-administrator of San Beda, says that more than what MVP has materially given to the school, the Bedan community is honored and proud to have him as our very own (GS'58, HS '62) since he is a personification of the Benedictine ideals and values of peace, integrity, prayer, hardwork and genuine service to the Filipino people. *"Truly, MVP is the very embodiment of the words found in the SBC logo" fides (faith), scientia (knowledge), and virtus (virtues),"* added Fr. Alaras.

Last July 27, 2015 as MVP turned 69, he opted to start his birthday celebration by participating in a solemn Benedictine prayer at San Beda's famous Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat, with the members of the Benedictine community, MVP group of companies executives and relatives. Simple breakfast was held at the refectory of the Abbey Monastery.

His entire Bedan family joins the Filipino nation in wishing that God's caring presence and Divine Grace be with him as he continues making a destiny of honor, service and excellence for San Beda College, country and God.



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My colleagues and I in the House of Representatives are united in congratulating my fellow members of the San Beda College Alumni Association, Inc. (SBCAA) for your commendable efforts in finding means to ensure that all SBCAA projects come to fruition.

This is a clear testament that Bedan alumni practice Christian ideals and values that continue to contribute to the betterment of society. In the words of St. Benedict, "we must serve Him with the good things He has given us."

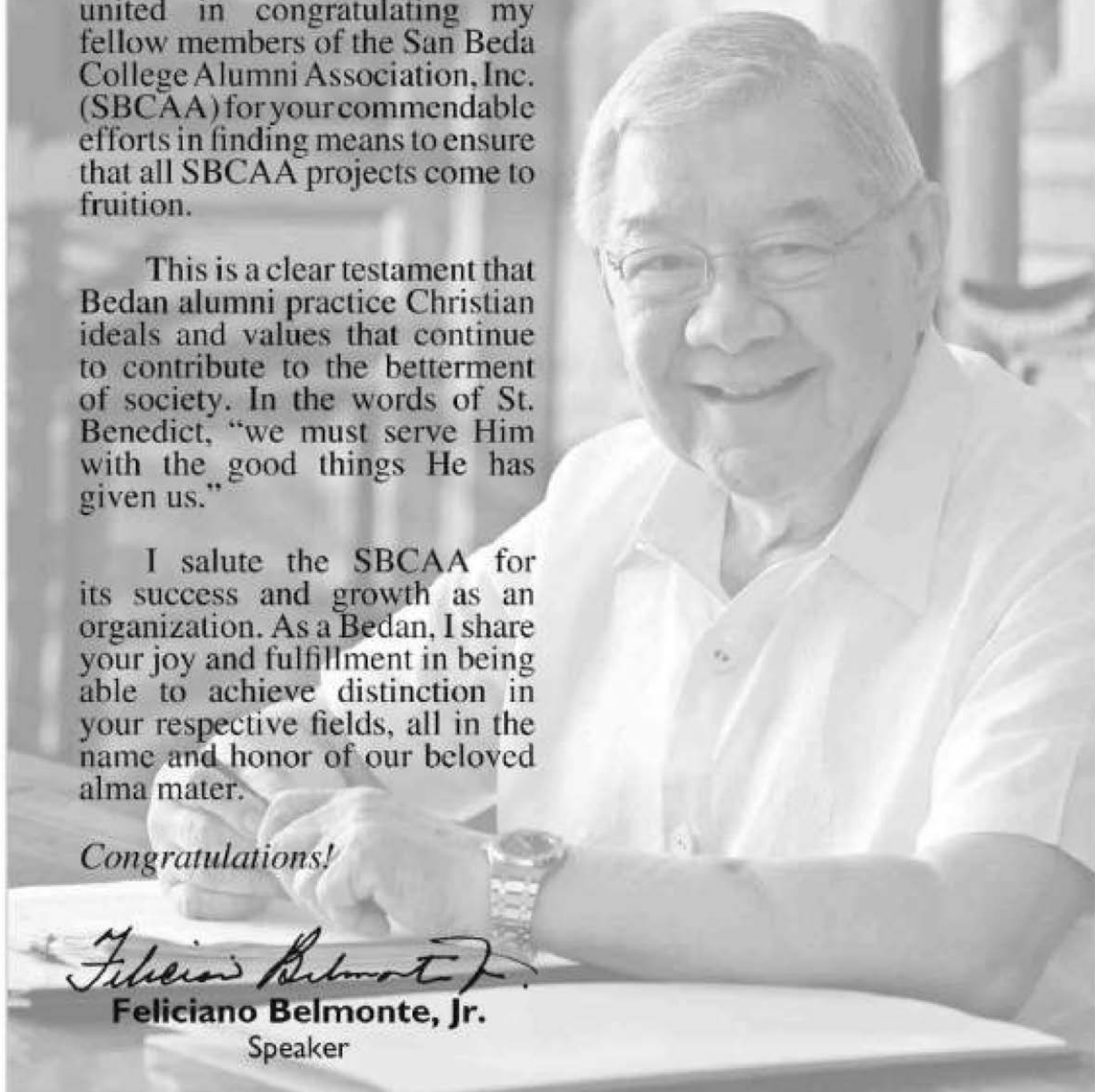
I salute the SBCAA for its success and growth as an organization. As a Bedan, I share your joy and fulfillment in being able to achieve distinction in your respective fields, all in the name and honor of our beloved alma mater.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

Feliciano Belmonte, Jr.

Speaker





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THE GREGORIO A. CONCON REV. FR. BENIGNO BENABARRE, OSB DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORIAL CHAIR IN MACROECONOMICS

Outstanding Bedan Gregorio A. Concon (GS'47, HS '51, CAS'54) donated recently One Million Pesos for the Gregorio A. Concon-Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB Distinguished Professorial Chair in Macroeconomics. The professorial chair is one of the many project donations of Mr. Concon in grateful appreciation of his Bedan education. It will be recalled that in the '70s, he donated a substantial amount to his alma mater. In appreciation, the school administration named the College Library the Gregorio A. Concon Library. A highly successful businessman, Mr. Concon is based now in Sydney, Australia, with his family. He values so much Bedan education that he wishes San Beda College to be classified among the top schools worldwide. Through his professorial chair donation, he hopes to attract more qualified faculty members in the field of economics to be part of the faculty roster in the College of Arts and Sciences.



Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB holds the check of P1,000,000 donated by Greg Concon.



This professorial chair named after him and his favourite school principal Fr. Benabarre will be launched by April 2016 when he returns from Australia. Mr. Concon commended the San Beda College Alumni Foundation (SBCAF) for initiating the professorial chair program to further improve the quality of classroom instruction in the CAS. The Gregorio A. Concon – Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB Distinguished Professorial Chair in Macroeconomics is the 17th professorial chair established in San Beda College through the efforts of the SBCAF.



Grace Poe



Jejomar Binay



Leila De Lima



Leni Robredo



BEDANS RUNNING IN 2016

by Rene Saguisag

Neri Colmenares, AB'90, is running for the Senate, along with **Leila de Lima, LL.B.'85**, bar topnotcher. So is **Leni Robredo**, who enrolled in our Graduate Program in Law (*my human rights stude*). She's under pressure to run for Veep. Leni, Lei and Neri can help bring back the Senate's many-splendored past.

Bedan Gringo Honasan was also reportedly asked by **Jojobama Binay** to be his Veep, but Gringo was not excited about, and is leery of, a Bi-Hon tandem. Not palatable, in his view.

Jojobama - it used to be Jojo Binay (who reviewed here for the bar exams in 1967) - was surveys front-runner. Dati moist eyes lang. When I last called my MABINI colleague **Mr. Prez** early this year, Niagara Falls! Bumaha. Anyway, he's down to 2 or 3 in the surveys.

Digong Duterte, LL.B. 72, keeps denying he is running but then

keeps outlining his program of government. Federal, he says, and the elimination of all crooks in government. Per his vaunted style, as perceived, how many would be left? I used to march with his mother, tough **Tia Chuling (Soledad)** on the streets of Davao, after **Ninoy Aquino, HS'48**, was salvaged. Then I met his tough daughter, Sarah, who punched that sheriff. Lahi talaga ng Matatapatang at Mapupusok. But, I don't believe in anyone playing God who would have his own private population reduction program in this country of conejos, according to the Pope. No mortal can decide who will live and who will die.

Polls leader Grace is the daughter of Bedan **FPJ, GS'53**. She was born with two strikes against her and deserves vigilant protection under Art. 24 of the Civil Code and special care and protection under Arts. 15 and 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,



Gringo Honasan III



Neri Colmenares



Rodrigo Duterte

among other human rights documents.

Decency is the middle name of **FPJ, Susan and Grace**, who also attended Boston College, where my late darling wife, **Dulce**, learned some Jesuitical jiu-jitsu while working for her master's in Social Work. Not that Grace would steal, given FPJ's and Susan's influence. Designer Genes at work, even by osmosis.

I am not committed at this time to vote for anybody for Prez but Grace deserves fair play. A fighting chance. I joylessly read Justice Tony Carp's premature conclusion that she is not a natural-born Pinoy, on the first day of hearing. But, how else treat a foundling in Jaro? She could not have come from Mars. Manchuria maybe for a Manchurian candidate? However, she doesn't look Manchurian at all but typical of our mestisaje. I agree with Bedan Chief Justice Roberto

Concepcion, *Clase Superior*, 1914, AB, 1920 (but not perfect like Justice Gregorio Perfecto, *Clase Superior*, 1905) that a natural-born citizen is "one born a citizen."

The issue of Grace's qualification should be for the people to decide, as a quintessential political question. As Justice Isagani R. Cruz wrote, "where the matters falls under the discretion of . . . especially the people themselves, the [matter] is in the category of a political question and consequently may not be the subject of judicial review." Questions to be decided by the people themselves in their sovereign capacity, by voters as particles of popular sovereignty.

Let the sovereign people decide who will lead us in 2016-2022, via a majoritarian or even pluralistic verdict.

Erap told me in a recent (Sept. 27)

dinner of 1987-92 Senators that under certain scenarios, he may run himself. I asked: Would Grace's unlikely but possible disqualification be one such context? His eyes moistened at mention of the Restoration suggestion or possibility. He did say before that should he return to the Palace, he would serve only for the time of which he was deprived of the presidency (three and a half years) by the Supreme Court thru its own, magisterial jiu-jitsu or power grab. (Me, to come back as Senator? *Di na nga makalakad, tatakbopa?*)

Let the sovereign people, not the nine-member SET or the 15-member SC, decide this political, not purely legal, question.

DANTE PONCE

THE COMEBACKING ACTOR IS A BEDAN

In mid-'90s, Dante "Ponce" Buerano (CAS'92), relocated to the USA to pursue life in that other part of the world, leaving behind a blossoming singing career being one of the pretty boy balladeers along with Ariel Rivera and fellow Bedan Calvin Millado. His wife who is a medical doctor and four kids lived in various places including Virginia and California's San Francisco Bay area, but a year ago moved to Honolulu where they stayed long. Dante got into management and sales in the US and did well in that field of work.

Everyone thought then that Dante would thoroughly become American, and lost his Filipino sensibilities. Two decades after, Dante brought back his family to the Philippines, and this time it is for keeps. Today, Jun, as he is endearingly called by family and close friends, is every inch a Filipino and has become a successful come backing actor, getting various offbeat roles in movies and telenovelas. At past 40, Dante has a successful acting career with a lot of enviable product endorsements. He is an accomplished man who has not sacrificed the quality of family life, amid his rather hectic schedule. He has a well-defined set of values, and a very strong work ethic, combining the best traits of his Filipino parentage and his American experience.

Dante is still working on his own old life dreams to pursue graduate studies, photography and teaching. And for all these dreams, he makes sure he realizes these in his second home, San Beda College. And for all his works, he says, he does it for a higher purpose. A God-oriented goal he got from his Bedan education. And such, he is forever proud!



JOJO HAUTEA'S LEGACY OF SERVICE

by Joffre M. Alajar

The San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) presidents come and go, and along the way, we pick a few who really made a big difference in the life of this 92-year old alumni institution. One of them who truly made his mark is Mr. Joselito I. Hautea (GS'74, HS'78, CAS'82). During his two years leadership (2012-2014) of the SBCAA, Jojo, as he is endearingly called by fellow Bedans, has shown passion, goal orientation, focus and hard work. Not a swivel chair-president, Jojo never gives up and is very patient with an extra-ordinary cordial aura – traits that serve well our SBCAA board of trustees. His positive attitude and humble ways are truly inspiring and infectious. The SBCAA staff and his fellow board trustees could not afford to be left behind, because Jojo is always there willing to do as much if not more than what is expected. President Jojo to many is our lion pacer and trail-blazer. His fellow Bedans in the board remember Jojo's transformational leadership as someone who would always encourage people to better their craft and service to San Beda. He is genuinely interested in sharing what he wants the Alumni Association to be, notwithstanding its limitations and shortcomings.

Jojo's resume is an intimidating read, but he carries none of the arrogance that his power-packed

curriculum vitae deserves. Obviously, the strength of his leadership qualities is founded on his incessant drive for excellence, service and love for San Beda College being a dyed-in-the-wool Bedan. What is most appreciated by his fellow Bedans in the SBCAA is his being extra sensitive to the feelings of his co-workers. Jojo does not call attention to himself, but rather to the objective and goal of the SBCAA.

Today, Jojo is an in-demand consultant and organization development professional. Much as he would still like to be part of the SBCAA board, his work schedule could not permit it, and he wants to be fair to his alumni association, thus he tendered his irrevocable resignation recently. He has only all best wishes for the SBCAA, hoping that other Bedans would give their share of time, talent and service to their alma mater. What the SBCAA is now, it owes to Jojo's years of exemplary service. And his fellow Bedans can only say thank you for all that he has been to San Beda College and the SBCAA.

Jojo's Bedan legacy is assured, and his love for SBC grows only with the passing of time.

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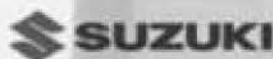
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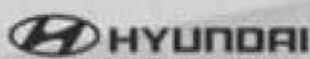
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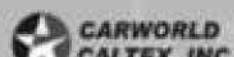
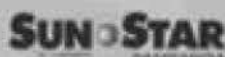
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Induction of SBCAA Officers and Trustees (AY 2015-16)

The San Beda College Alumni Association new officers and board trustees for AY 2015-2016 were formally inducted into office by **Very Rev. Aloysius Maranan, OSB**, Rector-President, in fitting rites May 23, 2015 at the Conference room, College of Medicine. Inducted into office were: **Commissioner Rene Sarmiento**, President; **Atty. Jimmy Buhain**, Vice President; **LTFRB Chairman Atty. Winston Ginez**, Secretary; **Prof Mike Rubio**, Treasurer; and **Dr. Joffre M. Alajar**, Executive Director.

Also inducted into office were the following board trustees: **John Lino Alindogan III**, **Edmundo Badolato**, **Atty. Cleveland Buena**, **Dr. Christian Bryan Bustamante**, **Atty. Jonas Cabochan**, **Catalino Rey Figueroa Jr.**, **Atty. Alexander Flores**, **Richard John Guevarra**, **Joselito Hautea**, **Jose Mari Lacson** and **Justice Jose Reyes Jr.**, **Council Advisers: Engr.**

Eriberto Gomez, **Albert Imperial** and **Joaquin Loyzaga**.

Prior to the induction, Fr. Maranan shared with the SBCAA Board the new plans and programs aimed at making the San Beda College a better and more competitive learning institution. He reminded that these school plans and programs will not be realized without the valuable assistance of the alumni. He further challenged the SBCAA officers and trustees to take the lead in assisting the school to fully realize its mission-vision.

After the induction, outgoing board trustees were honored for their valuable service to the SBCAA. The outgoing board trustees included **Gerry Sanvictores**, **Engr. Erie Gomez**, **Vijun Genato** and **Chito Loyzaga**.



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ANGEL MACAPINLAC I BALMORI,

First President of the San Beda College Alumni Association

by Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB

The Bedan Alumnus is happy to publish for the first time the photo of its first President Don Angel Macapinlac I Balmori (1923-24). After much searching, it was one of his grandchildren who gave this picture to us.

San Beda College Alumni Association was founded in the year 1923 by a group of 40 alumni who met for three times to prepare the by-Laws of the SBCAA, which was finally approved in their fourth meeting on the 22 of June, 1923.

In that meeting, the first SBCAA board of trustees was elected: President, Sr. Angel Macapinlac; Vice President, Dr. Jose Sian; Secretary, Miguel Artigas; and Treasurer, Manuel Casas; Directors: Federico Calero, Carlos Preysler, Antonio Ayesa and Ricardo Sikat.

The first homecoming took place on February 1923, at which about 80 alumni were present. The gathering was honoured by the presence of the Apostolic Delegate, Msgr. Guillermo Piani and a representative of the Rector of the Santo Tomas.

The SBCAA has had ups and downs in its long history of existence. The alumni have three independent associations, serving as partners in the school's mission of Benedictine education: San Beda College Alumni Association, San Beda Law Alumni Association and San Beda College Alumni Foundation.

ON-LINE DONATIONS NOW ACCEPTED!!!

The San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) is now accepting donations on-line through this website (www.sanbedaalumni.org). Simply click the button, and you are ready to donate your share. You may choose the project which you wish to support from an array of SBCAA and SBC current programs to include:

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- * Red and White Ball
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The screenshot shows the website's header with a search bar and a 'Text Size' option. A prominent banner reads 'Give your share NOW..... We count on your support.' Below this, a navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Alumni', and 'SBCAA'. A large hand cursor icon is positioned over the 'Alumni' link. The main content area features a photograph of a fountain and a headline: 'THE SEARCH FOR 2016 BEDAN ALUMNI AWARDS IS NOW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS'. At the bottom, there are social media icons and a footer with the text '50th Anniversary of Obligation to Friendship | 39'.

Remembering Fr. Peter Celestine Say, OSB (1928-2015)

by Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB



The Very Rev. Fr. Rafaelito Alaras, OSB, Prior Administrator of our Benedictine Community and I received an e-mail from the USA announcing the peaceful death of Rev. Fr. Celestine Say, OSB last August 4, feast of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests. His demise came as a surprise because no previous notice of sickness was received by the Community in Manila, Philippines.

Fr. Say was born in Manila from non-Catholic parents on March 28, 1928. He was given the name John Joseph T. Say, Jr.

John enrolled in our SBC High School in 1945, and obtained a bachelor's degree in Commerce, major in Banking and Finance, in 1960 in the CAS.

As a Benedictine monk

So attracted to the monastic life, of the members of the Abbey community he observed for eight years, Fr. Say entered the Community and began the novitiate in the year 1952, the moment he was given the name of Peter Celestine. He made the simple profession the following year, and was ordained priest on March 21, 1958.

Fr. Say held various school positions, namely: Superintendent of the College grounds, Grade School Principal and Head Librarian from 1963-1965, and professor.

As member of the Benedictine Community, he was appointed to the high position of Prior-Administrator on March 2, 1968 by Abbot Gabriel Brasó, President the Benedictine Congregation of Subiaco.

As a Secular Priest

Due to the somewhat turbulent situation within the Philippine Benedictine Congregation in the mid-'60s and '70s, Fr. Say decided to request the Holy See for the dispensation of his vows. He became a secular priest in America, settled in Hallettsville and, Victoria, Texas USA. He was highly admired as parish priest.

As it could not be otherwise, being such a good person, he maintained his cordial relationship with our College and Abbey, which later entrusted to him some delicate business matters. We will miss, Fr. Say.

May his soul rest in eternal peace!



*May Eternal Peace be
Granted unto their Souls*

- Jerome Cresencio G. Lontok (GS'98, HS'00)
- Justice Florenz D. Regalado (Law'54)
- Atty. Maximo P. Amurao, Jr. (Law'63),
- Ma. Aurora C. Flores, mother of Bro. Jerry Anton Flores (GS '75, HS '79)
- Geremias R. Flores, father of Bro. Jerry Anton Flores (GS '75, HS '79)
- Eduardo V. Cruz (CAS'59), brother of Atty. Avelino V. Cruz (AA'59, Law'61)
- Dr. Feliciano Roque, father of Dean Ramon Ricardo A. Roque - GS'72, HS'76, CAS'80
- Arturo R. Macapagal (GS'58, HS'58, CAS'68)
- Sen. Agapito A. Aquino (GS'51)
- Irineo DJ. Obligacion (GS'56, HS'60, CAS'64)
- Loren Gannaban, former cheerleader (CAS'02)
- Roberto P. Soria (College Registrar)
- Rev. Fr. Peter Celestine Say, OSB (HS'49, BSC'60) in USA
- Manuel Galang, father of Prof. Gary Galang
- Lualhati Gonzales, mother of Gaio T. Gonzales (HS'76)

*Special prayers for the eternal
repose of their souls.*



A TRIBUTE TO A BEDAN ICON

ARTURO DELA ROSA MACAPAGAL

(GS'54, HS'58, BSC MANAGEMENT 1968)

by Joffre M. Alajar

When a great man like Arthur is taken away from us, the most precious legacy that he can leave us is the work that he had left undone. For if we commit ourselves to continuing it and bringing it to a fruitful accomplishment, we somehow share in his greatness, in his vision, his dedication, and his very person.

One school organization that was truly close to the heart of Arthur was the San Beda College Alumni Association. It was in 2008 when his high school class 1958 came back to San Beda College to organize the Adventus Christmas concert in time for his class '58 golden jubilee.

What can San Beda College say when it loses one of its outstanding sons? Surely, words are never adequate to express one's emotions especially of grief and pain.

We know that mere words can do little to ease the terrible pain of losing a loved one; but perhaps Mam Mariter, three (3) kids (Alex, Andrei, Maria Elizabeth) and other family members can take some measure of comfort in the knowledge that many people whose lives were touched by Arthur, share the burden of their grief.

On his passing away, we affirm our admiration for Arthur, and we pledge that we shall continue to love him by remembering him and all that he believed in, and all that he gave his life for, and by continuing the deeds that death kept him from completing. For some of us, we never had the opportunity to work closely with Arthur, but seeing his family today, and the people whose lives he had touched, we know Arthur had done a superb job. Undeniably, a good number of Bedans must have come across this legendary figure.

We affirm our admiration for Arthur by also signifying our gratitude for all that he was to us and for all he did for us. For the Bedan community, he will eternally be a Bedan icon we lived well the Benedictine ideals of *pax, ora et labora* (peace, prayer & work) and the Bedan values of *scientia* (knowledge), *fides* (faith) and *virtus* (virtues). He was a faithful Bedan (GS'54, HS'58, CAS'68), an exemplar of initiative, concern, commitment, and a truly servant leader. Because he was a true loving person, he was eminently lovable.

With Arthur no longer with us, we affirm our hope in ourselves, hope for a world that seems to lose something good and precious, when someone of Arthur's stature passes away. When a person who excels in goodness is taken away from us, we feel that something of goodness is irretrievably lost. Yet we must affirm our hope in our capacity for goodness.

We must affirm our hope that there will still be people like him who will come not only from his generation but also from those who are still young, and from those who are still to be born.

So in faith, love and hope, we cannot really say farewell to Arthur, but welcome him into our lives as an inspiration.

The Distinguished Arthur Macapagal Professorial Chair in Business and Economics which the family established in San Beda College in 2005 will surely keep his Bedan spirit alive.

Thank you again, Arthur. We, will always remember him in a special way as a truly admirable Bedan.

May Arthur's soul eternally rest in peace. He had done his job and have done it truly well.

Honorable Florenz D. Regalado

A Salute to a Great Bedan

Homily of Rev. Fr. Pio Lomibao, OSB. during the Holy Mass for the eternal repose of the soul of Justice Florenz Regalado

Today's young Bedans may not know that the first footprints of excellence in the life of the San Beda College of Law was drawn by Florenz D. Regalado whose phenomenal performance in the 1954 Bar exams has since made him a Bedan Icon, which students should emulate for inspiration. Florenz did not only top the Bar in 1954, he established a record which has not been equaled in the history of the Bar examinations. Florenz was first with a grade of 96.7%. No other successful Bar examinee from any law school anywhere in the country has inched up closer to that of Florenz.

In fact, this landmark achievement in the Bar examinations of Florenz who graduated magna cum laude Class '54 defined the San Beda College of Law as a center of excellence in legal education.

What added texture to the phenomenal performance of the College of Law in the 1954 Bar examinations was the pervasive sense of hope in a bright future for all under a regime a good governance personified by Ramon Magsaysay. The beloved leader of the nation had such a passion for justice for ordinary people that his signature statement – "Let them who have less in life have more in law!" was often quoted. It was a fitting challenge to the idealism of the generation of Justice Florenz.

Even before the Bar examinations of 1954, Dean Feliciano Ledesma was already certain that San Beda would get the top two slots among that year's successful examinees. He was not sure, however, who between Florenz Regalado and Bobby De La Fuente would land in First Place. He had observed first-hand the photographic memory of both, their gift for analysis and the force and clarity of their reasoning. With all these attributes as a premise, topping the Bar would be a necessary conclusion.

Looking back, the joint achievement of Florenz and Bobby in 1954 has morphed from a story of unequalled success to a legend about excellence through a repetition of the narrative. And legends do not die at all.

The legendary Florenz D. Regalado who hails from Concepcion, Iloilo manifested an advanced intellectual development even as a child. When he was barely five years old, he was allowed to be enrolled in the first grade in elementary school although age seven was required for admission. His academic standing in grade school was such that he qualified to be admitted to the experimental accelerated three-year high school program at the Iloilo Provincial High School. His secondary education was interrupted abruptly by the outbreak of World War II in the Pacific which engulfed the Philippines.

With his veteran's educational benefits together with scholarship grants, Florenz breezed through the preparatory law course and the initial year of the law proper at Far Eastern University. For his second year in law, he moved over from Morayta to Mendiola and enrolled at the San Beda College of Law where he made history in 1954.

For his graduate studies in law, the all-time Bar record holder went to the University of Michigan under a Dewitt Fellowship named after a generous American benefactor C.A. Dewitt who was a prominent member of the American business community in Manila before the Pacific War. He obtained his LL.M. in 1963.

Shortly after taking his professional oath, the young Ilonggo lawyer started his legal career as technical assistance to the Secretary of Labor. He was also Special Prosecutor for labor cases in the Department of Justice.

As a Bar topper, Atty. Regalado just like Prof. Fernandez before him was given the honor and privilege to join the faculty of the San Beda College of Law. When viewed in the context of years of dedicated teaching, the distinction of being a San Beda law professor is animated more by a sense of duty, by noblesse oblige than by a desire for additional recognition.

It was also in academe that Prof. Regalado carved a niche. Since he started teaching at his alma mater in 1955, Professor Regalado has been an acknowledged authority on Criminal Law

and Remedial Law. In fact, he was a pre-Bar reviewer in both subjects for many years not only in San Beda but also in other law schools.

He served as Dean of the College of Law from 1975 to 1988. He was President of the Philippine Association of Law Schools from 1979 to 1981. He was named Dean Emeritus in 1991 and was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1998.

For the breadth and depth of his knowledge of laws, Dean Regalado was appointed by the late President Corazon C. Aquino as a member of the 1986 Constitutional Commission to draft the present Charter. His fellow Commissioners were so impressed by his legal wisdom that they endorsed him for appointment to the Supreme Court. He was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on July 29, 1988.

To the credit of Justice Regalado, the Rules of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Criminal Procedure were revised largely through his efforts as Vice Chairman of the Committee on the Rules of Court. The beneficiaries of the far-sighted revisions are the judges, the prosecutors, the defense lawyers and the clients they represent, the professors and the students of law.

Justice Regalado's Remedial Law Compendium and Criminal Law Conspectus have enriched Philippine legal bibliography.

He retired from the Supreme Court, leaving behind a new paradigm of performance. He had fully adjudicated and disposed all cases assigned to him.

Truly, a string of accomplishments over the years deserves the highest award any living Bedan law alumnus can aspire for. In 2004, the San Beda Law Alumni Association Inc. presented Justice Regalado with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Today in his death, we lost a great Bedan soul. But in our hearts, he will always be San Beda's greatest gain in heaven.

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Fr. Pio



Regalado

GREETINGS FROM:



Honorable Herbert M. Bautista
Mayor, Quezon City

San Beda College

Grade School 1981 • High School 1986 • AB Philosophy & Letters 1992



Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus!

It is my great pleasure to have shared the same San Beda College ideals, core values and beliefs with distinguished alumni.

Over the years, the San Beda College Alumni Association has continued to expand its efforts in reconnecting with alumni from all decades. Each member has a role to play in keeping our association vibrant and growing.

Many special events have been held to commemorate San Beda College milestones and the SBCAA has contributed much to its fulfillment.

May we all continue to take part in our Alma Mater advocacies for San Beda, our country and God!

I am one proud Bedan.

Mabuhay ang San Beda College Alumni Association!

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LUIS "Jon-Jon" A. FERRER IV
Representative
6TH District of Cavite

San Beda College BS in Accountancy 1994



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The Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB Garden of 100 Native Trees

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



A ground-breaking ceremony took place in Havila Filinvest last January 11, 2015, and a simple inauguration rite highlighted the 100-year of Fr. Benigno last May 24, 2015.

A huge bust of the well-loved centenary Benedictine executed by Dr. Antonio Raymundo (HS'60) served as a landmark in the Garden. Various species of native trees (Mangkono, Pili Aunasin, Liusin, Tuai, Bagna, Bagnang Pula, etc), carefully chosen and tended by SBCAF's project consultant partner, Ms. Imelda Sarmiento of Hortica Filipina Foundation, Inc., were planted in the garden which Fr. Benigno refers to as an "oasis of prayer and silence".

With 100 concrete steps to climb amid 100 native trees, this garden dedicated to Fr. Benabarre is cool, quiet, and lush—soothing the body calming a restless mind and spirit; and, allowing for moments of reflection and meditation.

Lest it be forgotten, this garden of 100 native trees is in accordance with Fr. Benabarre's wish that other than its strong environmental advocacy, the garden should be able to raise enough funds to sustain a Bedan student scholarship program under his name to allow many young minds to experience Bedan education. By a donation of Php5,000, one becomes entitled to plant a native tree; helps save the environment; and, sends a scholar to experience Bedan education at its finest. By one's donation of Php5,000, one gets the opportunity to have a name marker in any of the 100 concrete steps leading to the peak of the garden where the huge bust of Fr. BB is proudly installed.

In the cloistered Benedictine community and the academic landscape of San Beda College, it isn't every day that somebody turns a

century old. And when the San Beda College Alumni Foundation, Inc (SBCAF) was told early this year, that our beloved Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB would be turning 100 year old, its Board of Trustees saw the need to specially celebrate this uniquely amazing occasion in an equally unique SBCAF way— "Propagating the Planting of Native Trees" as its almost a decade-long environmental advocacy.

With the generous assistance of Bedan icon Andrew Gotianun, Sr. (AA'49), a portion of the Havila Filinvest in Taytay, Rizal was converted to a beautiful garden carrying the name "Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB Garden of 100 Native Trees".



Fr. Benigno turned 100 on May 23 – happily, healthy, proudly celebrating it with a worthy advocacy project to promote the use of Philippine native trees and raise scholarship funds. His

years have certainly been lived well, in fact many of them "lived for others", and his new "Garden of 100 Native Trees" continuously conveys his message that "life is best lived for others."





A MAN FOR A REASON

by Jojo I. Hautea

martial law. Shouldn't he be more strict and controlling? More out-of-reach and policy-driven?

Now as adults we know he had to be such, but way back then, he chose to be with his students. To show his familiarity, light-heartedness and love towards each of us. Even knowing and calling us by name.

Father Tarsi we would call him. He would look you in the eye when conversing and give you that fatherly and look of genuine interest. A good listener, you would notice his eyebrows raise a bit when listening to you – giving the assurance that he

indeed is trying to understand you as a student. His somewhat frail frame, hidden underneath his cassock would give him an advantage after all – that of being agile and be able to quickly give a student a tap or a gentle nudge of candor.

I had my share of these with Fr. Tarsi. He would ask about how the last weekend's party was. Or say with a slightly-bent head, "what happened to you?" once he would see you tired or limping from a sport-related injury. Even if he had his arms folded, students would not hesitate to go near him and strike a conversation or wait to be greeted. He was a lovable figure, not feared but respected.

Growing up as a teenager in the 70s had so much twists and turns that were both exciting and risky. These were the party years for the so-called baby boomers. Adventures then were simple, low tech but required much time to be on the road, to meet new people, see new places and even to imbibe new ideologies.

Martial law was still strongly in the air. Boys wanting to begin leading men's lives realized that was a bit of a struggle as opinions were tested.

Many were looking for role models.

And along the hallways of the San Bida at Mendiola was an all-too-familiar smile that was much welcome but an enigma as well. How could he be such a smiling face, for a priest and our principal at that? It was



The years moved on, and fast. I somehow lost track of him even while I spent my college years in San Bida and moreso after college where the real life of work and family started taking over. Not until the years that we began coming back to Mendiola – and found that Fr Tarsi was still there and now in the thick of higher responsibilities for the school, having served as Rector-President, and then as Abbot.

43 years after, the words by which I could describe Fr. Tarsi is still much relevant and resounding. Go down the halls of Mendiola today and you will still see this figure, this smile, this light heart and gentle soul. Still looking young, still looking to warm hearts.

At some corner in the school are trophies, emblems of achievements, new structures that symbolize new academic competencies. But at the core of these is what founds San Bida. Men of integrity, compassion and inspiration.

Thank you Fr. Tarsi for being these to us. May you live long and healthy and loved as you have done so.





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(GS '61, HS '65, CAS '69)

Alex expresses gratitude

Our dear Alex Lazo is expressing his unbounded gratitude to everyone who sent him financial assistance, prayers and warm wishes. To enumerate is to exclude. So Alex requested instead, that a general thank you note be sent to all Bedans and friends who remembered him during this difficult moment in his life. He is simply overwhelmed by the assistance extended to him by former students.

Alex is preparing for a possible Turp Surgery which he intends to undergo by mid-October. Let us continue praying for his full recovery.



MR. ALEX LAZO NEEDS HELP

Mr. Alex Lazo, retired HS Guidance office head and faculty member of the HS and CAS Departments, is undergoing medication for his prostate and Kidney ailments.

Alex is living all by himself in Las Piñas with only a meager SSS pension to get him by.

Any financial assistance from former students will be much appreciated. Kindly deposit your fund assistance to his personal account at PNB Account No. 516799800017. His contact no. is 0939-861-1927.

May God reward you abundantly for your generosity.



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