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

It is difficult to imagine San Beda College without the Benedictine fathers under whose aegis the College pursues its mission of education. Admittedly, it will also be hard to understand our alma mater – her shortcomings as well as her sources of strength and hope – without our revered Benedictines, one of them, **REV. FR. PAUL MA. M. DE VERA, OSB** whose golden anniversary of ordination to priesthood, we all celebrated solemnly last May 28, 2011. We dedicate this special edition of the *Bedan Alumnus* to Fr. Paul for all that he has been to the San Beda community for the past 50 years.

Also on spotlight in this issue are Bedans who have blossomed in their respective fields of calling, deserving of the Bedan Community's standing ovation. There are much more inspiring stories of Bedans who never got tired of chasing rainbows, and later found their own precious pots of gold.

In San Beda College Mendiola and Taytay campuses, the new academic year oozes with good and positive beginnings, like our having produced a third placer in the May 2011 CPA licensure exams; and, a significant surge in our student enrolment - an affirmation of the Filipino people's confidence in the value of Bedan education.

As the new academic year stretches before us, the SBC Alumni Association together with our new set of officers led by **Atty. Jonas Cabochan** (*who incidentally is serving another term as SBCAA president*) hopes that the College will be able to uphold its tradition of academic excellence, and continue charting a more dynamic and progressive future for Bedan education.

As this issue goes to the press, our beloved assistant moderator, **Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB**, must already be in Spain, keeping himself busy doing research works on the lives of the first Benedictine abbots who were mostly of Spanish descendants. Fr. B will be away for six months, and he requested that this special issue be released soonest. Following his wish, here's our latest edition of *The Bedan Alumnus*.

Have a leisurely read!

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REV. FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB  
(CAS Economics '83)  
Rector-President



I greet Bedans from all parts of the globe as a new academic term opens, marking the start of another school year in San Beda College Manila. This semester, we noted a surge in our student enrolment in the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Law and our new College of Medicine. Truly, SBC has now turned into an "academic mecca." And so we, in the college administration, are doing our best to ensure that our educational services are held to the highest level of efficiency and excellence.

Let me therefore take this opportunity to knock on the doors of our alumni for your usual support in the endeavors of the College. We consider you as our most trusted partner in this mission of Benedictine education, and we are confident that we can always rely on you for assistance so that Bedan Education can thrive even during these difficult times.

The marked increase in our student population amid the decline in the enrolment noted in our neighboring schools carries an important message, and that is: Filipino families and even foreign nationalities truly believe in the value of Bedan Education, and that San Beda College is a good academic destination.

Be with us, as we continuously work hard to make this academic destination -- Good to Great!



Pope Benedict



Fr. Benigno

## FLASH!!! Fr. Benabarre is Papal awardee

Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, assistant moderator of the SBC Alumni Association, will receive the PAPAL AWARD – *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*. This is a special service award given by the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to a religious in great service to the Church.

This good news has been relayed to the SBCAA office by Rev. Abbot Eduardo Africa, OSB after his meeting with Msgr. Giorgio Chezza, first counsellor of the Apostolic Nunciature in the Philippines, Embassy of the Holy See.

SOON!!!

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### An SBC Wristwatch

Swatch joins the nation in celebrating San Beda College's 110 years of great educational service to the Filipino people. This special watch designed and created by Swatch Switzerland is a tribute to the Benedictines under whose guidance and inspiration the College pursues its apostolate of education, that is solidly founded on the Benedictine virtues of *pax* (peace) and *ora et labora* (prayer and work); its teachers and non-teaching staff who nurture the young in their educational pursuits; the students who believe in having a Filipino Benedictine Christian education formation; and, the countless alumni who have carved milestones through their commitment to service, and become lead propellers of change, progress and development.

The San Beda College Alumni Association salutes the College in its 110 years as a great Filipino educational institution.







## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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



I am both humbled and inspired at having been re-elected president of the San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) for the third time. It is a welcome opportunity to give back to our alma mater and to once again be of service to Bedan alumni both here and abroad. Like in my past two terms, I remain committed to make our SBCAA a relevant organization attuned to the challenges of the times.

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While I consider my previous terms to have been equally momentous, this third one holds a special significance as it coincides with the 110th anniversary of San Beda College. That is a century and a decade of Benedictine education in the service of the Filipino. We therefore welcome the invitation of Rector-President, **Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB**, to partner closely with the college administration in making this milestone in our Alma Mater's long illustrious history meaningful.

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It is also my singular pleasure to be working with fellow Bedans who have been with the SBCAA Board for quite some time and served our alumni association as President, namely: **Mr. Kishu Sehwaní, Mr. Mari Lacson, Dr. Conrad Oca, Atty. Jimmy Buhain**. I also welcome back **Mr. Albert Almendralejo** to the Board. With the full support of the entire Board, the Secretariat headed by **Prof. Joffre Alajar, Fr. Basil** and **Fr. Benigno**, AY 2011 – 2012 will definitely be another fruitful and exciting year for us all.



## THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT'S LINE

Dr. Jaime Z. Galvez Tan  
GS '62, HS '66



The SBCAF is very pleased to have twelve (12) student recipients of various financial assistance grants from a number of generous Bedans. Through this column, I call upon fellow Bedans who wish to share their financial resources to adopt a scholar so these young minds can experience Bedan education. You may send in your donations through Security Bank SA # 0271-00777-001 – San Beda College Alumni Foundation.

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In memory of the late outstanding Bedan **Capt. Gregorio S. Oca**, the Distinguished Professorial Chair on Labor Relations will be launched soon in SBC-CAS. Thanks to son **Dr. Conrad Oca** and family members for putting up this professorial chair to honor the memory of our former SBCAA president. We hope that the Oca family will also serve as an example to all Bedans who may wish to support this academic program aimed at further enhancing the quality of instructions in the College.

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The SBCAF will soon be planting native trees along NLEX from KM 27 (after Bocaue exit) to KM 88 (after Dau toll plaza). To date, Bedans and friends have already planted native trees at KM12 to KM27. The SBCAF is targeting 57,000 native trees for NLEX, north bound. Our country has 3,600 native trees species; 67% are found ONLY in our country (endemic). Natural biodiversity affords a clear environment, which can translate to a healthier people and society. And native trees are the stalwarts of natural biodiversity. However, we realize that native trees are endangered in the Philippines and biodiversity has been severely compromised. The time has come to bring biodiversity back and the SBCAF is supporting this advocacy undertaking through its TREEathlon at NLEX project.

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The Department of Education and the SBCAF will soon become partners in a National Greening Program (NGP). The NGP partnership involves accrediting the SBCAF as one of DEC's NGO partners. The DEC will designate schools within Metro Manila and neighbouring provinces where SBCAF can establish a *Living Museum of Native Trees*. It is our dream to have an administrative order issued by the Office of the President declaring July 11 of every year as the *National Native Tree Planting Day*. It will be recalled that July 11 is Saint Benedict's Day in SBC.



REV. FR. PAUL DE VERA, OSB :

## Celebrating 50 Golden Years of Benedictine Life

by Joffre M. Alajar



*The Benedictine Community*

San Beda College has been in the service of the Filipino people for 110 years now. So much of what the College is today – relevant academic programs, huge student population, blend of old and modern physical infrastructures, its distinct Bedan spirit and distinguished alumni-ae, all these it owes to the inspired leadership of the Benedictines under whose aegis the College pursues its educational mission.

This year, the entire Bedan Community pays tribute to a Benedictine monk and one of San Beda College's great treasures – **REV. FR. PAUL MA. DE VERA, OSB**, on the occasion of his 50th year as a Benedictine priest.

Born in Mangaldan, Pangasinan on September 19, 1938, to **Conrado Centeno de Vera (+)** and **Juana Moyano (+)**, Fr. Paul was ordained priest in June 29, 1961.

The young Fr. Paul spent his elementary and high school education in Pangasinan, and later went to San Beda College for a degree in Philosophy and English, and theological studies. At the University of Sto. Tomas, Fr. Paul took BS in Education, and later, Master of Arts in Library Science.

At San Beda College Mendiola, Fr. Paul held very important key positions, namely: board trustee (1973-2009); director of services (1965-1998); coordinator of libraries (1967-1998); and sports director (1978-1998), among others.

Also at the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, Fr. Paul held the post of prior administrator (1998-2000); abbey dean (1972-74) and supervisor (delegate) (2000-2003).

At the SBC Alabang, he was also director of services (2000-2003); chaplain (2003-2006). Being coordinator of libraries is a position close to his heart, and which to date Fr. Paul is effectively discharging in the three schools in



Mendiola, Alabang and Taytay.

Fr. Paul amid his hectic administrative works found time to teach Theology at the College of Arts & Sciences and College of Law from 1975-1990. He occupied various leadership positions in the many professional library organizations and sports leagues to include the NCAA where he represented SBC. Fr. Paul was also recipient of a number of prestigious awards in the field of library science.

In honoring this outstanding Filipino Benedictine educator, the entire Bedan Community wishes him well on his golden jubilee, and pays tribute to his many years of dedicated service to Bedan education. And perhaps, it is Fr. Paul's bountiful reserves of hope, courage, faith, and enduring generosity of his selfless giving that his Bedan family celebrates this year with their highest praise and appreciation for this distinguished man of the Church.

God bless you more, Fr. Paul.





# Serving through Priesthood to Holiness

(Homily of Rt. Rev. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB during the Thanksgiving Mass to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Priesthood of Rev. Fr. Paul De Vera, last May 28, 2011 at the St. Benedict Chapel, San Beda College Alabang)

We are all familiar with the author **Morris West**, who wrote the novel *"The Shoes of the Fisherman"* (which also became a movie) in 1963, wherein he describes the election and career of a Slavic Pope, not knowing that 15 years later the Church will have as **Pope Karol Wojtyla** now **Blessed Pope John Paul II**.

Sometime after his 70th birthday, Morris West wrote an autobiography which he entitled, *"A View from the Ridge"*, a story of his spiritual journey. By ridge here, he meant the angle that 70 years of living had given him. "And what he offers is an exceptionally mature perspective on life. "When you get to be 70 years old, West says, your vocabulary should be pretty simple. You only need to have two words left: *"Thank you!"* He says that gratitude is the real mark of genuine maturity, of spiritual health. And it requires deep spirituality to recognize that everything we are, and everything we have, is a gift from God. And so it is just proper to say *"thank you"* and be filled with graciousness and thankfulness not just when we celebrate our 70th birthday but everyday of lives.

A golden jubilee is a very special occasion. It is a time for thankfulness and gratitude. It is a time to live more closely in relationship with God. In the Bible, the word jubilee meant the ram's horn which was blown to announce the beginning of the fiftieth year calling for the renewal of covenant, a call to live more closely in a special relationship with God. It was in Greek a *"yobalaaios"* or *"yubilum"* which means joyous shouting and festivity.

The Book of Leviticus describes what was entailed in the Jubilee Year of the Lord. The land will have a complete rest, all land were to be returned to its rightful owner. Most of all debts were to be forgiven, all slaves were to be freed, and all arguments settled. Do not deal unfairly with your neighbor or exploit him. It must be a celebration in holiness. Injuries and grudges should be forgiven and forgotten. There should be no hatred or injustice in our lives. It must be a time for renewal, a chance to forgive and forget and to start all over again. "It shall be a jubilee for you. The Jubilee shall be a holy and sacred thing for you. For jubilee means being renewed, open to a new life, and to a new beginning – to a newness and freshness in our lives.

As we can see, the celebration of jubilee



according to Leviticus must be both in festivity and in holiness. There is to be a celebration. But there must be also a return to holiness.

In our celebration of the golden jubilee of Fr. Paul as a priest, we cannot forget what **St. John Vianney**, patron of all priests says: the priest continues the work of redemption. "What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of his goods ... And if he ever realizes what he is, he would die... because God obeys him. He utters a few words and the Lord descends from heaven at his voice, to be contained within a small host.... After God, the priest is everything! ... Only in heaven will he fully realize what he really is. But what is most important is that the priest must have the heart and love of Christ." And I would like to add - But not only the priest, we all must possess the heart and love of Christ.

In the beginning I mentioned Morris West and the need for gratitude. But don't ever be fooled about





this because even for Morris West himself, gratitude wasn't easy to come by. His life, as his autobiography makes clear, had its share of hurts and rejections. So his story also highlights that gratitude is predicated on forgiveness, on letting go of hurts, on not letting the past bitterly color the present. To be grateful is to be forgiving." For we all have hurts, deep hurts. Nobody comes to adulthood without being deeply hurt. None of us is spared life's unfairness. At some point we may feel that we are never quite loved enough, recognized enough, respected enough, or honored enough. Small wonder that it is easier to be bitter than grateful, paranoid than hospitable, angry than gracious."

The Gospel today speaks about God's love for us. He will remain in us, dwell in us, not leave us orphans and send us the Advocate, the Spirit of truth to be our companion in this life's journey. The Lord is inviting us to deeper virtue. He wants us to do what is higher, more sublime, more noble, a love that truly gives up one's life. The Lord wants us to be heroic.

Never giving back in kind. Not giving back bitterness for bitterness, harsh words for harsh words, curse for curse, hatred for hatred. Rising above our sense of being wronged. Renouncing our need to be always right. Moving beyond the itch to always have what is due us. Forgiving, even when every feeling inside of us rebels at its unfairness. Most of all, always offering graciousness, blessing, love, understanding, and forgiveness in spite of everything.

A jubilee celebration is not simply a recalling of memories of days long ago nor listing down past achievements and successes and even failures, but a time for renewing relationships in covenant with the Lord and with one another.

Let us sound the trumpet for the ram's horn summons us back to our original inspiration to be of service to the Lord and His people. Let us make jubilee in the Lord so that we will feel secure and unafraid as we face the future and continue to serve the Lord in joy, hope and security. Let us rejoice in festivity and holiness because the Risen Christ himself renews His covenant of his continuing presence in our midst.

Finally, my dear brothers and sisters, let us continue to pray for Fr. Paul that this celebration will serve to inspire him in his continuing efforts to be holy, to be in close intimacy with the Lord Jesus and in his intimacy with Christ bring all he serves through his priesthood to holiness also. Amen! God bless us all!





FR. PAUL DE VERA, OSB

# A Man of Prayer and Work

**Fr. Paul Moyano de Vera, OSB** comes from Mangaldan, a town in Pangasinan. In 1954, he graduated from Santo Tomas Catholic School in Mangaldan. In the same year, he entered the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, Mendiola, Manila.

He studied Philosophy both in the Abbey and in San Beda College; and, pursued his theological studies at the Abbey's School of Theology right after his simple profession. On June 29, 1957, he pronounced his solemn vows at the Abbey Church. Four years hence, he was ordained to the priestly ministry. It was on March 21, 1961 at the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros where his **Eminence Rufino Cardinal Santos** ordained the "*man of prayer and work*", known today as **Father Paul**. He also finished a course in Library Science in 1965 at the University of Santo Tomas.

Father Paul is well-respected and loved by his staff in all San Beda College libraries in Mendiola, Alabang and Rizal campuses. His colleagues in the library profession look up to him as the "unofficial spiritual father and consultant on library matters". He is often invited as a resource person in various seminars and finds time to say Mass in big and important library celebrations.

Fr. Paul possesses the special ability to organize and motivate librarians to pursue bigger goals. So far, he has encouraged professional and paraprofessional librarians to form **MUNPARLAS** (*Muntinlupa, Parañaque, Las Piñas*) Library Association in year 2004 and the Rizal Librarians Association for the province of Rizal in year 2008. Much earlier, he co-founded the Philippine Academic and Research Librarians (**PAARL**) and was its first secretary in 1973. His latest "baby" is the Anolid Barangay Reading Center in Mangaldan, Pangasinan which was inaugurated last June 11, 2010.

Fr. Paul is a selfless person and believes that knowledge must be

shared. He shared his talents and expertise as an officer of the various library and instructional media center organizations. He is a bona fide accreditor of the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities in the area of library; very much involved with the Mendiola Consortium; taught Library Science subjects at Centro Escolar University from 1974 to 1997; and, currently a member of the board of directors of the National Libraries and Information Services, a sub-committee of the National Commission of Culture and the Arts.

A professional licensed librarian, Fr. Paul is well recognized and has been given awards by various groups and organizations. The latest recognition includes PAARL'S Lifetime Achievement Award last January 28, 2011; PLAIS Special



Award given last November 30, 2010; Outstanding Librarian Award (2010) from the Southern Tagalog Region Librarians Council; and Outstanding Librarian Award by the UST Library Science Alumni Association last April 2, 2011 on the occasion of UST's 400 years anniversary.

Writing is also one of Fr. Paul's hidden talents. He was then the author of the bulletin of the Seventh CONSAL (Congress of Southeast Asian Librarians) 1987; editor of the

IFLA Newsletter during the 46th International Federation of the Library Associations Conference held in Manila on August 18-23.

Father Paul's other love is sports. He is very much a part of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) as San Beda College's representative to the Management Committee. On March 19, 2010, NCAA South which he helped founded 12 years ago awarded him a plaque of recognition in appreciation of his unwavering support and unselfish commitment towards sports development especially in the countryside. He is one of the pioneers and current member of the board of directors of Samahang Basketbolista ng Pilipinas.

But over and above all these external activities, Father Paul remains humble and faithful to being a monk and religious priest. He is still serving the Benedictine Community in various capacities as member of the board of trustees, San Beda College Alabang; formerly prior administrator; and presently, the prefect of the junior clerics.

We join Father Paul as he celebrates the greatest and most important milestone of his life, fifty (50) long, fruitful years and unblemished service as a priest. We salute him and continue to pray that the loving God and Father shower him His endless love, peace and joy.

CONGRATULATIONS!





# THE PERSON WHO THINKS, THANKS

(Words of Appreciation delivered by Rev. Fr. Paul Ma. De Vera, OSB during the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to priesthood)

I chanced upon an interesting TV program the other day. It showed recording team who went around a very busy street corner, stopping people, pointing the camera at their faces and telling them: *"You've got two minutes on the air to say anything you want for the whole country to hear."*

No one had a prepared text. All 30 guests talked off the top of their heads. This went on for an hour and every person, without exception, talked of only one thing – complaint. Each one complained about home, family, high taxes, the high cost of living, about school or study or jobs, deteriorating peace and order, corruption and so on.

All of these people seemed to have thought to themselves, *"This is my big chance: the whole country will be watching. I'll tell them how bad things really are. Then everyone will know what's wrong with the world."*

Not one thought of mentioning what's right with the world...or what is right with their lives. Not one of the 30 thought of smiling into the camera and saying he or she was happy.....enjoying good health, blessed with a caring and loving family and so on.

After that program I got the impression that we are a race of grumblers. Perhaps we have forgotten that the old-age saying is still valid: *"The person who thinks, thanks."*

Taking that as a springboard, I raised my whole heart in praise and thanksgiving to God for giving me loving and prayerful parents, brothers and sisters for planting in me the seed of vocation to serve God and people in a special way. I thank God for giving me outstanding teachers, priests and sisters who continue to nurture my vocation by words and examples when I was in grade school and high school.

I thank God for bringing me to a community dedicated to

prayer and work. The Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat and San Beda College have been my home and world in the last fifty years.

The Benedictine community and the college afforded me the opportunity to grow spiritually, mentally, even physically. I appreciate the support system provided by the community. It gives me wider latitude to meet beautiful, intelligent, professional people in various interests and disciplines thus enhancing my growth as a priest and religious.

It wasn't easy many times but God, the Source of everything is always there. I falter many times. He is always there to lift me up for I have full trust and faith in His eternal love and goodness. He always remains faithful.

Father Abbot Tarci and beloved community, my brothers and sisters and respective family, relatives and friends, Fr. Dunstan and the choir, our readers at sa inyong lahat, Maraming salamat. Please continue to include me in your prayers na sana with God's blessing, we will gather again here in this beautiful church or in our church in Mendiola for the diamond jubilee of my monastic and sacerdotal anniversaries. God bless.







# LIVING THE BEDAN LIFE

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS OF  
DR. MANUEL V. PANGILINAN – CLASS 2011  
SAN BEDA COLLEGE, MENDIOLA, MANILA  
4:00 PM, FRIDAY, 1ST APRIL 2011

*Reverend Father Abbott, Father Rector, Dean Juanillo, distinguished members of the faculty and administration, fellow Bedans, Members of the Graduating Class of 2011: Magandang hapon sa inyong lahat.*

It is a genuine pleasure to be with you today. It feels good to be back to the place which launched my own journey in life – a journey of preparation and discovery.

I'm also delighted by how well both our senior and junior basketball teams did in last year's NCAA. We must be champions again in 2011!

But I must admit that whenever I step through the main gate into this Plaza Montserrat, I stop being your chairman of the board, and revert to the young man who grew up within these walls. So today, as I look upon your young faces, I cannot help but look back to my own time in San Beda, and reflect on what it did to help me with my life.

## Introduction

A few weeks ago, I sat down with some of you—San Beda's best and brightest—for an informal exchange of ideas. I was greatly impressed by the quality of their questions. I'd like to share with you my response to, and my experience, with them.

I was asked: What did San Beda do for me? What distinguishes Bedan Education from that of other schools? What are the secrets to success?

## My own beginnings

As some of you may know, I was not born into a life of privilege or pedigree. My *Lolo* started as a public school teacher in Pampanga rising through the ranks to become superintendent of public schools and, eventually, secretary of education. But he did not finish college. My father began his career as a messenger at Philippine National Bank, and retired as president of Traders Royal Bank, one of the larger banks in the 80's.

During my elementary and high school years in Mendiola, I had ten centavos to buy a bottle of coke, five centavos for crackers, another ten centavos to take the bus home from Legarda to Little Baguio in San Juan – which I made sure I wouldn't lose, otherwise I would have to walk home. On late Friday afternoons after the mandatory military training, buses and jeepneys along Legarda would be full. So I had to walk all the way to Quiapo to get a ride to San Juan.

*Marami sa mga kaklase ko noon nakakotse, at yung iba may driver pa. Ang swerte nila, sabi ko. Balang araw, magiging ganun din ako.*

In 1970, I started my career as executive assistant with a salary of 1,000 pesos a month. In 1976, I moved to Hong Kong as an overseas Filipino worker to work for American Express Bank. Five years later, in 1981 – 30 years ago to be precise—I founded First Pacific Company in Hong Kong. Now First Pacific has businesses in Southeast Asia, employs more than 100,000 people, and owns some of the biggest companies in the region—like Indofood in Indonesia and PLDT in the Philippines.

As you can see, for three generations of my family, life meant coping with challenges despite modest means, relying on God-given talent, hard work and a passionate determination to succeed. For my family, San Beda's motto – *ora et labora*—has not only been a way of life, but the best way to realize our dreams.

The enduring qualities of my education in San Beda find expression in the values I continue to cherish and practice to this day – discipline, a passion for excellence, and the belief that work is indeed God's prayer. These are the same four principles that vitalize *Regula Sancti Benedicti* – The Rule of Saint Benedict – the oldest living organizational document in the world.

## Secrets to success

I was also asked—what the secrets to success are?





My response was quite simple –when it comes to success, there are no secrets, no mysteries, no magic. And no shortcuts.

I said that success springs from old-fashioned values – values that are permanent and enduring, values that transcend the context and circumstance of our time. These values are as basic as being honest – and truthful – with your fellowmen, and with yourself, especially. Values that are as fundamental as working hard, playing fair, and doing no harm to others.

At First Pacific, we believe in old-fashioned values, and in the ethical behavior by which we practice them. We know that the growth of our companies can only be sustained by treating our many stakeholders— our customers, shareholders, employees – justly and well.

We've created a corporate culture that promotes an open and honest style. We encourage people to speak up – freely and without fear. By being transparent, we may be more open to criticisms – but transparency cultivates honesty and, ironically, a stronger sense of security. Openness breeds fresh ideas and enables our organization to renew its vigor when needed. The ability to relate and communicate is important to us. We don't like surprises.

That's why management – especially the chief executive officer – must not only be exemplary stewards of corporate assets. But they also must serve as the moral compass for the organization. That is precisely the challenge of leadership in our time – and in our country – to shape a culture where honesty is paramount, where integrity starts from the top, and where success is built from the ground up.

### The Bedan Education

Finally, I was asked: Was your San Beda education useful?

In my time, San Beda placed a huge emphasis on discipline and rigor in thought and in deed. Academic excellence was stressed as much as our spiritual life.

The San Beda of yesteryears is similar to what it is today—giving a warm, family feeling, a sense of prideful belonging to a special brotherhood. Perhaps San Beda's relative smallness, has enabled us to feel we're one community.

I learned how to set high goals, and high ambitions. Even today, I tell myself and my associates, if our goals are not high enough, why bother? Mediocrity is easy—most everyone can achieve it. Excellence is difficult—not everyone can attain it. So I say to you – go for excellence – it belongs to a space less crowded.

My competitive spirit may have been nurtured by contests we had here in San Beda. These were Spelling, Mathematics, and Religion. I remember winning a spelling contest by only one point – with the word —*precocious*, which I didn't even understand at that time. Wanting to win these contests drove me to study hard. In spelling for example, to practice, I would ask my sister to read out random words from the dictionary for me to spell. But it wasn't just words which I was learning – it was a winning attitude, a positive frame of mind, a passion for excellence, that were the critical lessons.

Of course, ambition is one thing, and execution, another. I learned not just to dream, but to work towards that dream – inch by inch, stone by stone, step by step.

Setting high goals means taking big risks and, inevitably in some cases, making mistakes. This is another lesson I'd like to share with you: Don't be afraid to make mistakes, because you're still young and can afford it, and because you're likely to learn more from them than you will from your successes. Today people see First Pacific as a hugely successful business. But they also forget that we made many mistakes along the way. The difference is that I wasted little time on feeling bad and sorry for myself after a failure. The best antidote to failure is action – because the world out there is nothing if not a world of endless action, of choices made daily, of decisions taken constantly.

### Conclusion

Let me now close by leaving you with these thoughts.

To the graduates, I say this—with your San Beda Education, you're being given something in trust – to care for, to use in a beneficial way, and to give back to your school in as good or better condition than when you first entered these walls. The entrustment bestowed upon you is knowledge – a knowledge that will deepen to understanding and wisdom over time.

Much have passed since San Beda was founded 110 years ago. But the importance of this day we should appreciate: **San Beda's grand tradition of education and its simple purpose of a better future.** This purpose will be achieved in our duty, and our duty fulfilled in service to one another.

As you take leave of this school, as you say goodbye to your friends and faculty, may I remind you that you will remain part of San Beda long after you've left. If you stay true to the best of your education here in San Beda, you will stay true to yourself. Finally, you belong to one of the country's best colleges. You are fortunate because the future lies wide open for you. Granted, you're entering a pretty screwed up world. Many in my own generation dared to dream, and fight, and risk, in order to succeed.

You should do no less. So just do it!

I am honoured to have joined the fellowship of Class 2011, and to have walked with you as you start your journey towards a new life.

God bless you all. And God bless San Beda.







*GSB Dean Nap Juanillo with Seodel Pilapil*

## SAN BEDA'S Newest *Pride*

San Beda College has proven once again that it is one of the top accountancy schools in the Philippines today after **Seodel Hearty Pilapil** (*CAS Class 2010*) garnered third place in the May 2011 CPA licensure examinations.

Further, SBC maintained its consistent "respectable" passing percentage which is always higher than the national passing percentage. It will be recalled that PAASCU repeatedly commended "SBC's creditable performance in the CPA licensure examinations", considering this as one of SBC's best features for many decades now. San Beda has also been cited repeatedly by the Professional Regulation Commission as a top performing school in accountancy.

**Prof. Joffre Alajar**, chairman of the Accountancy Department, expressed joy and pride in this new honor brought by the SBC accountancy graduates to the Bedan Community. A Thanksgiving Mass and testimonial dinner were held last June 17, 2011, to celebrate this new Bedan achievement.

Go San Beda Fight !

**We made it again !!**



**SEODEL HEARTY T. PILAPIL**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> placer**

Congratulations to the successful Bedan Candidates  
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Go, Elyssa Marie G.  
Guzman, William Joseph B.  
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Salaver, Adzo A.  
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Sy, John Henry G.  
Tabuco, Allan Roger N.  
Vitalicio, Jeanne Marie  
Velasquez, Ivy Maureen A.



*(l-r) Prof. Joffre Alajar, GSB Dean Cardie Roque, Seodel Pilapil and VP for Academic Affairs Ricardo Palo*







*Seodel with mom and Prof. Alajar during the CPA oath-taking rites at the PICC*

## SEODEL HEARTY T. PILAPIL 3rd Placer, May 2011 CPA Board Exams **The OFW's son rises**

by PROF. JOFFRE M. ALAJAR

In this decade-old phenomenon of Filipino parents leaving their young brood behind in order to try their luck abroad, it is so inspiring to see young men who are able to create their own lives, survive their parents' absence and end up reaching for their dreams.

Such is the poignant story of San Beda's latest pride **Seodel Hearty T. Pilapil**, third placer in the May 2011 CPA licensure examinations. At a very young age, Seodel's mother had to work in Hong Kong as a domestic helper for 20 years, and his father who could not find a job in the country, tried his luck in Australia as an auto mechanic. Seodel in his young mind then could hardly

understand their impoverished condition and why both his parents had to leave them for an extended and indefinite periods in order to provide for the growing needs of the family.

Forced to confront the paradox of the absentee-parent-providers, Seodel in his young heart, immensely missed the loving and living presence of his **nanay** and **tatay** who nonetheless dutifully sent over to the family their dollar remittances. It was a hard life for Seodel and family members who in fairness attempted to bridge the physical distance that overseas migration have brought them in.

Amid the difficult family life circumstances and a deep sense of loss, Seodel made a commitment to endure and rise above his situation. And as fate brought him to San Beda, Seodel promised to do well in his studies. But it was again a rough sailing life in SBC, being in the challenging accountancy course.

Much to his disappointment, Seodel was not able to graduate on time due to a failing grade. But the Filipino resilient trait in him made Seodel to dream big, no matter what. He went to the CPA review school with his "*big dream*" to become a CPA board topnotcher. And so he did, with a high **91.86%** rating thus, entitling him to garner the third highest place in the government licensure examinations for CPAs.

In the recently held testimonial dinner for new Bedan CPAs, Seodel Pilapil recounted his poignant and inspiring tale of how adversities forced him to be strong, gave important life lessons and brought him opportunities to emerge eventually a *Big Winner*.

This kind of story has become typical nowadays among Filipino families. Nevertheless, Seodel's story has to be told and retold for it inspires and instills in others a sense of hope for the future, especially to families torn apart by overseas migration. And this is **Seodel Hearty Pilapil's** tale on how he, an OFW's son, has risen.



*San Beda's Pride with the officials of the Professional Regulation Commission*



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(GS '72, HS '76)  
SBCAA Moderator



Scholarship! Scholarship! This is what we are in need at the moment as a number of our students could hardly continue their studies due to the hard times. Thanks to a number of generous Bedans and friends who responded to our call for scholarship assistance. Through this column, I wish to thank **Dr. Conrad Oca**, **Mr. Kishu Schwani**, **Prof. Zenaida Manuel**, **Atty. Rudy Robles**, **Tito Catindig**, **HS Class '59**, **Alexander Carlos**, **Mr. Toti Herbosa** and **Class '50** for their kindness. May your "Great Tribe" increase so more and more students can continue experiencing Bedan education even during these difficult times.

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Perhaps, by the time this issue of *The Bedan Alumnus* is released, **President Noynoy Aquino** has already chosen two(2) new justices of the Supreme Court to replace outstanding Bedan Associate Justice **Antonio Eduardo Nachura** and Associate Justice **Conchita Carpio Morales**. We keep our fingers crossed that outstanding Bedans **Atty. Rodolfo "Rudy" Robles** (*Law '67*), **Justice Jose "Joey" Reyes** (*Law '77*) and **Justice Bienvenido "Bojie" Reyes** (*Law '71*) would have been chosen by the President to take over the post vacated by our two respectable magistrates. May the best men occupy the two honorable SC seats.

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We thank once again **Mr. James Sy** (*GS '76, HS '80*) for his valuable donations of clappers and other swimming paraphernalia for use by our SBC swimming teams. As always, James is highly relied upon for assistance when his alma mater cries out for SOS! Thank you James, and assure you of our continued prayers for your good health and prosperity.

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The Bedan Community welcomes the inclusion of business magnate **George Yang** of McDonalds in our SBC Board of Trustees. With his entry to the Board, expect a more progressive and dynamic San Beda College in the days to come.

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Also, we thank the Law Class '85 led by **Atty. Plaridel "Jun" Bohol** and DOJ Secretary **Leila de Lima** for donating computer equipment to our SBC Law Legal-Aid. The donation was done last June 22, 2011.



### ALUMNI TIDBITS

Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB



- **José Victor M. Martinez** (*AB Political Science 1966*), based in Los Angeles, Ca., visited the Alumni Office and offered to bring to California 20 copies of our *The Bedan Alumnus*.
- Accompanied by **Fr. Abbot Tarcisio**, his personal friend, **Anthony Paras** (*GS '73, HS '77, BSC Accounting '81*) visited the Alumni Office to inform us about his father's terminal illness. Fr. Abbot went to see him, and yours truly administered him last sacraments. The latter said a Mass for his soul after dying a few days later.
- Three good friends: **Francisco Yulo** (*GS '52*); **Francisco G. Pasicolan** (*GS '52, HS '56*); and **Gregorio P. Catenza** (*HS '56*) visited me in the Alumni Office.
- **Eduardo Guanco Marquez** (*HS '55*), an industrial engineer, paid a visit to the College and the Alumni Office to recall his old days in San Beda.
- Accompanied by his brother **Roberto**, **Gaudencio David Jr.** (*GS '52, HS '56 CAS '60*), based in Canada, came to the Philippines to visit his family and his Alma Mater.
- **Ramon S. Aldea** (*GS '46, HS '51*) paid us a very kind visit.
- **Angel C. Arando** (*GS '51, HS '55, BSC '60*), based in London, and holding a high position in an important shipping company, and **Willard P. Grant, Jr.**, a successful banker, based in San Diego, Ca., visited the College and the Alumni Office. Both are OUTSTANDING OVERSEAS BEDAN AWARDEES.
- In the Solicitor General Office, we have, at least, the following alumni as assistant solicitor: **Amparo M. Canoje-Tang** (*L.I.B. '70*), **Ramon Jacinto G. Del Rosario** (*GS '77, HS '81, Management '85*), **Reinaldo A. Saldares** (*AB '74, L.I.B. '78*), **Bernardo G. Hernandez** (*AB '82, L.I.B. '86*) and **Eric Remigio O. Panga** (*L.I.B. '93*).
- **Renato O. Marzan** (*AB Philosophy '69, L.I.B. '73*) was appointed member of the board of directors of the Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone





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A loyal Bedan until the end –

## EUGENIO R. REYES, 91

(March 20, 1920 – May 18, 2011)

*The Red and the White  
Colors to it is you we defend  
Fearless for you our might the fight we will lend  
So wave colors wave  
We will fight on for your glory  
Red and White  
We will fight till the fight is won*



The last time **Mr. Eugenio Reyes** (HS '37) dropped by his beloved alma mater was in December 10, 2010 when a classroom in Saint Bede's building bearing his name was blessed, and a commemorative marker with his portrait was unveiled. In spite of problems in his mobility, Gene, as he was fondly called by peers, was very happy then, knowing that a classroom in his well-loved school would carry his name in perpetuity. The San Beda Graduate School of Business and the San Beda College of Arts & Sciences – Accountancy Department named the classroom **THE EUGENIO R. REYES ROOM** in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of the accountancy profession marked by loyalty, diligence, dedication and competence; his being an inspiring example of professionalism; and his having contributed much to building the College as a Christian community and Benedictine family; and his having epitomized and exemplified the Benedictine ideals of *pax, ora et labora*, and the Bedan values of *fides, scientia et virtus*.

A recognized pillar in the accountancy profession, **Mr. Eugenio Reyes** worked arduously to reach the top. A proud son of Bulacan who graduated honourable mention in high school from San Beda College in 1937, Mr. Reyes was fourth place in the CPA licensure examinations. In

1940, he distinguished himself in public and private accounting becoming partner at SyCip, Gorres, Velayo & Company for 33 years, 22 of which as Senior Partner, and 11 years as member of the SGV Management Committee. He retired from the firm in 1980. In his early years, Mr. Reyes worked as supervisor, and worked his way to partnership at Fleming & Williamson, CPAs for eight years. Retirement spelled the beginning of an active career in private accounting. Mr. Reyes served as chairman of five companies and held the same position at the Credit Information Bureau Inc. for 10 years. He served as director in a bank, a holding company, foreign airlines, publicly listed companies, a communication company, and a manufacturing company. Mr. Reyes was chairman and member of the Board of Accountancy for 11 years. While in government, he was director of two government corporations and was member of a Presidential Fact-Finding Committee. During his lifetime, the accounting profession was close to the heart of Mr. Reyes. He served as president of the PICPA for two years; president of the ASEAN Federation of Accountants; PICPA director for eight years; vice chairman of the PICPA Foundation; and technical adviser of the Council of the International Federation of Accountants in the USA.

Reyes celebrated his 91st birthday with a simple get-together in his Quezon City house. Among the guests were members of the Benedictine Community composed of Rt. Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB; Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB; Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB; and Prof. Joffre Alajar.

His son **Roman Felipe "Manny" Reyes** (GS '64, HS '68, BSC Accounting & Auditing '72) told **Father Tarcisio** that even in his sick bed, his father was humming the popular "*Red and White*" cheering song. Manny requested for a tape of this well-known Bedan hymn from the alumni office, and this was played every now and then while recuperating from his illness. During his 91st birthday party, this was the song most requested by him. The old man, considered one of the few oldest surviving Bedans, was at his best elements when he heard this song, as he reminisced his good old happy days in San Beda College.

Indeed, **Mr. Eugenio Reyes** remained a loyal Bedan until the very end. He lived a full life and is probably singing now the Red and White song with more gusto, this time with fellow Bedans in heaven. Further, Mr. Reyes must be yelling at us now with a hearty laugh, "*Bedans, Go San Beda Fight!*"

Last March 20, 2011, Mr.

May his soul rest in Peace.





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## 2011 SBCCA BOARD PLANNING SESSION

# "COMMITTING TO BE A MORE RELEVANT SBCCA"



In its desire to be a more functioning and relevant alumni association, the board of directors of the SBC Alumni Association (SBCCA) held a one-day planning session last June 4, 2011, to chart its future.

In attendance were Atty. Jonas Cabochan, president; Mr. Jojo Hautea, vice-president; Mr. Albert Almendralejo, secretary; Directors – Rollie Sison, Erie Gomez, Dr. Conrado Oca, Atty. Dominador Buhain and Obet Bunagan; Prof. Joffre Alajar, executive director; Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB, moderator and Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB, assistant moderator.



Among the matters resolved in the planning session included: a) having organized and functional working committees; b) transparency in its financial records; c) more relevant SBCCA activities; d) more participation from the alumni; and e) active engagement of the alumni in the various aspects of the College's education mission.



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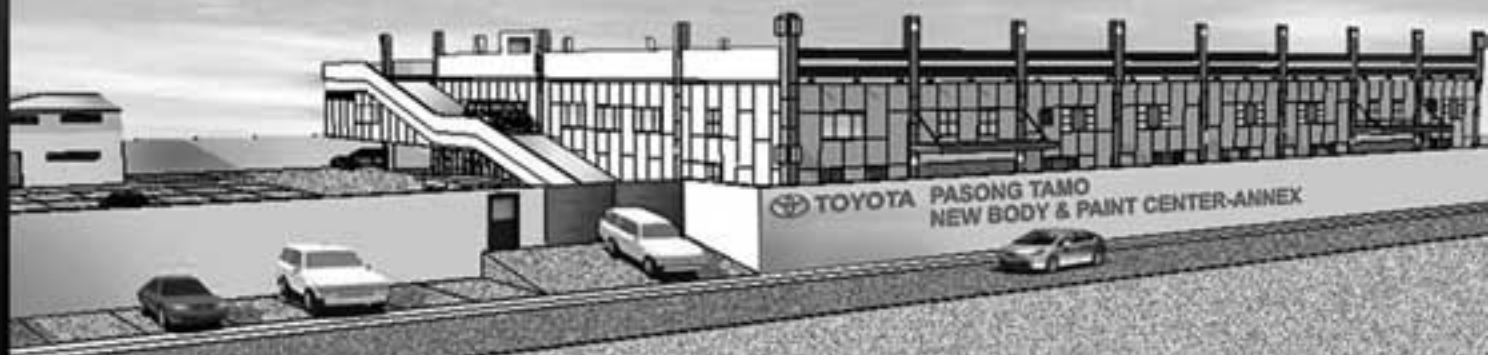


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## Enhorabuena, Fr. Benabarre@ 96!

by Joffre M. Alajar

Last, May 23, 2011, Monday, our beloved **Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB** turned 96 (wowowee!). And in the SBC Alumni Office, we thought that it was our role to be leading the Bedan Community into thanksgiving and celebration of another significant milestone in the life of this revered Benedictine priest.

Modernity has indeed long disturbed even our Benedictine religious order, that today, we crave for true role models of humility, compassion, obedience and a lot more holy virtues which its founder, Saint Benedict of Nursia, expected from no less than his followers.

And so it pleases us to no end, to still find some religious like Fr. Benabarre who live up to our "ideal" Benedictine father.

Sad to say, his likes have become a rarity now-a-days. And so we can only thank God for blessing Fr. Benabarre with a long productive life, so that we still have his inspiring presence in today's world wanting of role models like him.

Today, generations of Bedans connect, as we all remember how this well-admired monk has touched lives of both old and young.

In 1994, when he came back to San Beda College after almost three decades of stay in Spain, USA and Puerto Rico, Fr. B, as some of us endearingly call him, opted to reincorporate himself for good to the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat and work as assistant moderator in the alumni office.

His presence in the alumni office allowed SBC to reconnect to its past, and provided a much-needed reminder of those eras of innocence and great achievements, even as San Beda continues to reinvent itself today to enable it to face the insurmountable challenges of twenty-first century education.

At 96, Fr. B is still physically and mentally strong, with a perfect blood chemistry which he proudly shares with us every now and then. Except for his tired and shaking knees, Fr. B. remains healthy, reporting everyday in the office and observing the usual eight to five working hours. He uses the computer, maintains an e-mail account and avails of the vast services of information technology in this day and age of digitalization. At 96, Fr. B amazingly writes a lot- for *The Bedan Alumnus*, the SBCAA official news magazine which he founded in 1962; for a Spanish newspaper (*El Visitante de Puerto Rico*); a weekly article and, has published almost 40 books and pamphlets.

**Fr. Abbot Tarcisio Narciso, OSB** would constantly thank Fr. Benigno for setting a good example as a monk, still regularly joining the Community at the Divine office and the Holy Eucharist.

Even at his advance age, Fr. B. continues to find new meaning in his vocation. Late last year, he found himself engaged with the "Little Sisters of the Abandoned Elderly", a congregation whose mission is to take care of old people, aged 60 years and above who have been abandoned by



their respective families and are financially challenged. Fr. B is helping to raise substantial funds to keep the institution going. This June, 2011, he plans to visit Spain to research on the lives of the Spanish Benedictines who served before as abbots of San Beda College. It will also be the best time for him to pay a visit to his equally aging sister who is turning 100 years old, and younger brother who at 87 is also amazingly strong. Fr. B proudly tells us that his family lineage has been blessed with long healthy lives, so it does not come to a surprise that he himself has been blessed with good genes that make one live longer.

And how does he see himself on his 96th birthday? Fr. B. speaks from the heart - "to give more of myself, serve more, and be forever grateful to God for His unending grace."

What else can we say to those 96 well-lived years and counting more, than — enhorabuena, Fr. Benabarre! Undoubtedly, you are our true Benedictine role model.

You may reach Fr. Benigno in Spain at  
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Abadia de Montserrat (Barcelona)

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*San Beda Law Alumni Association hosted a despedida dinner for Fr. Benigno*

**"HASTA LUEGO" –**

## **Fr. Benabarre back in Spain**

**Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB**, assistant moderator of the San Beda College Alumni Association, left for Madrid, Spain last June 8, 2011, and will stay in said country for several months.

The trip to his native land, being born in Aler, Huesca, Spain, will have two purposes: a) to visit his 100-year old sister and 87-year old brother, who like him, are still relatively healthy in mind and body; and b) to conduct a research about the lives of the first four abbot superiors of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, Manila, and of the first four rectors of the College.

**Rt. Rev. Fr. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB** Abbot-Chancellor, has given permission to Fr. Benigno to take a "sabbatical leave" (with work), a much needed break for someone who has recently turned 96 years old.

It will be recalled that Fr. Benigno first arrived in the Philippines in 1950 as a Benedictine, and was part of the local Benedictine Community for 17 years. Very sickly, he left Manila for Spain in 1967. He returned to the Philippines in 2004, and reincorporated himself for good to the Benedictine Abbey here in Manila.

Fr. Benigno will surely be missed by the Bedan Community, especially by the countless number of alumni whose lives he has continuously touched even in his advanced age. And so to Fr. Benigno, we say – "Hasta Luego!"



*Fr. Alejo Villanueva and Atty. Avelino Cruz greet Fr. B.*



*The HS Class '58 led by Arthur Macapagal visited Fr. B. before leaving for Spain*



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# JOSE "Lolo Pepe" ARAULLO

## (HS '55, BSC. Accounting '59)

### Giving back the blessings of 73 years

by Joffre M. Alajar

Jose G. Araullo, more popularly known in the local banking industry and the accountancy profession as Joe or "Lolo Pepe", turned 73 years old last July 10, 2011, "Life has been good to me," says Joe who at his advanced age is still accomplishing much, and continuing to serve his fellow men in joy, hope and thanksgiving.

A banker of integrity and founder of the audit firm Punongbayan & Araullo, Joe is presently the chairman of the board of The Real Bank, one of today's most respected and trusted thrift banks in the country.

A legend and considered one of the great Filipino treasures in the field of accountancy. Joe is a self-made man who reached the top through hard work, perseverance, prudent use of power and authority, sound and decisive management style. His occupying executive positions in various business empires prove his worth—*chairman emeritus* of the Punongbayan & Araullo; and chairman of The Real Bank, to name a few.

A multi-awarded Bedan and recipient of the Bedan of the Century award in 2001, Jose Araullo has always been a respected and recognized leader in the accountancy profession.

In 2003, in recognition of his significant contributions to the accountancy profession, the Punongbayan & Araullo Foundation and the San Beda College Alumni Foundation established the **Jose Araullo Professorial Chair in Accountancy** at the CAS.

In 2010, the San Beda Graduate School of Business and the San Beda College of Arts and Sciences-Accountancy Department named one classroom the Jose G. Araullo room in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of accountancy; his effort to build the Punongbayan

& Araullo auditing firm, making it one of today's biggest auditing firms in the Philippines; his leading a simple but purposeful life as an advocate of truth and accountability; his being an exemplar for generations of students desiring to be part of the accountancy profession; and, his firm resolve not only to be a captain of his own destiny but to be a person for others; making a real difference where it matters most.

At this time in his life, Joe could not ask for more, but believes that he is still in a long journey treading the path to discover more of life, loving more, serving more and giving back the many blessings he has abundantly received. At 73, Joe continues to live a life that matters with wife **Amparo**, and four sons – **Jojo, James, Anthony** and **JJ**.

A true and sincere giver, Joe is eternally grateful to his Bedan education – and his SBC involvements are his way of expressing gratitude to his alma mater for all that it has been to him.

Indeed, **gratitude** is the real Bedan mark of Joe who continuously fills his heart with graciousness and thankfulness everyday of his life, giving back his many blessings of 73 years.

More power, more blessings, **Joe A.!**





## MVP hosts dinner for High School Class '62

Next year's Golden Jubilarians – SBC High School Class '62 held a small reunion to map out plans for the class '62's homecoming jubilee scheduled on February 4, 2012.

**Mr. Manuel V. Pangillinan**, the most prominent member of Class '62, hosted the dinner gathering held at the Executive Lounge of the Pacific Towers, North Tower, Bonifacio Global City.

About 45 members of the jubilee class showed up for the event. **Cong. Tomas Apacible**, announced to the class the many projects lined up by the steering committee leading to the homecoming in 2012. Among these included the publication of a coffee tablebook entitled HS '52 to '62: Together . . . Forever. Proceeds of the book sale will go to SBC Mendiola. The Class plans to donate Php 1.4 million for the construction – renovation of four state-of-the-art-classrooms. The Red and White Ball which is annually sponsored by MVP will be held on February 14, 2012. The ball is expected to be different from the ones held in the past. Ditto with the homecoming. After all, it is MVP's group who will lead in the celebration.

## CABOCHAN is elected anew as SBCAA President

**Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan** (*GS '79, HS '83, LAW '94*) has again been unanimously elected as president of the San Beda College Alumni Association for AY 2011-2012.

It will be recalled that Atty. Jonas was also the outgoing SBCAA president engaging the alumni to a number of worthwhile activities. His first stint as prexy of the association was in 2008 where he led the association to many significant programs.

Meanwhile, the SBCAA board of directors, in a meeting held last April 14, 2011, elected also **Mr. Jojo Hautea** as vice president, **Mr. Albert Almendralejo** as secretary, **Mr. Jose Araullo** as treasurer, and **Mr. Joffre Alajar** as executive director.

President Jonas and other officers said that the manifestation of support from the SBCAA inspire them even more to pursue bigger and more relevant programs for the SBCAA. Academic year 2011-2012 will witness the 110th year of SBC as a great educational institution. Related plans and programs are now being drawn up by the SBCAA board to celebrate another milestone year for SBC.







## NO EASY TITLE DEFENSE FOR ALL-FILIPINO LIONS

by Jude P. Roque

The NCAA Season 87's basketball hostilities started last July 2 with defending seniors champions San Beda Red Lions crashing host Perpetual Help Altas, 82-52, in a prolific display of firepower and stonewall defense, to begin their title defense on a high note.

However, this year will certainly be a lot different from SBC's conquest of the 2010 Season, where the Bedan ballers swept all their opponents for an immaculate 18-0 record, for they will have to defend their crown without American recruit **Su Daniels**. The 6'7" center from Los Angeles busted his knee during training just two weeks before the tournament opened.

Daniels was not just a vital cog in last year's unblemished season for SBC. He was in fact named Season 86's MVP and Best Defensive Player. He averaged over 11 points, 11 rebounds and 4 blocks per game. These are huge numbers for SBC, especially on the defensive end. He sustained an ACL injury that will need at least four months to heal. This means that Su will not be able to play in the NCAA any longer. He will be over the age limit by next year.

And so, the Red Lions will have to go to battle with an all-Filipino roster for the first time since capturing the NCAA championship in 2006. Since then, they amassed four titles, three of which were won with Nigerian behemoth **Sam Ekwe** (2006, 2007, and 2008), and one with Daniels (2010). SBC lost the title series to San Sebastian in 2009. Another Nigerian recruit, **Ola Adeogun**, is still serving

his 2-year residency and will suit up for the Lions next year. But for now, it's up to the local boys to retain the crown.

But the Red and White squad remains formidable this year and is still expected to emerge on top, even as the league increased its membership to 10 schools with the entry of the Lyceum of the Philippines. Back to see action for the Lions are ace gunner and skipper **Garvo Lanete**, former NCAA Juniors All-Stars MVP **Dave Marcelo**, former NCAA Juniors MVP **Jake Pascual**, hotshot **Rome Dela Rosa**, the bull-strong Australian twins **David** and **Anthony Semerad**, spitfire **Anjo Caram**, the towering **Kyle Pascual**, shifty guard **Mar Villahermosa**, and the vastly improved duo of **Melo Lim** and **Mike Sorela**.

The prized rookie for SBC this season is no less than last year's NCAA Juniors MVP **Baser Amer**, who steered the Red Cubs to back-to-back titles. Although he has big shoes to fill with the graduation of 2010 team captain **Borgie Hermida**, Amer boasts of outstanding numbers from his high school stints, averaging double digits in points, assists and rebounds. He was also a former member of the National Youth Team. The other neophytes are guards **Ryusei Koga**, a transferee from San Beda Alabang, and **Paolo Pontejos**.

With this line-up, the Red Lions enjoy the deepest bench once again, with a good mixture of battle-tested veterans and a heavily skilled second unit.

But Coach Frankie Lim can expect a stiffer competition this year with virtually all teams shoring up their rosters. The biggest threats this season are expected to come from the SSC Stags and Mapua Cardinals. Despite losing head coach **Ato Agustin** to the pros, San Sebastian still has key players **Calvin Abueva**, **Ronald Pascual** and **Ian Sangalang** to carry the cudgels for new coach **Topex Robinson**. MIT, on the other hand, got a gem of a rookie in 6'7" Fil-Palestinian **Yusef Taha** to join forces with the sweet-shooting **Allan Mangahas**, **Mark Sarangay** and ex-Red Cub **Rodel Ranises**.

Also dangerous are the hard-fighting Letran Knights, with prolific scorer **Kevin Alas**, the energetic **Jose Rizal Heavy Bombers**, sans their Cameroonian imports **Joe Etame** and **John Njei**, and the much improved and intact **Arellano Chiefs**, which listed two African imports to back-up topscorer **Adrian Celada**.

Other teams are the St. Benilde Blazers, **Emilio Aguinaldo** Generals, **Perpetual Help Altas** and **Lyceum Pirates**.

It surely won't be a walk in the park for the Red Lions like last year but they are certainly ready for the challenge. The squad will miss Su's intimidating presence inside the paint, but Dave and Jake are prepared to assume that job. And so are the rest of the Lions. Indeed, capturing this year's crown will be sweeter with an all-Pinoy crew. And the Red Lions have the chance to silence their critics once and for all.





# TITO L. PARDO, REMEMBERED

San Beda High School Class of 1958 will never be the same again without **Tito Pardo**, who passed away last Friday, June 3, 2011.

It will be recalled that in 2007 when members of class 1958 celebrated their golden jubilee as graduates of San Beda High School, **Tito** was the one who spearheaded the class to a number of activities that made meaningful their 50 years' celebration. These activities included the successful staging of *Adventus: A Christmas Concert* at the Abbey Church; the refurbishing of the pews in the Abbey Church and installation of the Statue of the Sto. Niño de Mendiola in the SBC Campus.

**Tito**, a successful businessman in the field of steel and metal industry, succumbed to death at the age of 69. His bereaved widow **Mrs. Rosario Pardo** and son **Joseph** request for special prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

Thank you, **Tito** for the good memories, and more importantly for being a great Bedan!



## The Robert G. Coyiuto, Jr. Business Management Conference Hall to be inaugurated soon



Outstanding Bedan **Robert Coyiuto, Jr.** has donated to SBC over half a million pesos for the construction of a conference room that will house a small library, consultation area and conference room. The Graduate School of Business led by **Dean Ramon Ricardo Roque** initiated this project. Robert is chairman and chief executive officer of Prudential Guarantee & Assurance, Inc. and PGA Sampo Japan Insurance, Inc.; chairman of PGS Cars, Inc., Coyiuto Foundation and Hyundai North Edsa; president of Oriental Petroleum and Minerals Corp. since 1994; and, vice chairman of First Life Financial Co., Inc.



## In Memoriam

- Eugenio R. Reyes (HS'37)
- Manolet G. Mañosa, III  
(GS '70, HS '74, BSC Comm. '81)
- Salvador Paras, (GS '69, HS '73)  
father of Gerardo F. Salvador, Jr.
- Josefina Ortera Teotico, mother of Teotico  
brothers Gerardo, Rene and Roberto
- Romeo V. Saguisag (HS '69)
- Arsenio Dasig (SBC gardener)
- Simeon M. Constantino III (GS '82)
- Jesusa D. Toribio  
(mother of John Henry, Abbey porter)
- Jose Laoingco, former teacher for thirty  
years (GS principal, and alumni  
coordinator)
- Augusto "Tito" L. Pardo (GS '58)
- Gaudencio "Dodi" Besa (GS '66, HS '70)
- Jo Ramos (daughter of Former President  
Fidel V. Ramos, honorary Bedan)
- Atty. Joel Estrella (HS '83)
- Atty. Rolando R. Gatdula (LAW '91)

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





## K UNLESS PREZ appoints some Bedan to the SC SAN BEDA, NINOY AND SOCIAL AWARENESS

by Augusto "Rene" V. Saguisag  
AB English '59, Law '63



**Rudy Robles, LL.B. '67, Bojie Reyes, LL.B. '71 and Joey Reyes LL.B. '77**, made it to the six-person JBC short list for the vacancies created when **Supreme Court Justices Eddie Nachura, LL.B., '67, and Chit Carpio Morales (UP)** retired. I pushed in particular for Rudy as he has two years two go. He knocked down the unconstitutional JBC-made rule that if one was from outside (non-career), 65 was the limit. That was a major blow for constitutionalism and the rule of law. No question about his sterling qualifications, No. 1 in the bar, Harvard Law alum, Con-Con Delegate, etc., and serves communion.

**Rep. Pidi Barzaga, BSC, '70**, and I debated on TV the issue of **Marcos** in the Libingan ng mga Bayani, an idea my wife, **Dulce**, and I had vigorously opposed. The super-executive, super-court, super-legislature and one-man continuing constitutional convention was a full-dress dictator, a kleptocrat and gross human rights violator. Hero? The world would be astounded that yesterday's villain, kicked out to world acclaim in 1986, and ruled as thieves by our Supreme Court on July 15, 2003, is today's hero. From what I see in the papers, the last hero to be buried there recently was **Anding Roces**, who fought Marcos, now a vida. Should Anding be removed, being a contravida therefore? - in case FM moves there, as my wife Dulce, would have wanted in 1998: her father, a Colonel, was a Bataan Death March and Capas survivor.

The following I read in **Mon Tulfo's** Inquirer column of June 23, 2011. "Some Catholic Bishops are urging the President to convince his maternal relatives to parcel out Hacienda Luisita. But as things are now, the chances of the Cojuangcos giving up Luisita is like **Queen Elizabeth** renouncing her throne. The **Cojuangcos** are the exact opposite of the **Aquinos**, P-Noy's relatives on his father's side. **Bishop Emeritus Teodoro Bacani** likes to tell the following anecdote about the late **Sen. Benigno Aquino, Jr.**: When **Ninoy** was studying at San Beda . . . , his mother **Dona Aurora**, visited him from Tarlac. Ninoy, who even then already had a social conscience, asked **Dona Aurora** to distribute their landholdings to their tenant-farmers.

**Aurora Aquino** told her son it was impossible. To which, **Ninoy** replied: 'How can you go to church every Sunday and not practice Charity?' But **Dona Aurora** was adamant.

"Several weeks after that exchange, the mother called her son.

She said that she had decided to distribute the farm to their tenant-farmers as **Ninoy** had requested. Since then, the **Aquinos** have not owned a big farm. Why can't P-Noy be like his father?" (PDI, June 23, 2011, p A-24, col. 5)

We are taught many things in San Beda. In AB, I learned about the classics. In Law, I learned about the law. But, more important than either is social awareness, as shown by **Ninoy**, **Manny V. Pangilinan**, and the human rights advocates we have produced, like **Bobit Sanchez, LL.B. '54**, **Odie Melchor, LL.B., '68**, **Boy Ella LL.B. '63**, **Arno Sanidad, GS '67** and **HS '71 Neri Colmenares, AB '90**.

Kind **Ninoy** I first saw as commencement speaker in 1964, repeatedly saying "it was in this institution I learned, etc." I should have remembered the rest of what he said but then that was the year **Amalia Fuentes** went up the stage to accompany a graduating nephew. Guess who or which I remember better. No contest.

Seriously, **Allan Dori's** father was a lawyer for the Duponts, and his mother lawyered on Wall St., writes **James Mill** in *One Just Man (given to me by a Jesuit)*. Al was a New York City Legal Aid Society lawyer although his parents left an estate of seven million dollars. Why? Explained Al: "Something my father told me I have never forgotten, though I have rarely succeeded in living by it. He was spending a lot of time representing an old man who'd open thrown out by his landlord. He was the friend of our doorman or a maid or someone's chauffeur, I don't remember. Anyway, he was very poor, and had nothing whatsoever to do with the Duponts. I asked my father why he spent so much time on the case. He said, 'He is as you are. He laughs, he cries, he fears, he dreams. So be kind. All you can do in life is be kind.'" **Ninoy** was kind. We all should try to be so.



Robles



Morales



Barzaga



Nachura



B. Reyes



Ninoy



B. Sanchez



Dori



## Bedan Isagani Lati is recipient of AY 2011-2012 AIM W. Sycip Graduate School of Business Scholarship Grant

A Bedan made it in the highly competitive examinations conducted by the Asian Institute of Management for aspiring scholars to pursue Master in Business Administration (MBA) studies.

**Isagani Lati** (CAS Accounting Class of 2001), third placer in the May 2002 CPA licensure exams, was chosen scholar to receive the W. Sycip Graduate School of Business – the Best and Brightest Scholarship for AY 2011-2012. The said scholarship covers : a) program fee of Php 900,000; b) dormitory fee of P160,000, and c) personal allowance/ school supplies Php 96,000.

**Dr. Honracio Borromeo**, associate dean of the W.Sycip Graduate School of Business, congratulated Mr. Lati for the scholarship grant, in a letter sent to him last 4 July 2011.

Congratulations!



## SBCAF partners with DepED in National Greening Program

On the occasion of the feast of St. Benedict last July 11, 2011, the SBC Alumni Foundation entered into a partnership agreement with the Department of Education in implementing Presidential Executive Order No. 23: The National Greening Program. As agreed with the DepED, a native tree for every school will be planted making every school an urban native forest. The Memorandum of Understanding with DepED was signed by **Bro. Armin Luistro, FSC**, DepED secretary and **Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan**, SBCAF president. After the signing, the SBCAF and DepED officials planted the endemic and rare mangkono (*the Philippine iron wood*), SBC's family tree, within the DepED compound, as a symbolic representation of the partnership between the two institutions. The event was attended by **Asec Reynaldo Laguda**, **Dr. Yolanda Quijano**, **Dra. Maria Corazon Dumlaog**, **Dr. Juan Araojo**, and **Mr. Ferdinand Nunez**.

All from DepEd. other than Dr. Tan, SBCAF treasurer **Ed Favilla** and SBCAF director **Butch Africa** attended the said affair.



(l-r) Ed Favilla, Butch Africa, Jimmy Tan and Bro. Luistro

(l-r) Butch Africa, Dr. Jimmy Tan, with DepED Secretary Bro. Luistro



# Mangkono TREE PLANTING IN MENDIOLA AND PRESENTATION OF SBCAF SCHOLARS FOR A.Y. 2011-2012

The Bala Alumnus

(l-r) Jose Araullo, Fr. Rector, Mayor Alfredo Lim, Ms. Mel Vigo, Chito Francisco and Andrew Dy



On the occasion of the feast of St. Benedict last July 11, 2011, the San Beda College Alumni Foundation organized a native tree planting activity along Mendiola Street. Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim led the planting of the mangkono tree at the plant boxes fronting SBC. The planting ceremony was led by Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB, SBC rector-president, Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, SBCAF president; and Atty. Jonas Cabochan, SBCAA president. Among those who participated in the tree planting included the various professorial chair donors, namely: Mr. Jesus Francisco; Mr. Jose Araullo; Dr. Conrad Oca; Robbie Roco son of the late Senator Raul Roco; Security Bank Foundation represented by Mr. Andrew Dy of Security Bank Mendiola and Ms. Mel Vigo of Security Bank Foundation, Inc. Also, in attendance were Mr. Ed Favila, Mr. Bobbit Mathay, Prof. Joffre Alajar, Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB, and Ms. Imelda Sarmiento of Hortica Filipina Foundation.

Another highlight of the tree planting was the presentation of SBCAF scholars who were all given certificates of recognition by the SBCAF.



(l-r) SBCAF President Jimmy Tan, Fr. Rector and Mayor Lim plant tree



(l-r) Ms. Mel Vigo and Manager Andrew Dy of Security Bank



(l-r) Mayor Lim, SBCAF President Jimmy Tan, Robbie Roco with Fr. Rector



(l-r) Mayor Lim, Fr. Rector, Prof. Alajar, with Jose Araullo



Chito Francisco



SBCAF Scholars





# James Sy donates materials for SBC swimming and table tennis teams

As always, Mr. James Sy and his *HS Class '80* can be counted upon when the swimming and table tennis teams of San Beda College are in need of training materials and supplies. James and his class donated training fins, snorkels and trunks amounting to Php 180,000; paddlers, rubber mats and competition tennis balls amounting to Php 300,000; and 25,000 pairs of clappers for use in the NCAA 87<sup>th</sup> season amounting to Php 500,000.

The above donations were turned-over to Rev. Fr. Rafaelito Alaras, OSB, vice-president for finance and spiritual adviser of the Red Lions basketball team. Thank you again James and *HS Class '80* for your generosity and continued support to our SBC athletic teams.



*The SBC Swimming Team*

## The SBC Swimming Team Preparing for NCAA Season '87

To expose the team to various swimming meets, and prepare the swimmers for the highly competitive NCAA Season, the SBC Swimming team participated last April 9-10 in the Hongkong Mantas Swimming Invitational Meet held in Sun Mun Valley Indoor Pool Kowloon. It was participated in by 500 swimmers from 9 countries. SBC won 10 golds, 7 silver and 8 bronze medals.

Further, the team placed second in the Hongkong Stingray Swim Meet held in Hongkong International School. It won 18 golds, 6 silvers, and 4 bronze medals. The team established seven meet records. There were 400 swimmers from eight countries.

Also, during the BIS Flying Fish Invitational Swim meet 2011 held in British International School, Phuket Thailand, SBC won 12 golds, 10 silvers and 9 bronzes, placed second, and established 10 new meet records. There were 400 participants representing eight countries.

Congratulations!

## An Intimate Dinner with Bedan Greats



*Atty. Rodolfo D. Robles*

Atty. Rodolfo Robles (*HS '59, AB Philo '63, LL.B. '67*) hosted a simple dinner last May 9, 2011, Monday at the Emerald Restaurant to thank the Benedictine Community and Bedan friends who prayed for and supported him on his plans to be a serving justice of the Supreme Court.

The simple dinner turned out to be a gathering of San Beda's treasures, namely: **Hon. Antonio Eduardo Nachura**, associate justice of the Supreme Court; **Hon. Sixto S. Brillantes, Jr.** COMELEC chairman, **Atty. Juanito Arcilla**, **Mr. Paul Aquino** and **Mr. Tito Catindig**. In attendance also were **Rt. Rev. Eduardo Africa, OSB**, **Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB**, **Fr. Basil Apostol, OSB** and **Prof. Joffre Alajar**.



## HON. AUGUSTO "GUS" C. LAGMAN

### Another Outstanding Bedan at the COMELEC

Another Bedan has been appointed recently by **President Benigno S. Aquino III** (*Honorary Bedan '10*) to be commissioner of the Commission on Election (COMELEC).

**Augusto "Gus" Lagman** (*GS '52, HS '56*), former SBCAA president (*1998-2000*), fills in the seat vacated by retired Commissioner **Nicademo Ferrer**.

Gus, as his classmates and peers call him, is a well-respected information technology executive, who founded STI College, and considered by many as the quintessential Filipino genius in the field of computer technology.

An outstanding Bedan who received a number of recognitions from the Bedan Community for his exemplary accomplishments in the information technology field; and his altruistic efforts bringing about much-needed reforms in the

Philippine electoral system.

Gus will always be remembered for his spirited engagement with the NAMFREL in the decade of the '80s. Undoubtedly, with his exemplary record and involvement in past elections, not to mention his unwavering crusade against irregularities in the COMELEC e.g. the use of PCOS machines, the Megapacific consortium anomaly etc, he will surely be our Bedan guardian over the sanctity of the election process, especially in the technical field.

Gus' entry into the COMELEC will surely be a huge step towards modernizing confidently our country's electoral systems and procedures.

COMELEC Chairman **Sixto Brillantes**, who incidentally is a high school classmate of Gus, welcomes the latter's entry in the COMELEC. The brilliant and self-



effacing **Commissioner Rene Sarmiento, Jr.** (*AB Political Science '74*) is also another Bedan in this important office.

Doubtless, with these three Bedans in the COMELEC, the country can be assured of a clean and creditable election in the future.

Our best wishes to COMELEC Chairman Boy, Commissioner Rene, and now Commissioner Gus.

We are all proud of you!

## FRANCISCO "TOTIE" BARAAN III

### The DOJ Undersecretary is a Proud Bedan

**Hon. Francisco F. Baraan III**, the new undersecretary of the Department of Justice, is the class valedictorian of the San Beda College of Law Class of 1981.

In a rather long career in the legal profession that started in 1981 and continues until today, **Totie**, as he is fondly called by peers, never has his name been mentioned in any earth-shaking scandal, nor has been linked to anything that has dragged the judiciary into unwarranted controversy. Thus, when fellow

Bedan, the indefatigable DOJ Secretary **Leila de Lima** was in search of a noteworthy undersecretary, she chose no less than Totie Baraan to be part of her team of advisers.

It has been said that the ultimate gauge of the success of Bedan education is beyond the rhetoric of the mission-vision statement of the College; it lies instead in the enduring positive influence of its graduates in the life of the nation. Such can be said of



Totie. He is one reason Bedans are truly proud of their heritage. In him, we have an embodiment of the Benedictine ideals of faith, knowledge and virtue, and will surely remain a significant influence in the life of our country.



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## FAREWELL TO MR. JOE LAOINGCO

Last April 12, 2011, our dear **Mr. Jose Laoingco** completed his earthly odyssey, and moved on to his just reward in the next life.

His former students, fellow administrators and teachers in San Beda College, together with the members of the Benedictine Community, stood as one in bidding him goodbye, and thanked him for all that he had been to the Bedan family.

Mr. Laoingco, 75 years old, succumbed to cardiac arrest after suffering from a severe stroke early this year. In 2002, Mr. Laoingco retired from SBC after more than 30 years of great service to Bedan education, being a former language teacher, assistant principal and principal of the grade school department. He served also as alumni coordinator in the early part of 2000. It was during his stint as alumni coordinator when the Alumni Centennial directory (1901-2001) was completed.

To the members of the Bedan community, Mr. Joe Laoingco will live on, not only in the faithful memory of the those he crossed paths, but more so in our continuing dedication to keep Bedan education truly alive. Farewell, Sir Laoingco.

## Remembering Manolet G. Mañosa, III, 54 (September 9, 1957 – April 24, 2011)

It was with deep sorrow that the Bedan Community received the news of the very untimely demise of **Manuel Emilio Gascon Mañosa, III**. (GS '70, HS '74, BSC Management '81), son of outstanding Bedan architect Manuel T. Mañosa, Jr. and the former Maria Luisa Gascon.

**Manolet**, as he was fondly called by peers and classmates succumbed to death after a massive heart attack at the age of 54. His body was in state at Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park Makati, last April 26, 2011. A member of the NCAA senior golf and basketball teams in the decade of the '80s, Manolet would be remembered as a fine gentleman who exuded so much goodness, making him one of our well-admired and well-loved Bedans.

The following lines in Echoes '81 yearbook revealed how his fellow Bedans spoke highly of him, during his student days in San Beda College:

*"Have you ever seen a newly born baby with muscular strength, with a ball in one hand and golf club on the other? Amazing but true. This fellow is Manolet – a born athlete who excels in all sorts of sports. A member of the prestigious NCAA Senior Golf and Basketball teams which brought glory to San Beda. Experience is what makes this fellow unique and has made him so much of a total man well mannered, person-oriented and contagiously alive with girls."*

Let us pray for the eternal repose of his soul.



*Congratulations & Best Wishes*

*Rev. Fr. Paul De Vera, OSB*

*On your 50<sup>th</sup>*

*Priesthood Anniversary*

*From the* **TIENG** *Family*



**JAMES AND GABBY WEDDING, JUNE 2010**

L-R: Joseph John (MBA, Georgetown University, BS, NYU), Arlene (MD, Albert Einstein-Yeshiva University, BS NYU), James Francis (MBA, Harvard University, AB Princeton), Gabby (AB Princeton, MS Columbia University), Fortunata Tan Tieng, MD, and Joseph Virtudes Tieng, MBA/NYU and SBC BSC 1958, HS 1954 Salutatorian Antonio V. Tieng (HS 1956 Salutatorian) and Atty. Thomas V. Tieng (AB 1963 Magna Cum Laude, Law 1967 Cum Laude, Bar 5<sup>th</sup> Place) Not in photo.





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