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Editor's Note

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



The Homecoming fever is on, and the SBC Alumni Association Office is abuzz with alumni events most prominently, the Grand Alumni Homecoming which is set today, February 4, 2012. Host classes are HS '87 (*Silver Jubilarians*) and HS '62 (*Golden Jubilarians*) led by Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, SBC chairman of the board. Come February 14, the traditional Red and White Ball will be held to celebrate Bedan Achievement, recognizing once again exemplary individuals whose lives, achievements and contributions to society and the global community have, in one way or the other, made a difference in the lives of others.

In this homecoming issue, we remember with grateful hearts revered Benedictines who have gone to eternal life recently – Rev. Fr. Bernardo Ma. Perez, OSB and Rt. Rev. Fr. Andres Formilleza, OSB, as among the most prominent ones known to Bedans of the past decades.

If these aforementioned well-loved Benedictine leaders have left so soon, Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, assistant moderator of various Bedan alumni organizations, continue to live life to the fullest, reaping honors in recognition of his dedicated and committed service to the Church. We feature Fr. B's papal award in this special issue as our way of paying tribute to his well-lived and inspiring life at 97, and still counting.

Meanwhile, let us enjoy the many events lined up for our alumni, hoping that they will be more engaged in San Beda's mission of education.

Welcome home Bedans and let the celebration begin!



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MVP



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ATTY. JONAS L. CABOCHAN
SBCAA President
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The San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) welcomes all Bedans attending the grandest homecoming ever held in the College. So much time, efforts and resources have been utilized to ensure that this Bedan homecoming will be one of the school's most memorable event. Thanks to HS Class '62 ably chaired by our revered Manny V. Pangilinan and HS Class '87 for all the preparations.

We welcome most especially Bedans from overseas who travelled great lengths just to experience once again our distinct fellowship. Ditto with Class 2012 who are attending their first-ever gathering with their older Bedan brothers.

As we all come together, we lovingly affirm that the San Beda College Alumni Association is our family and we all belong here. May our fellowship never cease.

Let that Bedan Spirit fire up once again as we say – Go, San Beda Fight!



MANUEL V. PANGILINAN
Chairman of the Board
San Beda College Manila
Golden Jubilarian (HS Class '62)

I am very privileged to welcome everyone to the 2012 Grand Alumni Homecoming. As a Golden Jubilarian, I take the lead in this year's celebration together with my HS Class '62. It is hoped that our coming together to reminisce the "good old days" of our memorable stay in our beloved San Beda College High School will allow us to reconnect with former batchmates, administrators and teachers, and savor once again the warm fellowship that is distinctly Bedan.

As we gather together for our homecoming, let us also discuss how we can pursue ceaselessly the spirit of collaboration to further assist our Alma Mater in its mission of education.

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VERY REV. FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB
Rector-President

Greetings of Peace!

My warmest applause to the San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) as you host another grand alumni homecoming with host classes: HS Class '62 (Golden Jubilarians) and HS Class '87 (Silver Jubilarians).

Through this Bedan Alumnus publication, I convey my sincerest congratulations to all for ensuring another successful Bedan gathering marked by fellowship and camaraderie so typical of any event organized by Bedans anywhere in the world. In celebration and thanksgiving, you convene today to reminisce the good old days and commit to remain steadfast in the lessons and values your alma mater has imparted upon you.

As you gather for your homecoming celebration, we hope you will also be able to see the many significant changes taking place in your alma mater, and discuss among yourselves how you can further assist in our ministry of Benedictine education.

We could not have gone this far in our Benedictine mission if not for your continued support, and we are glad to have you as our real priceless treasures in incarnating what Bedan education is all about.

Welcome back to San Beda College and may our fellowship never cease!

God bless you all.



RT. REV. TARCISIO MA. H. NARCISO, OSB
Abbot-Chancellor

Peace!

I welcome all of you to the 2012 Alumni Homecoming! This is a celebration that is a mix of **joy, nostalgia, and sadness**. Joy in meeting and reminiscing with classmates and friends of our student days in the College. **Nostalgia** in remembering our youthful experiences – for the Golden Jubilarians, the pre-Marcos years and intense NCAA rivalries; for the Silver Jubilarians, the violent anti-government demonstrations, the EDSA Revolution and the restored democratic structures under President Cory Aquino! And **sadness** when we see that a quite a number of our classmates had gone to their eternal reward and could no longer be with us.

However, a reunion should always be a time of thanksgiving for blessings we have received, for the gift of life that we still enjoy albeit with some of us afflicted with sundry ailments, for the opportunities to re-live our younger days, and for the immense love that God our Father still bestows on us.

We therefore look forward to the celebration, hosted this year by HS Class '62 led by San Beda Board of Trustees Chair **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan** and class members; and, HS Class '87 led by **Jude Roque, Calvin Millado, Norville Laus, Emmanuel Castañeda, Robbie Goco and Augustus Magno**. We thank and congratulate them as well as all the other honorees for this year.

May the Lord continue to bless us with His loving mercy! **"THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED!" ANIMO, SAN BEDA!**

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CALVIN B. MILLADO

*Chairman, High School Class of 1987
(Silver Jubilarian)*



A rousing welcome to all Bedans and friends to the 2012 Grand Alumni Homecoming. In behalf of my HS Class '87, this year's Silver Jubilarians, and the Golden Jubilarians of HS Class'62 chaired by Dr. **Manuel V. Pangilinan**, I enjoin everyone to revive, refresh and re-energize our Bedan spirits as we all gather together for our homecoming celebration.

As we celebrate our 25 years since our graduation from the High School, we find it fitting to pay tribute to the Benedictines, our college administrators, former teachers and service personnel for seeing us through our many years of stay in this venerable college. We come back with grateful hearts as we reminisce our good old days, appreciate the present, and plan the future with much hope for better things to come, for we all belong to a rich heritage of proud Bedans.

Just as our beloved alma mater move swiftly into the future, our homecoming is an essential statement of solidarity and support to San Beda's continued mission of Christian Benedictine education.

May the memories of this grand alumni homecoming sustain the fellowship amongst the members of the Bedan community now and for all time.

Go San Beda Fight!



NORVILLE R. LAUS

*President, High School Class of 1987
(Silver Jubilarian)*



In behalf of the San Beda High School Class of 1987, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the Bedan community.

This 2012, our batch is celebrating our Silver Jubilee and so we are pleased to continue the Bedan tradition of hosting this year's Grand Alumni Homecoming.

This grand Bedan reunion promises to be spectacular as we will be collaborating with the Golden Jubilarians of High School Class of 1962, which includes no less than the country's biggest business tycoon – Manuel V. Pangilinan, who is better known as MVP. Mr. Pangilinan's TV5 will handle the entertainment program, which is expected to be star-studded.

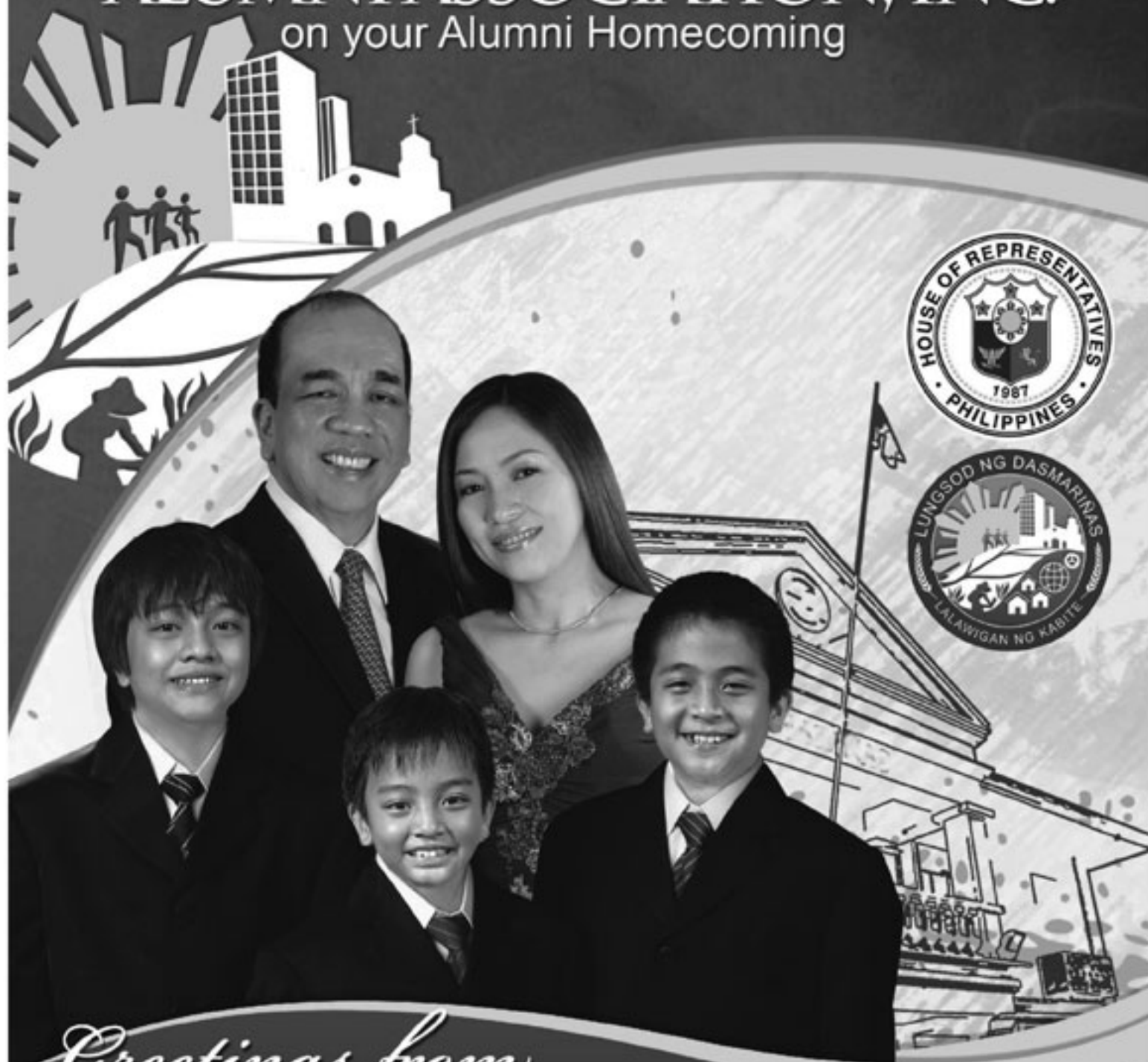
But the road towards the homecoming was never easy for our batch. Our preparations were hampered by the death of our recognized batch leader and dear friend Atty. Don James Mendoza in late 2010. DJ, as he was fondly called, had always been a student leader since our high school days. And he would always take the lead in uniting the batch year after year. His passing truly left a huge hole in our hearts.

Undeterred, a core group of new leaders emerged and I was just one of the many who chose to continue the work that DJ started. The other hard-working members of the group are Coach Jude Roque, Yong Garcia, Calvin Millado, Tetet Castaneda, Boyet Magno, Hero Bautista and Reynaldo Andres.

I would also like to thank and commend the efforts of our batch mates who are now facing life's various challenges outside our native land. We know you are with us in spirit during this unique celebration of Bedan Brotherhood.

And to the rest of our Bedan Brothers, let's continue to "Roar with Pride" in 2012, and beyond!

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The 2012 Grand Alumni Homecoming

All systems go for the grandest of all alumni homecomings hosted traditionally by the silver and golden jubilarians. This year's Silver Jubilarians (HS Class '87) and Golden Jubilarians (HS Class '62) chaired by no less than SBC's chairman of the board Mr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, are the main hosts of the night's festivity which promises to be different from the ones we had in the past, filled with entertainment, nostalgia, recognitions and fellowships.

Dubbed "Roaring Proud 2012 and Beyond", the homecoming celebrates the start of SBC's 111 years of great educational service to the Filipino nation, making every Bedan proud of his/her Benedictine heritage.

The celebration begins at 4:00 PM with a Holy Mass to be officiated by Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB, rector-president, at the Abbey Church. Jubilarian awards will be distributed after the Mass, with the first Dugong Bedista award to honor SBC's pillars, serving as one of the highlights of the celebration.

A grand dinner program kicks-off at 6PM at the Plaza Montserrat with topnotch performers from the MVP-owned ABC Channel 5 providing a night-filled variety entertainment. Leave it to professional entertainment director and former movie actor Rowell Santiago handling every detail of the show



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extravaganza. Calvin Millado, chair of this year's silver jubilarians emcees the program. Guests artists include Lovi Poe, The Dawn, Rico Blanco, Rachelle Ann Go, Alex Gonzaga, Tuesday Vargas, Kaye Brosas and more. This year's Homecoming holds special significance as a grand welcome is awaiting the Class of 2012 from the High School, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Medicine and College of Nursing.



A number of balikbayans from US, Canada, Australia, Germany, China have arrived since last week attending to several Bedan events to include the Red and White Golf Tournament (Jan. 27) and the Frolics (January 27-29).

This year's jubilarians include: Class'52 (Diamond); Class'62 (Gold); Class'87 (Silver); Class '82 (Pearl); Class'67 (Sapphire); Class'73 (Ruby), and Class'78 (Jade).

Here's a toast to an enjoyable evening filled with fun as we all roar proud in 2012 and beyond.





STILL ROARING With PRIDE AFTER 25

by Jude P. Roque

It has been 25 years since the High School Class of 1987 roamed the halls of San Beda College in Mendiola together. Now, the Silver Jubilarians in the 2011 San Beda College Grand Alumni Homecoming, this bunch of "new wave" boys shall come together once more to relive the old glory days of high school. They lead different other batches of Bedan alumni during this grand Bedan reunion, also co-hosted by the Golden Jubilarians of High School Class of 1962.

So many years have passed but most can still remember vividly the very exciting adventures of those four years in high school. This batch was of course among the teens in the late 80's that experienced the explosion of the New Wave Rock, popularized by British bands. Theirs were also interesting times in Philippine politics, with the assassination of Bedan martyr Benigno

"Ninoy" Aquino, Jr. in 1983, and the famous EDSA Revolution in 1986.

And then of course, this was the batch that witnessed the return of San Beda in the NCAA after three years of absence. In fact, some members of the class led the Red Cubs to a bridesmaid finish in the league's Juniors Basketball division in 1986.

So there are many reasons to be proud about belonging to this batch of Bedans.

As expected, many of them have become successful in their respective careers. Among the more notable members of the class are singer and musical actor Calvin Millado, celebrity chef Robbie Goco, multi-awarded musical director Pipo Cifra, former PBA player and now PAL international pilot Udo Belmonte, TV sports commentator and Smart Gilas National Team assistant coach Jude Roque, TV host Atty.





Eldrige Acheron of "Bayan at Batas" show, TV host of "Piso-billities" the late Atty. Don James Mendoza, inventor and airline pilot Fred Yu, PAL captain Oscar Estiller, Maybank Senior Vice Preseident Tetet Castaneda, and former national bowling champ Ronald Arkoncel to name a few.

Recently, Batch '87's Sedfrey Garcia was called as a witness in the Impeachment Trial of Chief Justice Corona, being the Registrar of Deeds of Marikina City. Palawan Governor Baham Mitra also belongs to this class even when he later transferred to San Beda College Alabang (formerly Benedictine Abbey School) when his family moved to Alabang Hills.

But the Silver Jubilarians must also thank some of their batchmates that toiled the midnight oil to make

the homecoming a success. The members of the core group that worked several months to prepare for the event are senior finance analyst Norville Laus, entrepreneur and baranggay councilor Yong Garcia, IT expert Boyet Magno, businessman Rey Andes, actor-comedian Hero Bautista, marketing expert Mel Fernandez, trader Gilbert De Guzman, and medical doctor and professor Top Orozco.

Of course, this class is very thankful and grateful to all its high school teachers and administrators that somehow helped mold them to become who they are today.

San Beda's High School Class of 1987 shall, without a doubt, continue to roar with pride even beyond 25 years.



The Roaring Golden Lions: HS Class '62 CELEBRATING A MILESTONE OF 50 YEARS

by Joffre M. Alajar



It has been 50 years since the San Beda College High School Class of 1962 was born. Since then, quoting the words of Cid Reyes in his letter to his class members, "this band of brothers have individually managed to transcend trials and reap rewards and triumphs along the way." Indeed, says Cid, "the class has stood proudly together in step with the march of inexorable time."

Yes, time has flown so quickly, and for members of this enviable class, 50 years after high school graduation is a milestone event worth celebrating with memories of their SBC days worth recollecting. More than the happy memories shared and treasured images from the past that speak of dreams fulfilled and milestone carved, Class '62 has kept a record as precious and stunning as the gold stone its anniversary is associated with.

TREASURING MEMORIES

Bringing back the hands of time, Class '62 turns the pages of Echoes 1962, appreciating more this Bedan compendium now as they come together for their homecoming. Proudly, Class 1962 was very much an era where Spanish Benedictines still dominated the college administration: **Rt. Rev. Wilfredo Rojo, OSB (+)** was Abbot President, **Very Rev. Benigno Benabarre, OSB** was Rector, (now assistant moderator of the San Beda College Alumni Association, who at 97 is still strong) and **Fr. Sergio "Pancho" Martinez, OSB (+)**, was High School Principal. **Rev. Bada del Hoyo, OSB (+)** was Secretary Treasurer, while **Rev. Juan Garduce, OSB (+)** was Commerce Dean.

It will also be remembered that 1962 belonged to the decade of change for San Beda College and our Filipino nation. That hallmark period allowed Class '62 to take distinct pride in the achievements of Bedans of the first half of the 20th century. It gave them a glimmer of hope that someday, equipped with their uniquely Benedictine kind of education, they too would pass on their humble share in making this place on earth a lot better, and make San Beda College immensely proud of what they have turned out to be.

As CAS Class '62 looks back 50 years ago, memories of their good old student days in San Beda are fondly reminisced. Vivid memories of members of Class '62 bring back memorable school events and incidents like: fist-fighting matches



among the boys in the football field and the San Beda Subdivision which seemed to be the favorite arenas to settle petty differences among Bedan bullies; buying salem cigarette and sobranic cocktail cigars from Aling Shirley; a classmate lowering the venetian blind in the classroom in synch with the national anthem during lowering of the flag in the late afternoon; and a host of other memorable anecdotes that made up Class '62 memorable school days.

Fond recollections of their student days would not be complete without their good old teachers who made a difference in their young lives. These included: **Mr. Feliciano Jimenez** (English and Literature), **Mr. Lazaro Lallab** (Biology), **Mr. Roberto Vinzon**, **Mr. Napoleon Abad** (Filipino), **Fr. Benito Afuang, OSB** (Religion), **Mr. Maximo Ayson** (Algebra), **Alfredo Concepcion** (Physics), **Mr. Hermogenes Leceta** (Chemistry), **Mr. Loreto Rentoy** (History), **Blas Ramos** (English) and **Mr. Mateo Roa** (English). Also fondly remembered by Class '62 was the former College Registrar for many decades, **Atty. Juan Cabrieto**.

Today, their homecoming, these great teachers are well-remembered and appreciated for their dedication and commitment to their ministry of education.

PROUD OF THEIR HARVEST

Tonight, as the CAS Class of 1962 serves as the lead organizing group in staging the alumni program show, they look back and strengthen ties with the College, as a thanksgiving for all that San Beda

College and Bedan brotherhood have been to them. For in a sense, they have made unique footprints in the quiet but challenging journey to excellence and pursuit of genuine service to Filipino society and the global community.

In a world that sometimes seems too caught up in the pursuit of material gains, Class '62 has been driven by a different passion to be of service to others and become a personification of the dictum that "the Bedan heart is happiest when it beats for others." It is "a road less traveled" as they say, and in choosing the less traveled road, Class '62 became the quintessence of the Benedictine's ideal servant leaders.

Class '62 has a number of outstanding Bedans led by **Manuel V. Pangilinan**, **Gerry Contreras**, **Ramon Medina**, etc. who have been time and again honored for their exemplary achievements in their respective professions. The class certainly is proud to have as batchmate **Dom Clement Roque, OSB** who is now rector-president of San Beda College Alabang. Big or small life achievements, Class '62 has done the Bedan family proud.

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE OF 50 YEARS

As they reminisce in bits of nostalgia their golden years in school, reconnect lives with one another and strengthen the special bond with San Beda College, they also renew about-to-be-forgotten ideals of their youth, and rekindle their commitment as Christians. At this moment in their lives, as they recall "the visions of their

youth", they once again commit to be embodiments of the Bedan ideals of *ora et labora* (pray and work), and *fides* (faith), *scientia* (knowledge) and *virtus* (virtue), to enable them to continue being Christians, and truly Filipino servant leaders.

As Bedans, their commitment to having a better San Beda College through a world-class quality Benedictine education remains as strong and fervent as ever, thus, they have re-organized themselves to make sure that Class '62 strives as one, in supporting the College in its future endeavors. During this homecoming celebration, Class '62 will be able to put on a substantial amount to finance the cost of converting six classrooms to state-of-the-art rooms.

A website (www.sbcph.com/goldenlion/index.php) has been launched to foster closer ties not only among members of the class but also with other classes, and with San Beda College. From its many projects, a key highlight is the publication of a souvenir coffee table book about High School Class '62. "This publication is a lasting testament, an enduring legacy, not only to generations of their respective families, but to future Bedans as well," says **Cid Reyes**, a lead member of the Editorial Board. The book entitled "The Golden Lions: Together, Forever" is Class '62's record for prosperity.

Meanwhile, Class '62 roars together as they treasure memories, take pride of their high school class, and celebrate a milestone of 50 Years!

Greetings from:





Manuel V. Pangilinan

PROUDLY, A GOLDEN BEDAN JUBILARIAN

by DR. JOFFRE M. ALAJAR

San Bida College's chairman of the board **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan** leads this year's Golden Jubilarians, as he proudly belongs to High School Class of 1962. Fifty golden years of being a graduate of SBC High School is a milestone worth celebrating, and the chairman leads in the preparations, demanding nothing short of perfection to make this event a great success. No stone is left unturned to make sure that the festive homecoming which his class is hosting together with the silver jubilarians (*HS Class '62*) will be another memorable Bedan affair.

"It is MVP's way of expressing gratitude to his Bedan Education," says **Mario Soriano**, past SBCAA prexy, and one of his closest high school buddies. *"Leave it to MVP,"* Mario quips, noting the carefully planned homecoming celebration.

A well-known philosopher once uttered that *"excellence is not an act but a habit."* As such, **Manuel V. Pangilinan** has once again proven that a highly accomplished man like him *"is one who is what he repeatedly does."* Dubbed as Asia's Captain of Corporate Turn-around, a powerful economic giant, and a business empire builder, Dr. Pangilinan, a.k.a. **MVP** in the corporate world, is considered by many, as the most successful Bedan business leader of his generation, living and working abroad for over a decade, experiencing through formal education and professional undertakings the very best models of leadership both in the West as well as in Asia.

MVP's many valuable achievements have undoubtedly changed the landscape of the Philippine business environment at the dawn of the 21st century. As such, this outstanding Bedan has captured the imagination of many, foremost his fellow red-blooded brothers. His inspiring success story, great achievements, and extraordinary ability to transform his firms from a crisis mode to a high ground are well recognized not only in the Philippines but even by the global community.

Undoubtedly, one thing about this Bedan exemplar is his sense of gratitude and uncanny ability to look back to his humble beginnings and the great influence of his early Bedan education which he considers to have greatly influenced his character. *"The discipline that San Bida inculcated in me, particularly with respect to one's own morals and religion are deeply rooted in myself, and that expresses itself in decisions I make,"* shared MVP as he looks back at the influence of his Benedictine education.

That Bedan spirit again! Indeed, MVP has brought to more than 28 top companies under his leadership, not only his proverbial Midas' touch, but more so, his golden Bedan touch – and it is a legacy which he is always proud of.



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Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan
GS '79, HS '83, LAW '94



As I end my third term as San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) President, I feel a good measure of fulfillment knowing that I leave a more dynamic, cohesive, united and relevant SBCAA. I am optimistic that whoever takes on the leadership of our organization will continue its strong partnership with our beloved Alma Mater and the Benedictine Community. It is with candor and humility that I acknowledge that I do not have the monopoly of competence and goodwill. There are other Bedans who can lead our SBCAA to even greater heights. As I still have one more year as director-trustee, I therefore commit to serve with vigor and enthusiasm.

In the next pages of this special publication are various school events organized and participated in by members of the SBCAA. A page or two has been allotted to the accomplishment report prepared by our Secretariat office on the many plans and programs administered by the SBCAA, SBC Alumni Foundation and our SBC Law Alumni Association, all three Bedan organizations which I found time to get actively involved in.

As I end my term as SBCAA president, I only have the best of wishes for our one and only SBCAA. One noteworthy program of our alumni association is the annual search for outstanding Bedans. Let us continue this annual search as the program brings to fore exemplary Bedan achievements worth emulating especially by the youth of today.

I join the many well-wishers of our beloved Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB on the occasion of the conferment of the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" Papal Award upon him by no less than the Supreme Pontiff Pope Benedict XVI. The award is for the Fr. Benigno's long-time exemplary service to the Church. May he continue to inspire not only the Benedictine community but the greater Bedan community as well. We salute you, Fr. B.B.

I congratulate also Bedans led by Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan as they celebrate their jubilee year with a grand alumni homecoming. Welcome too, to the Class of 2012 who will be inducted into the SBCAA during their respective graduation rites. I guess the homecoming theme: Roaring with Pride 2012 and Beyond, speaks well of what every Bedan feels being part of the growing San Beda family.



THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S LINE DR. JAIME Z. GALVEZ TAN



It's homecoming season once again – and so allow me to knock unceasingly on the hearts of many generous Bedans so we can continuously fund our student scholarship and professorial chair programs. Without you, we know we cannot accomplish much in terms of raising the necessary funds for these programs which have been helping financially needy but deserving students experience Bedan education, and improving the quality of instructions by faculty members.

The SBC Alumni Foundation is now a tax-exempt donee institution, and it is our hope that this will provide incentive to our future donors who can claim tax credit for whatever amount of donations that they will turn over to the SBCAF.

We continue to endorse our Red Lions Living Highways Project: Let's Plant Native Trees as this is our SBCAF's environmental advocacy. Let us fully support this worthy program for its environmental component. If only every Bedan can plant a native tree in his backyard, we are surely to experience lesser floods and other environmental problems. By your donation of Php 2,500 per tree you can adopt a scholar and let him/her experience Bedan education.

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8		Ronnie Zuleta	1	2,500.00
9		Elisa Zuleta	1	2,500.00
10		Arch. Ed Agula	3	7,500.00
11		Piero Reyes	40	100,000.00
12		Richard Sano	1	2,500.00
13	6/16/2009	George Yang	8	20,000.00
14	6/2/2009	Kiko Serrano	3	7,500.00
15		Fr. Benigno Benabarre	1	2,500.00
16	7/1/2009	Gary Vazquez	1	2,500.00
17	7/1/2009	Higgins Christ Corp	40	100,000.00
18	7/24-09	Cape Gregorio Oro	40	100,000.00
19	1-14-09	Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista	4	10,000.00
20	7/1/2009	Gen. Edmo Josen	3	7,500.00
21	7-13-09	UPVC Study	1	2,500.00
22	7-13-09	Vicente Carrotero	1	2,500.00
23	8-1-09	Joseph Tiong	2	5,000.00
24	8-14-09	Topico Studio (c/o HHT)	1	2,500.00
25	7-28-09	Arch. Gerry Carrotero	1	2,500.00
26	8-4-09	Geoffrey Go	2	5,000.00
27	8-24-09	Anthony Flores	4	10,000.00
28	8-15-09	Vicente Hills	4	10,000.00
31	8-17-09/11-23-09/11-27-09	PLDT-Smart Foundation	100	250,000.00
32	10-4-09	Dr. Conrad Oca	3	7,500.00
33	10-4-09	Atty. Dominador Buhari	2	5,000.00
34	10-4-09	Atty. Vito A. Jaka Alendog	2	5,000.00
35	10-27-09	Josh's Catering Inc.	3	7,500.00
36	11-3-09	Mr. Levy P. Lasa	4	10,000.00
38	11-24-09	Ricardo J. Serrano	1	2,500.00
39	11-09	Chuan Chua	1	2,500.00
40	3-3-10	Dr. Edgardo Flores	3	7,500.00
41	4-5-10	PCP-Winson Garcia - GNS	20	50,000.00
43	4-6-10	Dr. Corrado E. Oca		90,000.00
44	4-20-10	Levy P. Lasa (Hedge balance 40K)		40,000.00
45	6-29-10	Mayor Feliciano Torrey B. Balanosa	10	25,000.00
46	8-3-10	Atty. Alan Fernandez	4	10,000.00
47	8-8-10	Barb Sembrano-Huan	3	7,500.00
48	9-10-10	Syc Sizar-Fernandez & Gonzalez Law Offices	45	112,500.00
	11-24-10	PLDT-SPART Foundation (4th payment)	140	350,000.00
		TOTAL		Php 1,491,500.00

A look back at what have been accomplished...

2011-2012

SAN BEDA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SBCAA)

- Donated to the San Beda Table Tennis Team who joined the Palarong Pambansa in Dapitan Zamboanga.
- **Kishu Sehwani, Dr. Conrado Oca, Geoffrey Go** donated to the family of the late **Don James Mendoza** for the payment of their van monthly amortization.
- **Mr. Jose Araullo** donated to San Beda Junior Basketball Team who joined the Palarong Pambansa National Basketball Finals in Dapitan Zamboanga.
- Hosted a luncheon for **Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB** on his 96th birthday.
- Conducted the SBCAA Planning Session with the new Officers, namely: **Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan, President, Mr. Joselito I. Hautea, Vice President, Mr. Albert P. Almendralejo, Secretary, Mr. Jose G. Araullo, Treasurer, and Prof. Joffre M. Alajar, Executive Director; Directors: Mr. Edmundo R. Badolato, Atty. Dominador D. Buhain, Mr. Roberto M.C. Bunagan, Mr. Eriberto H. Gomez, Mr. Jose Mari V. Lacson, Dr. Conrado F. Oca, Dr. Edgardo C. Paras, Jr., Mr. Gabriel G. Patag, Justice Jose C. Reyes, Jr., Mr. Kishu D. Sehwani, and Mr. Rolando P. Sison.**
- Spearheaded in organizing the turn-over of Swimming & Table Tennis Team equipment donated by **Mr. James Sy** and his class HS '80.
- SBCAF Trustee **Mr. Levy Laus** donated to San Beda Junior Basketball Team who will be joining the Asian School Tournament in Singapore from June 30 to July 8, 2011.
- In partnership with the Graduate School of Business, assisted in the construction of the **Robert Coyiuto** Graduate School of Business Conference Room.



Leo Geo Vitug, a Bedan Accounting graduate reviewing for the October 2011 CPA Board Exams.

• Gave cash incentive to **Seodel Hearty Pilapil** for placing number three in the May 2011 CPA Licensure Exam.

• Provided financial assistance (courtesy of **Prof. Zeny Manuel, faculty member and Bedan parent**) to

- Sponsored student scholarship/financial assistance to the following students, through the help of **Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB, HS Class '59, HS Class '50, Dr. Conrado Oca** and **Kishu Sehwani**.

College of Law

Jose Angelo
Camille Sola
Antonio Ceasar Manila
Katrina Ayn Ayza Cue

College of Medicine

Kristine Mae D. Betansos
Pastor C. Manlangit
Chrizarah San Juan
Peter C. Tong
Marc Stephen Nae Navacilla
Grace Arviola
John Irving Merca

College of Arts and Sciences

Monica O. Palattao

- Donated to San Beda College Alabang Alumni Association for the "**Takbo Para Sa Iskolar**" fund-raising project.



Mayor Alfredo Lim, Dr. Conrado Oca and Fr. Rector plant a native tree along Mendiola sidewalk.

- **Dr. Conrado Oca** (Director of Seamens Hospital) provided ambulance and paramedic crew assistance to BAR "**Bedan Animo Run**".
- Organized a necrological service for **Rev. Fr. Andres Formilleza, OSB**
- Released The Bedan Alumnus magazine (April to July 2011 issue).
- Donated pocket money for the Bedan participants in the World Youth Day, Madrid Spain (August 15-22, 2011).

- Hosted luncheon for the San Beda Red Lion's Team.
- Baratillo Sale sa San Beda, an on-campus bazaar sale was held. Members of the Bedan community were able to avail of Converse, Jag apparel and other products at discounted prices.
- Donated to the San Beda Debate Society for their participation in the Debate WORLDS Competition.
- Donated a substantial amount for the "Takbo para sa Iskolar Fun Run" of SBC Alabang Alumni Association.
- Published of the San Beda College Alumni Homecoming Organizational Guide to enable the host jubilarians to better prepare for their homecoming.
- Assisted in the preparations for the 25th Anniversary of the Monastic Profession and the start of the 50th year of the **Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB**.
- Soft launch of the **Caloy Loyzaga** coffee table book production in partnership with the Caloy Loyzaga family.
- Sponsorship for **Atty. Sarmiento** book launch.
- Sponsorship of luncheon treat for the Red Cubs team.
- Launched the San Beda Swatch project to commemorate SBCs 110th foundation anniversary.
- Provided financial assistance through the **Prof. Zenaída Vera Cruz Manuel** Scholarship to **Mr. Geo Vitug**, a financially challenged BS Accountancy graduate of San Beda College, for his six (6) month CPA review classes.
- Organized and solicited funds for victory celebration of NCAA Jrs. and Srs. Basketball.
- Hosted a merienda for SBC Red Cubs.
- Organized necrological mass for **Fr. Bobby Perez**.
- Organized a Baratillo Sale sa San Beda, an on-campus bazaar sale was held. Members of the Bedan community were able to avail of Adidas, Sunnex kitchen wares, Jag-Lee apparel and other products at discounted prices.
- Organized meeting for Red and White Golf Tournament.
- **Atty Jonas Cabochan, Atty. Dominador Buhain and Mr. Jose Araullo** donated substantial amount for Bingo Bonanza for SBC employees hosted by the Graduate School of Business.
- Held the Red and White Golf Tournament initiated by the SBCAA and hosted by HS Class '80.
- Assisted in the preparation of the Papal Awards Rites for **Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB**.

SAN BEDA COLLEGE ALUMNI FOUNDATION (SBCAF)

- Planted Mangkono tree with **Mayor Alfredo Lim** and the Professorial Chair donors along Mendiola Street, in line with the SBCAF Red Lions Living Highway Project.
- Signed MOA with the Department of Education on the planting of native trees in every school making them an urban native forest. As a symbolic representation of the partnership between the two institutions, the mangkono tree was planted within the DepEd compound.
- Awarded financial and scholarship grants to the following scholars:

Chua, Mikhail	- Rene Veles Pangilinan Memorial Scholar <i>B.S. Information Communication Technology</i>
De Arroz, Monique	- Dr. Andrew Gotianum Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar <i>B.S. Accountancy</i>
Malapitan, Angelo	- Eduardo Cojuangco Sr. Memorial Scholar <i>B.S. Marketing</i>
Roferos, Kristina	- George Yang Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar <i>B.S. Accountancy</i>
Nacion, Blesilda	- Ninoy Aquino Memorial Scholar <i>Medicine</i>
Tantuan, Jenka	- Robert Coyuito Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar <i>B.S. Psychology</i>
Arevalo, Maria Angelica	- Ambassador Eduardo Cojuangco, Jr. Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar <i>B.S. Accountancy</i>
Hernandez, Ma. Jessica	- Fr. Benito Afuang OSB, Memorial Scholar <i>B.S. Accountancy</i>
Patrombon, Jerome	- Luis Ablaza Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar <i>B.S. Marketing and Corp. Comm.</i>

Soria, Iris

- Atty. Art Tugade Scholar
Full Scholarship
Medicine

Santiago, Michael - Arturo Macapagal Adopt-A-Bedan Scholar
B.S. Accountancy

- Turned-over the donation of **Dr. Conrado Oca** for the Capt. Gregorio Oca Professorial Chair in Labor Relations.
- Entered into MOA with the Zuellig Pharmacy Inc. to plant native trees in 90 schools.
- Accredited the SBC Alumni Foundation as a donee institution by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC), thus enabling the potential donors of the SBCAF to enjoy tax exemption privileges.
- Received a four-year Financial Management student scholarship grant for AY 2011-2014 from the Security Bank Foundation Inc.
- Received a four-year student scholarship grant for accounting majors from **Mr. Jose G. Araullo**.



- Launched the Capt Gregorio S. Oca Distinguished Professorial Chair on Labor Relations.
- Received a special scholarship grant for a graduating student from the Punongbayan & Araullo Foundation.
- Received a special one-year scholarship grant from Metrobank Foundation.
- Tree planting at NLEX in line with the donation of Mayor Enrico Echiverri to the Red Lions Living Highways project to raise funds for student scholarships and Professorial Chairs.



- Groundbreaking and Launching of the Washington Sycip's Outdoor Museum of Native Trees behind UP Auditorium and Film Center.

SAN BEDA LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SBLAA)

- Gave financial assistance to the College of Law Debating Team who competed in the Oral Argumentation Round-Manfred Lachs Space Law in Indonesia.
- Tendered a despedida and birthday dinner for Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB., 96th birthday.
- Donated benches for use of students. These are now stationed at the corridors fronting the SBCAA Office.
- Organized a testimonial reception in honor of **Honorable Beinvenido "Bojie" Reyes** (Law Class'71) for his appointment as associate justice of the Supreme Court.



- Held the annual Law Alumni Homecoming and Fellowship Nigh with the theme "**Bedans Rally for Nation Building**" at Club Filipino with **Vice President Jejomar C. Binay** as guest of honor and speaker. Host jubilarians – Silver Jubilarians -Law '86, Ruby Jubilarians -Law '71, Golden Jubilarians - Law'61.
- Commissioned **Mr. Rachy Z. Cuna, Jose Delfin and Associates** to design the proposed San Beda Law Hall of Excellence in the SBC Law Library.



CONNECT AND RECONNECT

by Augusto "Rene" V. Saguisag

Last January 12, in Forbes (Santuario) I met my former student, Tom Tieng, 1967 law valedictorian. He was No. 5 in the bar and has long made Michigan his home. He came home for a final good-bye to bayaw Al Llorente, an Ateneo Law alum, a member of the so-called 1999 Saguisag Committee, which looked into the Expo scam. The body was limited to a subject or two and did not face a challenge which the Truth Commish did, which I thought was correctly invalidated by the Supreme Court (SC). My stint cost me the long-time and valued friendships of two distinguished families. Welcome to public life.

Tom's classmate, Rollie Santos, with whom he tied for No. 5, was there for the service. Unable to come was Clare Mamaril, another classmate, busy with impeachment, assisting Rep. Raul Daza. Other Bedans on the impeachment prosecution team are Reps. Piding Barzaga, cum laude commerce alum, '70, Neri Colmenares, AB '90 and Reynaldo Umali, GS'71, HS'75. They went elsewhere for law, but San Beda had given them a good foundation. Private lawyers Vit Aguirre, HS'62, AB'67 and LLB'71 (with whom I worked in the case of Hubert Webb), Rex G. Rico, LLB '71 (who would have been Prez Roco's Speaker), Renato Samonte, Jr., LLB '80, Michael Millares, LLB '86, Winston Ginez, BSC '90, LLB '95 (No. 3, '95 bar), Xerxes Cortel, LLB '95, Clarence Jandoc, LLB '95, John Roldan, BSC '90, LLB '95, Frederick Vallesterro, LLB '95, and Ernesto Viovicente LLB '95, are also on the team prosecute our de facto Chief Justice.

I also heard from and reconnected with Hector Reyes, AB '68, LLB'72 and Rudy Salalima AB '69, LLB'73, Hector said he agreed with my "higher law" position, and Rudy, on my position on the power of the sovereign people to check grave abuse of judicial discretion. I have also connected with Remigio Saladero, Jr., LLB'83, a human rights lawyer, an unknown animal when we were in law school.

When I first came here in 1955, for pre-law, Fr. BB, a stern disciplinarian, was a German martinet, who in today's current millennium would amount to a child abuser. Room 12 was dreaded then at a time when

spare the rod and spoil the child was yet accepted, as part of our toughening process. My beloved Mommy and Daddy would "abuse" us so. Palo. TY Mommy and Daddy.

Up to senior law, the original Classroom Terrorists held sway, insulting us no end. TY, Justices Bernie Fernandez, LLB'53 (Bar, No. 5) Dick Puno, Felix Makasiar and Arsenio Solidum, et al. But, the other kind, Bobby de la Fuente HS'48, AA'50, LLB'54 (Bar No. 2, all-time), and Profs. Ed Caguioa and Jesus de Veyra, taught us prudence and moderation, and that lo cortes no quita lo valiente. Anyway, Fr. BB will be honored with a Papal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award on February 4. Enhorabuena. About time, as he must be nearing 200. Por broma solamente, Father.

I see that Regional Trial Court Judge Pedro Corales, LLB '84, has been elevated to the Court of Appeals. I was not teaching when he attended San Beda. But, I once had a case before him in Pasay. I liked his pro-poor-pro-youth stance. Another Bedan law alum I did not have the pleasure and privilege of teaching was Justice Greg Ong, LLB'79, who however, became my client, when his citizenship was unduly challenged, and I assisted his brother. Atty. Wally. Had it not been for the imbriglio he would be No. 3 now in the SC.

Di-makausap-di-malapitan-matigas-ang-ulo Greg, my type of Justice, heads the Sandiganbayan Division to try GMA, whose half-bro, Art Macapagal, GS'54, HS'58, BSC'68 was a throwback to the time when we had delicadeza, palabra and reticence. He would invite Raul Roco, AB'60, LLB'64, Art Montesa, GS'55, HS'59, AB'63, others, and me, to the Palace, within walking distance, for merienda. His sister, GMA, should have consulted him more often. Maybe she would have named fewer sosyal-mata-pobre-party-animals to the judiciary.

The late Fr. Bobby Perez stressed the need to use out training to give our people a better life. We dedicate this issue to this dynamic duo, Fr. BB, and Fr. Bobby, who have given us reasons to be proud of our Benedictine heritage.

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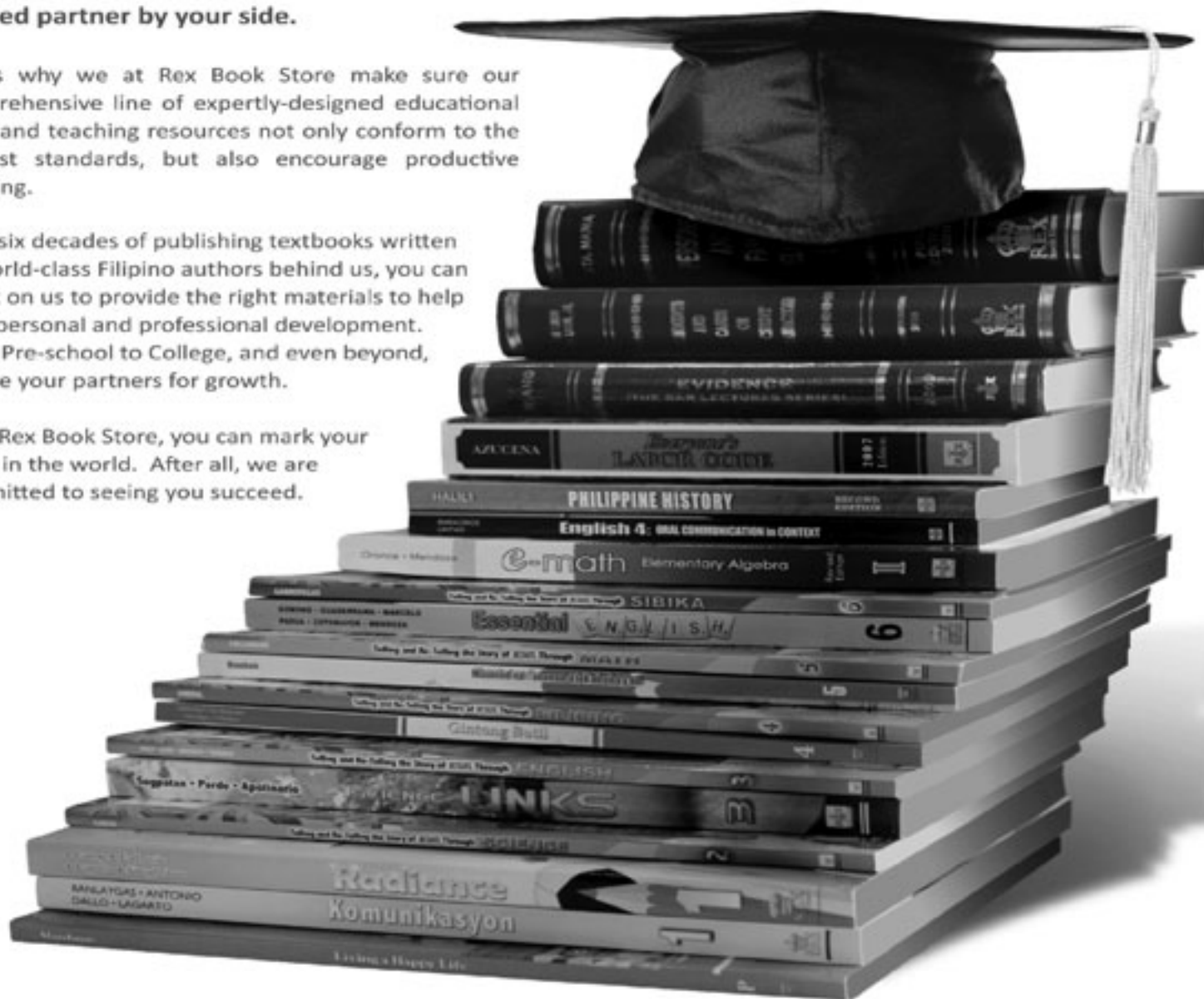


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A Fruitful Vacation

by Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB

Vacation can mean not only total rest, but also change of work. And this was what happened with my vacation from June 9 to October 12, last year, when I went to Spain four years after my last visit to my country.

Accompanied by Fr. Olegario, from San Beda Alabang, I went to Spain for two specific purposes: to celebrate with my sister Ramona her one hundred years on June 13, 2011; and to gather as much information as I possibly could about the lives of the first four abbots of this Benedictine abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat: Raimundo Salinas (abbot from 1924(5) to 1940), Peter Celestine Gusi (1947-1958), Wilfrido Rojo (1958-1963) and Bernardo López (1963-1968).

The task was not easy because it was the first time that such an investigation was attempted. But there were three good reasons for me to undertake it: two of those abbots: Raimundo and Bernardo were born in my province, Huesca; and I was familiar with Montserrat, where I thought I could find plenty of

information about abbots Celestine Gusi and Bernardo López.

After celebrating with Ramona, family and friends her centennial birthday in Alella, close to Barcelona, I went to Pozán de Vero, the birth place of Abbot Raimundo, and to Casbas de Huesca, that of Abbot Bernardo. In neither of them could I get their birth and baptism certificates because the church and civil records were destroyed by the communist during the late Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939. Nor there were any relatives of either village. Accidentally, because it was Saturday, one official of the City Hall of Casbas de Huesca provided me with a reconstructed birth certificate of Fr. López, and a neighbor pointed to me his family house. But I took some interesting photos of the two villages.

A niece of Abbot Salinas, retired Abbes Teresa Mata, OSB, still living in the Monasterio de San Benito, Miralbueno Alto, near Zaragoza, provided me with some information about her uncle and

family.

I made no effort to get information about Abbot Wilfrido because, at that time, not even I knew his birth place. He was so a humble man, that he never talked about his family nor he left any writing about himself. A tragedy for the historian!

Where I got plenty of information about Abbots Celestine Gusi and Bernardo López was in Montserrat abbey, Barcelona. Abbot Gusi was a monk of that abbey before coming to Manila, and Abbot López lived there for twenty years after resigning as abbot of Manila. Both are buried in the same crypt. I stayed in Montserrat 140 days, of which only seven were of total rest.

I did not only make research; I wrote by hand in Montserrat the first draft of five out of the seven chapters the future book would contain.

Again accompanied by Fr. Olegario, I was back in Manila by October 12, 2011. Really, a joyful and fruitful vacation.

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Still Shining Brightest and Achieving the Highest

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



When one reaches his twilight years, he usually learns to mellow down and wishes for a quieter and a more contemplative life. And so, it is absolutely delighting and inspiring to see aged old individuals who still remain active, productive and exude an aura of wellness even in their advanced years.

Our beloved **Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB** is one shining example of how to age so gracefully. At 96 ½, just years shy of a century, he still stays open to life's every wonderful possibility, while keeping peace with his soul, and gracefully surrendering to the Almighty what tomorrow brings.

Even today, Fr. Benigno continues to be a productive member of the Bedan Community, serving well the school in whatever capacity that he could, staying true to his professed vocation and life's mission. At the Divine office and the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the Abbey Church, Fr. Benigno in spite of his age, and wobbly legs, still manages to make his presence felt.

Every year since he returned to the Abbey in Manila in 2004, Fr. Benigno would always celebrate his milestone birthdays the Benedictine way: being with Bedans, giving much of himself, especially to his growing San Beda College Alumni Association, which he helped nurture through the years starting in the

decade of the 50's. On May 23, 2012, Fr. Benigno will mark his 97th birthday, committing to give more of himself, writing more articles and publishing books, and being eternally grateful to his Creator for each passing day in his long and productive life journey.

Born in Aler, Huesca, Spain, Fr. Benigno had his early schooling in Spain, went to Samos' Abbey for his ecclesiastical studies and to the Catholic University of America for his masteral degree in 1950, and a doctoral degree at Centro Escolar University in Manila in 1956. Fr. Benigno was ordained priest in 1938 in Lugo, Spain.

Fr. Benigno first arrived in the



established in the provinces.

During his long absence in San Beda, Fr. Benigno did pastoral works in Spain, USA and Puerto Rico, and published several books. Upon his return to San Beda in 2004, he requested his superiors to assign him again to the alumni office.

His secret for long life? Fr. Benigno says, he has no vices and makes full use of his 96½ years, notching even more achievements than most individuals known in and out of the academic community. At his advanced age, Fr. Benigno still maintains a full day schedule – attending the morning and evening communal prayers, reporting regularly for work at the alumni office without absence and tardiness, e-mails, writing books in one or another form (he has published 40 books/pamphlets and his regular weekly column for a Spanish newspaper *El Visitante de Puerto Rico*), as well as attending to his other duties as a priest. He left for Spain last year to do research on the lives and works of the first Spanish abbots of San Beda College. His years have certainly been lived well, in fact, many of those have been “lived for others”. Indeed, gratitude is the real Benedictine mark of Fr. Benigno who unceasingly fills his heart with

graciousness and thankfulness everyday of his life, giving back his many blessings of 96 ½ years.

On the occasion of the feast of the Sto Niño, the **Rt. Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB**, together with the members of the Benedictine Community and the San Beda College family members gathered as one as Fr. Benabarre received the distinguished “Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice” given by Pope Benedict XVI. This is a special service award given by the Holy Father to a religious in great service to the Church. Such good news from the Vatican has been relayed to the San Beda Community late last year by **Rt. Rev. Eduardo Africa, OSB**, after his meeting with **Msgr. Giorgio Chezza**, first counselor of the Apostolic Nunciature in the Philippines, Embassy of the Holy See.

Undeniably, Fr. Benabarre has left an indelible imprint in the Church, and in the life of San Beda College which he continuously serves with utmost joy, dedication and commitment.

To Fr. Benigno, here's a toast to many more years of good health, shining brightest and reaching the highest!

Philippines in 1950 as a Benedictine monk and became part of the local Benedictine Community for seventeen years. Very sickly, he left Manila for Spain in 1967. He returned to Manila in 2004, to reincorporate himself for good to the local Benedictine Community of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat. He held various important positions in San Beda College Manila, such as professor, dean of discipline and supervisor of libraries (1950-1952); principal of the Grade School Department (1952-1961); and eventually, rector-president (1961-1966).

To this day, the job he enjoys most is that of being assistant moderator of the SBC Alumni Association. During the early decades, the Association was revitalized aided by prominent alumni like the late **Chief Justice Roberto Concepcion**, the Delgado and Cabarrus brothers, **Gral. Basilio Valdes**, **Antonio Roxas Chua**, **Manuel Mañosa**, **Roberto Villa Abrille**, **Roberto Villanueva** and **Gregorio Dy Buncio**. The first and second editions of the alumni directory were published, in 1955 and 1965, respectively. To reach out to many Bedans, Fr. Benabarre started the publication of *The Bedan Alumnus* in 1962. He also assisted the new graduates to obtain jobs, through the creation of an alumni placement bureau. Various provincial chapters of the SBCAA were likewise



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The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice (Latin: For the Church and the Pope) medal is an award of the Roman Catholic Church. It is also known as the "Cross of Honour". The medal was established by Leo XIII on July 17, 1888, to commemorate his golden sacerdotal jubilee and was originally bestowed on those women and men who had aided and promoted the jubilee, and by other means assisted in making the jubilee and the Vatican Exposition successful.

It is currently given for distinguished service to the church by lay people and clergy. It is the highest medal that can be awarded to the laity by the Papacy.

The medal may be cast in gold, silver or bronze. On the medal is a cross made octangular by fleurs-de-lis fixed in the angles of the cross. The arms of the cross narrow towards the center, with slightly indented ends, approaching the form of the patonce cross. In the center of the cross is a small medal with the image of Leo XIII, the words "Leo XIII P. M. Anno X" (tenth year of his pontificate) circle the image. In the center of the reverse side are the papal emblems. The motto Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice is stamped in the circle surrounding the emblems.

On the obverse side of the medal, the branches of the cross are comets, which, with the fleurs-de-lis, form the coat of arms of the Pecci family. Stamped on the reverse side are the words "Pridie" (on the left branch), "Kal" (on the top branch), and "Januar" (on the right branch) and the year "1888" (at the foot of the cross). The medal's ribbon is red, with delicate lines of white and yellow on each border and is worn on the right side of breast.



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SBCAA Moderator



This year's grand alumni homecoming promises to be the biggest so far in terms of stage show production. Such is expected considering that this year's Golden Jubilarians is led by no less than SBC's chairman of the board **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan**. With a professional group handling the show proper, top performers from MVP's ABC 5, and a top of the line catering service by Carte Blanche, expect the homecoming to be the grandest ever in the history of San Beda College. Thank you MVP, congratulations and more power to you.

The Bedan Community experienced for the first time a Papal Awardee conferment rites. **Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB** made history again as the first Benedictine in the Philippines conferred a Papal award (*Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*). It was a well-attended solemn affair with the Papal Nuncio His Excellency Most Rev. Giuseppe Pinto as main celebrant. In attendance were **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan**, **Jose Araullo**, **Sec. Leila de Lima**, **Mayor Alfredo Lim**, and a number of Bedans and friends of Fr. Benabarre. It was heartwarming to see Fr. Benabarre moving around, still strong at 97 years old, lasting the half-day activity with members of the Benedictine Community, his beloved Bedan alumni and friends.

High School Class '80 did it again! The Red and White Golf Tournament held last January 27, 2012 at Wack-Wack Golf was a huge success – with more than 200 Bedans playing golf. Fabulous prizes awaited the winners. But I guess more than the prizes, it was Bedan Camaraderie at its best which emerged the biggest winner during this annual gathering of Bedan golfers. Congratulations to **Joey Alvero**, the lead organizer and president of the HS Class '80. He deserves the special commendation which SBCAA prexy **Atty. Jonas Cabochan** bestowed on him during the awarding rites.

We are truly proud of **Rachy Cuna** who is now styling the NBC Tent for the annual Red and White Ball. This is the first time SBC is tapping the one and only floral architect of the Philippines for the Ball.



Actually, Rachy has been the choice of **Manny V. Pangilinan** in practically all his grand events now. Certainly, MVP has good taste! In the last Pista ng Sto Niño, Rachy created a beautiful installation at the altar of the Abbey Church. The golden peacock-feather-like design of the installation fitted very well the majestic and solemn

conferment of the Papal award on Fr. Benabarre. Congratulations Rachy, you are surely everybody's favorite stylist. And thanks for being a grateful Bedan – one mark which makes Rachy endearing to his San Beda family.

Prof. Alejo "Jun" Villanueva, one of San Beda's brilliant minds, recently released an inspirational book entitled "When God Calls". The pocket book is well-written, as expected from a prolific writer like Jun, who has published several interesting reading materials on various topics. But this recent publication of Jun is a must-have, especially for people needing spiritual rejuvenation. The book is now available at the SBC Alumni Office priced at Php 250.





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