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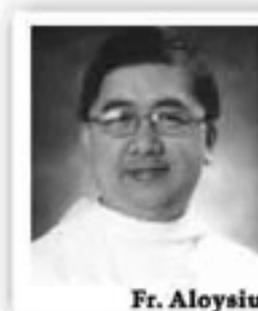
**T**he month of May will be remembered for three significant events in San Beda College Manila and the Filipino nation.

Topping the event list is the election of a Bedan alumnus, **Rev. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB (CAS Economics '83)** as the new SBC rector-president for a three-year period starting AY 2010-2011. At the onset of his term, his Bedan family wishes him all the best as he brings the College to even greater heights of service and excellence.

During this month also, the Filipino nation displayed again its great power through the conduct of a generally clean and peaceful national and local elections, giving our soon-to-be honorary Bedan **Noynoy C. Aquino** a clear mandate, as the 15th President of the Republic of the Philippines. A number of Bedans shined through the election, and we wish to congratulate and wish them well as they fulfill their respective duties as true public servants.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, we celebrate this month, the birth anniversary of our dear **Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB**. This special publication is our way of paying tribute to Fr. Benigno in celebration of his 95th birthday. And it is only but fitting that we especially dedicate this issue to him, for having founded this magazine in 1962. This publication has been his passion ever since, and in fact, would prefer receiving donations in lieu of birthday gifts, to ensure the continuous publication of this magazine, considered to be San Beda's vital link to thousands of Bedans he got the chance to meet in the past, and will still be encountering in his long productive life.

Join me therefore, in a toast to Fr. Benigno's 95th well-lived years . . . and still counting!



**Fr. Aloysius**



**Fr. Benigno**



**REV. FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB**

*Rector-President*

Greetings of Peace!

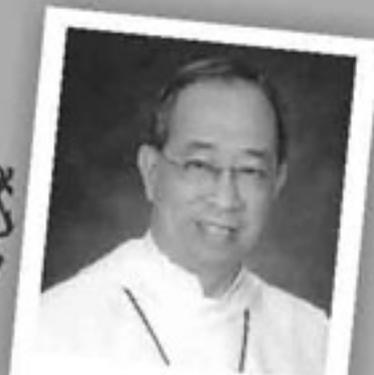
I am most pleased to be part of this very special issue of *The Bedan Alumnus* of the San Beda College Alumni Association, dedicated to our beloved **Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB**, in celebration of his 95th birthday.

Admittedly, being in this office for barely a month, I still have to be given the opportunity to work closely with Fr. Benigno who has occupied practically all positions in the College, from alumni moderator to rector-president, during his many years in this revered institution. So much of what San Beda College is today, its distinctive Benedictine spirit, the unwavering loyalty and sense of pride of our alumni, it owes to the many wonderful years of inspired and dedicated effort of committed Benedictine priests like Fr. Benigno. Even today, Fr. Benigno continues to serve well the school in whatever capacity that he could – and this makes him truly admirable.

It is therefore with joy and pride that Fr. Benigno's milestone celebration comes at my first month in office as the 22nd Rector-President of San Beda College Manila.

I join his many well-wishers in saluting him – for all that he has been to us in the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat and San Beda College, and wish him continuous good health, peace of mind and many more productive years.

With my other best wishes and prayers,



**TARCISIO MA. H. NARCISO, OSB**

*Abbot-Chancellor*

PEACE!

Psalm 90:10 says: "Seventy years is all we have – eighty years, if we are strong . . ."

At 95 years, you must be very strong! Or God must have had a lot of plans for you! You told me once that you were not worthy to be a martyr. During the Spanish Civil War, you were sent to another monastery by your superior at the Benedictine Monastery of El Pueyo for four years before the Communists arrived at the Monastery and killed all the monks.

Yes, indeed, God had, and continues to have, plans for you. God's grace strengthened you to remain resolute in your determination to come to the Abbey here in Manila. Though you have made your profession for Manila in 1932, it was only in 1950 that you were able to finally arrive in Manila, prepared through studies in Mount Angel Abbey, Oregon and at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC., to serve in various capacities in the College.

In behalf of the Community, I thank and congratulate you, Fr. Benigno for the years of dedicated service you have given to the Filipino youth who have studied in San Beda College Manila. The alumni whose lives you have touched remember you well. I thank you for your humility and good example as a monk who, in spite of your age and sometimes your wobbly legs, still join the Community at the Divine Office and the Eucharist.

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you always close to His heart!



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**I**t is a humbling experience to be re-elected president of the San Beda College Alumni Association, and once again be of service to our growing Bedan family. As in my initial election into office last AY 2008-2009, I vow anew to make the SBCAA truly alive and responsive to the needs of the College and the alumni.

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My assumption into office holds special meaning as a new San Beda rector-president has just been elected, in the person of **Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB**. Fr. Aloy, as we all endearingly call him, has also vowed to give his full support to the plans and programs of the SBCAA, being the school's most important partner in the latter's mission of education.

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Coinciding with my election is the holding of our national and local elections, where our soon-to-be adopted Bedan **Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III** got an overwhelming vote as the next President of the country. A number of Bedans also won in the post for congressman, mayor, vice-mayor, governor and city councilors. A testimonial dinner is being planned out for them.

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From the looks of it, 2010-2011 will be an exciting academic year, what with the forgoing new young and dynamic leaders of both SBC and our nation in our midst. While the tasks ahead may seem to be daunting, I am confident we can accomplish them if we all work together. With the full support of the SBCAA board of directors, the Secretariat, **Fr. Basil Apostol**, **Fr. Benigno Benabarre** and the school administration, I am pretty sure, we are in for a great year.

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Finally, may I take this opportunity to greet our dear **Fr. Benabarre** more happy and fruitful years ahead as he celebrates his 95th birthday with a bang. How many of us young individuals would wish to have reached even 80 and more so 95. Keep heart **Fr. B**, you still have a number of missions to achieve here in our revered College.

**T**he past months were truly grueling as we all assisted in the campaign of our new president-elect **Noynoy Aquino**, who got a tidal wave of votes, giving him the largest popular mandate since 1969, during the recently conducted first automated national elections in the country. His revered parents, Bedan great **Ninoy**, and **President Cory** must be truly joyful seeing the triumph of their one and only son sweeping "the yellow votes" across the country. The writings on the wall are clear - We all want change to take place for a better Philippines!

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Here in our very own second home San Beda College, a number of important changes are also taking pace, starting with the election of **Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB** as rector-president and **Dr. Cardie Roque**, past SBCAA president as the new dean of the SBC Graduate School of Business. We understand too that there are fresh faces in the College handling key positions, and we wish them well hoping that they too will be able to effect the much needed progressive changes in the College, and take it to an even higher level of excellence.

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The new academic year for the SBC Alumni Foundation looks very promising with the continuous success of our **Red Lions Living Highways project**, a fund-raising program with an environmental cause, allowing the planting-of-native-tree species along the world-class NLEX and SLEX highways. Through this column, I reiterate my call for all Bedans to put in at least Php 2,500 for a native tree so we can see the legacy of Bedan Education to live on.

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We greet **Fr. Benabarre** more power on his 95th birthday- wishing that his "great star" will forever shine in the hearts of family, friends and dear Bedans whose lives he has touched.

## REV. FR. BENIGNO BENABARRE VIGO, OSB A toast to 95 years, and still counting!

by Joffre M. Alajar



**A**ny institution that has been in existence for over a century or so invariably treasures its human resources, whose significant works and contributions have made them institutional pillars and icons. Such can be said of San Beda College and its dearly treasured **Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB.** Ask Bedans, especially those in their past 60s, and they will surely have their fond memories of this highly revered Benedictine father.

On May 23, 2010, Fr. Benigno, as he is fondly called, marks his 95th birthday and wishes to celebrate this milestone year in a characteristically Benedictine way: being with Bedans, giving a lot of himself especially to the growing San Beda College Alumni Association, which he helped to build in the '50s.

A number of Bedans and friends confessed to being surprised to learn that Fr. Benigno is almost a century old. In fact, some of them are hoping

that they would also reach that age and still exude an aura of wellness as Fr. Benigno does at 95. Born in Aler, Huesca, Spain, Fr. Benigno had his early schooling in Spain, went to Samo's Abbey for his ecclesiastical studies 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 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 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 95 years, notching even more achievements than most individuals known in and out of the academic community. At his advanced age, Fr. Benigno's 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, writing books in one or another form, he has published 36 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. His years have certainly been lived well, in fact, many of those have been “lived for others”.

What's up for Fr. Benigno after his 95th natal day celebration? Fr. Benigno quips, “to give more and more of himself, write more publications and be eternally thankful to his Creator for every passing day”.

Here's a toast to his 95 years, ... and still counting for this San Beda College's “ageless treasure”.





## A living legend of a Benedictine monk

by Jaime T. Licauco (AB'62, HS'58, Elementary'54)

**O**N MAY 23, FR. BENIGNO BENABARRE, OSB, a Spanish Benedictine priest of San Beda College, will be 95 years old. That's just years shy of a century.

When I was in the elementary grades in the '50s, Fr. Benabarre was already the elementary school principal. When I finished high school in 1958, he was still the principal. When I graduated from college in 1962, he was still there as rector.

After college, I lost touch with my school for a long time. I found out that Fr. Benabarre left for Spain when the local Benedictine community was Filipinized. Only one Spanish priest was left behind, but I had

forgotten his name.

Many of the Spanish priests I had known during my school days began dying one after another. But we never heard of what happened to Fr. Benabarre. We simply presumed he had died because of his advanced age at that time.

-Then, I came to teach again in San Beda College in 2005, I was shocked to see Fr. Benabarre back in school, very much alive and talking exactly the same way I remembered him when I was in the elementary grades. His face, although much older, still retained the same basic recognizable features. When I had a chance to talk to him, I told him: "You are immortal!"

Born on May 23, 1915, in the province of Huesca, Spain, Jose Pascual Benabarre adopted the name "Benigno" when he became a priest in 1938. He obtained his AB degree from Mount



Fr. BB with Atty. Ave Cruz and Chief Justice Art Panganiban

Angel in Oregon, USA, his MA at the Catholic University of America in Washington, and his PhD at Centro Escolar University in Manila. He continued his studies and obtained his Bachiller degree from the Unibesidad de Salamanca and his Perito En Liturgia at the Unibersidad de Comillas in Madrid.

He has held various administrative positions in San Beda College, such as Dean of Discipline, Principal of the Elementary Department, Assistant Moderator of the Alumni Association. A prolific writer, he has published books and pamphlets totaling over 3000 pages. He still manages to write a weekly article at the El Visitante de Puerto Rico.



Fr. BB with Mayor Alfredo Lim



Fr. BB with Arthur and Mariter Macapagal, and Mr. Jimenez

His accomplishments are actually too numerous to mention here. He has recounted all of them in his autobiographical booklet titled "From Shepherd of Goats to Pastor of Souls," which he published on May 23, 2008, his 93rd birthday.

### Recollections

Perhaps the best way to get to know the real character and personality of this tireless Benedictine priest is to hear it from some alumni as they remember him. I texted some of my '58 high school classmates and also a few older graduates, and the replies I got were as varied and colorful as his life has been.

"Fr. Benabarre was a respected disciplinarian who molded us well, but he also had a soft heart for those who needed it. He always acceded to my requests for much sought-after bleacher tickets to the SBC Ateneo basketball game." – Arturo Macapagal (HS'58)

"Fr. Benabarre invented Rm13 where students who needed to be disciplined were sent to. I do not know what went on in Rm 13 since I was never sent there. He was called "James Cagney", maybe because of his resemblance to the actor. He was strict; he dismissed students quite a number of students from SBC. – Dr. Antonio T. Licauco (Elementary Class'49, HS'53, HS Valedictorian)

"Fr. Benabarre was the most energetic of all the Spanish priests, always moving around and minding other people's business." -- Tito Pardo (HS'58)

"He was an ultimate disciplinarian. But fair. Very active, like 'kiti-kiti.'" – Ramon Amon (HS'58)

"Fr. Benabarre is better than a burro! Let me explain. Per Fr. Benabarre, his mother once advised him: 'No matter how you make a burro drink,

he won't, if he has had enough. So, my son, don't have one too many because then a burro will be the wiser!' As a Bedan, Fr. Benabarre stands tall to me as the formidable link between the old SBC and the 21st-century Beda. This Benedictine monk is a living legend." – Jess Saplala (AB'58)

"Charismatic, he was not. He was not like Frs. Rojo, Lopez, Martinez, Beda Hildegand and many others. I mean, did anybody see Fr. B. smile? His image was that of a fierce, uncompromising disciplinarian, to be feared and evaded. But the reality was, he never lifted a hand or even raised his voice. He demanded discipline and expected excellence. In all probability, he cared for us in a more personal way than we could ever imagined." Roberto Bosch Jimenez, MD (HS'58 Valedictorian)



The young Fr. BB

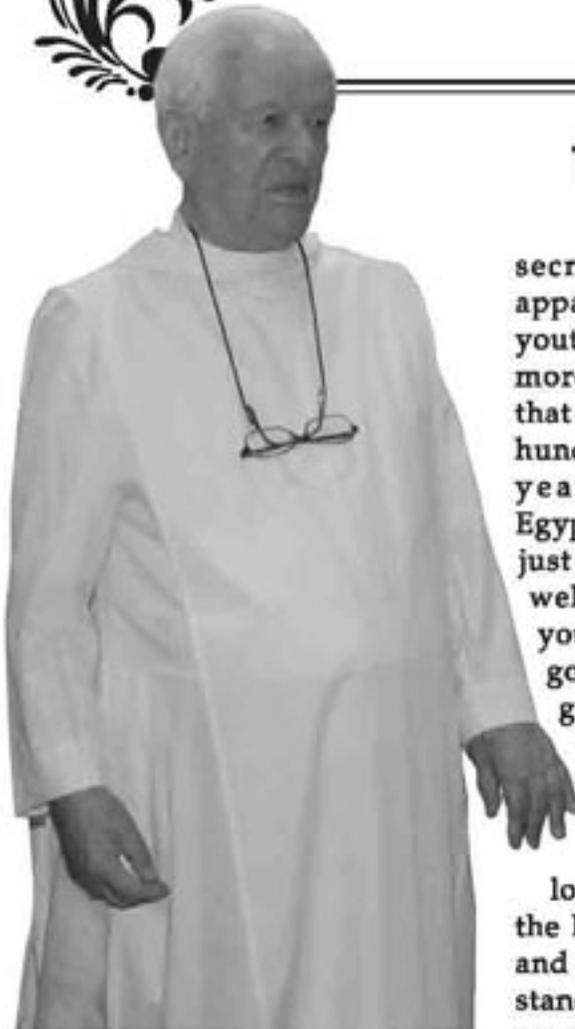
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**ABLAZA PAWNSHOPS ADS**



## The Book of Life

*A Special Homily delivered by Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB  
on May 23, 2010, Sunday, during a Thanksgiving Mass  
on the occasion of his 95th birthday celebration*



**W**hen my friends and acquaintances ask me what is the secret of my long life and, apparently, strong health and youthful appearance, I answer, more jokingly than seriously, that I have a formula to live one hundred and twenty years, the years Saint Anthony, the Egyptian monk, had lived. But, just in case I am too optimistic, I welcome this celebration and your presence here to thank our good Lord for so many and so great benefits that He has bestowed on me during these my first 95 years.

It is very nice to live long, and very especially, if the life has been happy, healthy and fruitful, according to human standards. All considered, this is my case, thank God.

I was born from a poor family by Spanish standards of 1915; yet, I could finish the ecclesiastical studies and, subsequently, obtain two Masters' degrees and a doctorate in Philosophy. None of my companion students in the village where I was born, Aler, province of Huesca, north Spain, some of them rich, could do something similar.

As a free man or as monk, I have been poor all my life; yet God allowed me to travel through Europe, South and North America and Canada, until settling in the Philippines for good.

More than that, God has called me to the priesthood and monastic and missionary lives. Three extraordinary graces that no man can ever repay God in any way.

While I easily recognize that my IQ is not high, my desire to make the most of it, and my characteristic determination to succeed in whatever endeavor I engage in, have allowed me to write 39 books or pamphlets, the last three of which have come out off the press just this month. Ten of those 339 books are the recompilation of the over 800 articles I have published in the weekly **EL VISITANTE DE PUERTO RICO**, owned and published by the Episcopal



*Fr. BB with Mrs. Barbosa*

Conference of that Island, where I worked as a missionary for ten years. Curiously enough, one of the latest books has this appealing title: Sanctification made simple, which I recommend to all those who, as yet, have not seriously decided to become saints. The latest two books and the pamphlet **FROM SHEPHERD OF GOATS TO PASTOR OF SOULS** (about my life and "miracles") are on sale in the portery of the Abbey.

These are some of the most important benefits that good God has bestowed on me, for which I am very, very thankful.

The totality of my first 95 years have been spent in this way: Two in Chile; seven in the United States of America, four as student and three as Assistant pastor at a Benedictine parish in the Bronx, New York City; ten, in two periods, in Puerto Rico, as missionary; and twenty-three, also in two periods, in this Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat (*San Beda College*), where I hope to die some years from now; the rest were spent in Spain in several periods.

It is nice, very nice to live long, especially if life is comfortable. And we should be greatly thankful to our generous God. But in my meditations about this point, I have found that to live long has two great inconveniences, and even a third one. I beg your attention now.

First inconvenience: *THE LONGER THE LIFE, THE LONGER THE ACCOUNT WE WILL RENDER TO GOD.* And "it is a terrifying thing to fall into God's hands" (Hebrews 10, 31), tells us the Bible. There will be no possible

*appeal or reconsideration. The JUDGE will be just.*

Second inconvenience: *THE LONGER THE LIFE ON EARTH, THE SHORTER THE LIFE IN HEAVEN; and this is a great loss, if we have a little faith and a deep desire to see God faceto face.*

Still, there is still a third possible convenience / inconvenience, as we look at it: *THE LONGER THE LIFE, THE LONGER THE TIME WE ARE GIVEN TO REACH SANTIFICATION; or, in the negative side, THE LONGER THE LIFE, THE GREATER OUR RESPONSIBILITY IF WE DO NOT BECOME REAL SAINTS.*

After this explanation, what do you prefer, to live short or long? Well, no need that you answer, because it is not up to us to decide: the date our good God will call us is already written in the *book of life*.

What is important is that we live a saintly life each day of our life. May almighty God abundantly bless you all, and thanks, again, for joining me in



Fr. BB with Chief Justice Art Panganiban



Fr. BB with Atty. Salvador Medialdea

this memorable day!

All of you are already invited to come to this church at the same hour, the same day and month five years from now, when, God willing, I'll be 100 years old.



Fr. BB with Justice Antonio Eduardo Nachura



## IN PRAISE OF TEACHERS, SPECIALLY FR. BB

Atty. Rene Saguisag

**T**his week I will join those who will honor certain teachers, one in Rizal High, and the other in San Beda.

**Ms. Virginia Pagulayan** was an inspiring teacher in Pasig's Rizal High who was married to her job. She handled Social Studies, where I learned, among many other things, that gossip is a form of social control. Moving to San Beda, because the fare to Legarda was 15 centavos and beyond that, an unaffordable 20, I was lucky to be under, or hear about, certain martinets of the achtung! disciplinarians-type, like Fr. Benigno Benabarre, to turn 95 on May 23.

Ms. Pagulayan turned 90 on May 21. Ssssh, I was asked to speak, along with Uncle Jovy Salonga, another RHS alum, in an oral festschrift of sorts on that day. How nice that she remembers. I was a nobody in high school, making bulakbol, getting suspended, and enjoying life - "*With a boy's will to turn somersault,*" the school organ grad issue characterized me. I understood certain of my classmates were incredulous that I would be a Philippine Ten Outstanding Students awardee

in college, a bar topnotcher and a Harvard Law full scholar.

It was because we were playing hookey in early 1955 that I saw in an Evening News Extra in Quiapo that San Beda's Florenz Regalado and Bobby de la Fuente had set marks in the bar of 96.7% and 95.95% that still stand. Hmmm. I was playing hookey with our would-be valedictorian, Eddie Sanchez, the bunso in Bobbit's talented brood, who would top the chemical engineering boards a mile ahead of No. 2, also from Pasig (*Carlos Melendres*). The Sanchezes and the Saguisags may have been living a few hundred meters apart. In 1955, one Avelino Cruz also finished as valedictorian in Pasig Catholic, and topped the bar at 20 - exactly as his Mom had predicted.

Fr. BB and Miss Pagulayan remind me of what Henry Adams Brooks wrote, that a teacher affects eternity, he never knows where his influence stops.

In 1978, public school teachers in many places in the country, including Metro Manila, allowed themselves to

be used. For sometime their wards supposedly would greet them "*Good morning. cheater,*" instead of the usual "Good morning teacher". But they redeemed themselves last May 10. Other teachers I have to acknowledge also in gratitude.

**Mrs. Flora Ceidoza** taught us in Makati Elementary that grammar is a matter of hearing. Mr. Valdez taught us Math in Rizal Hi, with his good-natured persiflage about our going home to plant camote, when we erred, which was often. Mr. Castro would ask Eddie Sanchez, to spell words like "*picturesque,*" and he would answer with aplomb. Tino Reynoso we would play with in basketball. We had no idea he would be 6'3" weighing maybe a thousand pounds. He became a San Beda and Toyota superstar.

Earlier, he had historic match-ups with Ateneo's Cris Arroyo, and their messy donnybrooks would lead to the suspension of the NCAA. Later, I was to play with Cris in St. Scho in pick-up basketball, along with Jojo Binay and Ed Araullo. We set a 90% winning percentage in our thrice-a-week outings. Up to December

2006, I helped the San Beda Law Faculty beat our studies, who were probably terrified how we would grade them if they resorted to in-your-face moves and show us up. I can no longer play, I think, but I have resumed teaching with a microphone, and dancing! Good for exercise. I recall our junior-senior proms in Rizal High. And my energy level makes me move the way I would decades ago - uptight, slow and ungainly. But Nietzsche said he considered a day wasted when he did not dance at least once.

Fr. BB was never my classroom teacher but the lore I heard of him helped guide me, in looking at a fixed star to go by. **Fr. Jose Pascual Benabarre Vigo** wrote on public funds for private schools in a democracy, for his doctorate I think. In 1986, as spokesman of **Prez-elect Cory Aquino**, an honorary Bedan alum married to our Ninoy, '48, I was getting congratulatory notes from Peru, from France, all over - and from Spain Fr. BB sent me a charming, delightful note, in Espanol. The eyes of the world were upon us, in the first People Power Revolution covered by 24-hour-cable TV (*too bad for the Portuguese who had their own Carnation Revolution more than a decade earlier, which the rest of the pre-CNN world did not see*). Another People Power in 2001 the world looked at askance and led us to the situation we are in today. But we had another one last May 10, starring our over-criticized, overworked,

u n d e r p a i d a n d underappreciated teachers. We cannot thank them enough for the success of the May 10 polls. And a couple of million other things beside.

Take a bow, **Ms. Pagulayan, Fr. BB**, and our golden classroom friends across the land, who taught us to cross our T's, and dot our eyes, and most important, have a sense of discipline and delicadeza. May the glorious role of our teachers last May 10, and the sterling roles the likes of **Ms. Pagulayan and Fr. Benabarre**, be paradigms of our youth - now and forever. They continue to teach. Holmes said riders in a race do not stop short when they reach the goal. There is a little finishing canter before coming to a standstill. There is time to hear the kind voice of friends and to say to one's self: *"The work is done."* Ut in omnibus glorificetur Dei. and *ora et labora*, the two Benedictine mottos.



*Determined to make a big difference –*

## **FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB**

*San Beda College Manila's 22nd Rector-President*

*by Joffre M. Alajar*



**I**n God's grace, San Beda College Manila welcomed last May 1, 2010 a new rector-president – the **Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A Maranan, OSB**. A holder of a master's degree in Theology from Maryhill School, a licentiate in Canon Law from UST, and a doctorate degree in Educational Management from DLSU—all proofs of Fr. Maranan's insatiable hunger for learning. A Bedan by heart, having completed an A.B. Economics degree from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1983, Fr. Aloy, as he is affectionately known, believes that at 47, he is sufficiently mature to handle the diverse, demanding and tough job as

college president. He is fully aware that as leader of the institution, he has the responsibility to move the College to an even higher level of excellence and service. Carrying major school responsibilities though, is not at all new to Fr. Maranan, as he had already occupied key positions in the past: vice-rector and principal of SBC Rizal (2007-2010); high school principal of SBC Alabang (1994-1998); vice rector and principal (1998-2001) and also, rector (2001-2004) of SBC Alabang. These past administrative assignments allowed him to develop his own style of leadership, and a network of relationships with friends, institutional benefactors and more importantly, the alumni.

Fr. Aloy recognizes the pivotal role of the alumni in the growth and development of the College. Aware of this important role, Fr. Aloy made sure that one of his first official acts as the newly-elected SBC rector-president is to have a dialogue with the alumni. And such has been

realized recently during the induction rites of the new SBC Alumni Association (SBCAA) Board of Directors for AY 2010-11. *"The SBCAA is the most important partner of the College"* stresses Fr. Aloy, in his message to the alumni board. In the same talk, he made mention that one of the major players in his administration will be the alumni, led by **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan** who chairs this year's SBC Board of Trustees. Meanwhile, he challenged the SBCAA to really play its *"partnership role"* to the hilt to ensure that Bedan education thrives during these most difficult times. He has very big dreams for the College, and will work hard to see through its realization no matter how difficult it may be. After all, Fr. Aloy is determined to really make a big difference during his three-year term as rector-president.

His SBCAA family wishes him well, and assures him of their full support and cooperation.



## Outstanding Bedan Cardie Roque assumes deanship of the San Beda Graduate School of Business

**M**oving towards becoming one of the leading Catholic business education institutions in the Asia Pacific, the San Beda Graduate School of Business is in to a fresh start with **Dr. Ramon Ricardo A. Roque** (GS '73, HS '76, CAS '80) as its newly-appointed dean.

Cardie, as he is endearingly called by friends and associates, is deputy secretary general of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the Philippines for almost two decades now. He also served as special assistant to the minister of agriculture and project director of the congressional fellowship program. Transcending the usual practice of bureaucrats staying inside their offices, Dr. Roque is a hands-on man, having been actively involved as commissioner of the peace commission in 1986 to offer options for rebel returnees and military retirees. Having excelled in these assignments, he earned numerous citations on "*exemplary values and virtues excellently manifested by a government official*".

Cardie perfectly fits the role of the diligent academician, having obtained his degree in Commerce major in Management from San Beda College, Masters in Business Administration with highest honors (*Meritissimus*), and Doctor of Philosophy (*Ph.D.*) in Management (*summa cum laude*), both from the University of Santo Tomas. He served as prefect and area chairman for

Management and Marketing of the CAS – San Beda College, and assistant director of student affairs at the De La Salle University. He is a trainer on human resource management at the Executive Center of the Ateneo Graduate School and Consultant of the Ateneo School of Government. He is with the board of trustees of San Beda College and regent of the Quezon City Polytechnic University. Dr. Roque also finished two certificate courses at Harvard and Columbia universities on leadership and management development, and student personnel services, respectively. He was President of the San Beda College Alumni Association (2001-2003), and SBCAA Board Director (2003-2007).

Following the development initiatives of the new SBC administration led by **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan**, chairman of the board of trustees, **Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB**, rector – president of San Beda College Manila, the Graduate School of Business will soon adopt a new mission – vision, that will be more industry-responsive, innovative and opportunity-creating Bedan leaders who distinguish themselves for their Benedictine work ethic, founded on their commitment to a life of prayer and fidelity to community spirit.

Watch out for exciting developments in the SBC Graduate School of Business, as it takes on a new vision and a new horizon.

*Endeavoring to make a better San Beda –....*

## **RICARDO R. PALO (HS '81, CAS '85) SBC'S NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMICS**



**I**n line with the initiatives of the new administration to appoint only the right people to key leadership positions in the College, the Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB has designated Mr. Ricardo Palo as the new vice president for academic services of San Beda College Manila, effective May 1, 2010.

A full-blooded Bedan, Ric as he is fondly called by peers, graduated Class Valedictorian from SBC's accountancy program in 1985, and later in 1999 pursued higher studies at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business where he earned his Masters in Business Administration degree.

His teaching career expands for more than two decades now, having taught accounting and other business subjects at San Beda College, DLSU-College of St. Benilde and the Ateneo Graduate School of Business. He was SBC prefect of activities from 1995-2000, and acting chairman of the accounting department in 2002. An academician by heart, Ric is PAASCU accreditor for more than a decade now, management lecturer / trainer and consultant for various prestigious banks and corporations, and presently, the curriculum director of the Ateneo Graduate School of Business.

Other than his impressive credentials, anybody who truly knows Ric will tell that his stand-out quality is his integrity – incorruptible, sincere, and firm adherence to a code of professional values. "Having a deep sense of what is essential and what is not, Ric is in every sense a good man," describes Prof. Joffre Alajar, his former professor, when asked to comment on Ric's personal qualities.

Ric's return to the mainstream of the academe in his alma mater is warmly welcomed with great expectations and optimism by peers, students and a number of alumni who know him well. Undoubtedly, Ric Palo will in his inimitable way, endeavor to make a better San Beda College.

Good luck Ric and more power!



WELCOMING THE NEW CAS DEAN -

## DR. NAPOLEON K. JUANILLO, JR.

*Hoping to bring the CAS to new heights of renown and achievements.*



The San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) is very pleased to welcome the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences - Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. Being a non-familiar face in San Beda College, let the Bedan community get to know him more through this short bio sketch.

Dr. Napoleon K. Jaunillo, Jr. obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Ateneo de Manila University and holds MS and PhD degrees from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. He was formerly a professor at the College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the University Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and was a fellow in the Risk Communication Program at Harvard University School of Public Health.

Dr. Jaunillo's research interest focuses on the public's understanding of science and he has conducted extensive research on the diffusion of scientific innovations in the United States and in Southeast Asia. He has lectured and published extensively on science, risk, and health communication, and has written various peer-reviewed journal articles and chapters in books in the United States and the U.K., particularly on the social context of biotechnology in Southeast Asia, U.K., the European Union, and the United States.

Dr. Juanillo has served as an international consultant at the International Rice Research Institute, United States Department of Agriculture, New York State Department of Agriculture, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA), USAID Philippine Institute for Development Studies, United Nations Fund for Population Activities, World Health Organization, International Organization for Migration, International Labor Organization, Sanofi-Pasteur Paris, and the Acute Respiratory Infections Vaccines (ARIVAC) Consortium with the National Institute of Public Health (Finland), University of

Colorado (USA), Sanofi Pasteur (France), the University of Queensland School of Public Health (Australia), and Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (Philippines).

A long-time resident of the United-States, he has also lived and worked in Singapore and British Columbia, Canada and nurtures a yearly migration with his wife to Madrid and Barcelona in Spain. But nothing beats the warmth and beauty of the Philippines where he has since relocated to be with his wife. **Helen Arevalo**, an Obstetrician-Gynecologist. He is currently Professor and Program Director of Leadership and Managerial Excellence in Health Systems at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, Ateneo de Manila Excellence in Health Systems at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, Ateneo de Manila University. Dr. Juanillo is also President and CEO of the Bicol Access Health Centrum, the first comprehensive surgical ambulatory and medical center in the Bicol region.

The SBCAA extends to Dr. Juanillo our best wishes and prayers, vowing our full support and cooperation so we can all bring the CAS to new heights of renown and achievements



*Postscript to an award –*

# ENRICO "RIKKI" U. DEE

## Truly blessed

*by Prof. Joffre M. Alajar*



*Rikki with wife Beng*

The good thing about the SBCAA's traditional Red and White Ball is that it is able to "unearth" a number of alumni/ae who in their own quiet and simple ways have exhibited in their lives the greatness of the Bedan Spirit. The SBCAA has just become an instrument to "bring them out into the open", so they can be given due recognition, and serve as inspiration for the youth, especially when role models have become a rarity these days.

restaurants, namely: Mangan Restaurant, Kitchen, La Mesa Grill, Mesa Filipino Moderne, Kai Neo Japanese Cuisine, Eburn and The Big Grill.

For his great accomplishments in the field of business and entrepreneurship, Rikki has been adjudged recently one of the 2010 Most Distinguished Bedans, incidentally, the youngest among the 12 awardees. Rikki Dee, the first Bedan from the SBC College of Arts & Sciences Class of 1985 to receive this prestigious award, is the epitome not only of business excellence and hard work, but moreso of an ideal family man. His beautiful wife Elizabeth, can attest to Rikki's innate ability to maintain a striking balance between dedication to family duty and hard work in his chosen profession put together. This loving gorgeous couple considers their four children: Eric Thames, Eric Enrico, Jr., Erika Elizabeth and Erica Therese, as their greatest blessings.



*Rikki receiving his 2010 Distinguished Bedan Award from Fr. Matt de Jesus*

One such great find is Rikki Dee, a young and brilliant Filipino-Chinese entrepreneurial restaurateur. An accomplished business genius, he is chairman and president of RIBE Holdings; president and chief executive officer of Foodlink Group Inc., Premium Development Corporation, and Quantum Link Development. Incidentally, Foodlink Group of Companies which Rikki heads is composed of popular local

Admittedly however, the special recognition Rikki received from the SBCAA, with his parents, wife and kids proudly applauding during the Red and White Ball made the award even more meaningful.

Without doubt, Rikki is truly blessed!



*Atty. Anne Cobechan, Beng and Rikki Dee with Dr. Jimmy Galvez Tan*



*Rikki with family members*

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## Topping the bar after 43 years calls for a - Grand Bedan Celebration



**Charlene Mae Topic**  
Second Placer

**Reinier Paul Yebra**  
2009 Bar Topnotcher



**Atty. Avelino Cruz, Fr. Aloy Maranan**  
with the 2009 Bar Topnotchers

Jubilee Garden followed suit. A victory bonfire signaled the start of the huge celebration attended by prominent Bedans in the legal profession led by Supreme Court Justice Jose Mendoza, ACCRA founder and SBLAA Chairman Avelino Cruz; PCGG Commissioner Ric Abcede; SBCAA Prexy Jonas Cabochan; COMELEC Commissioner Rene Sarmiento; Globe top honcho Rudy Salalima; Court of Appeals Justices Joey Reyes and Francisco Acosta; Atty. Rodolfo Robles, who arrived from the USA just to be in this event; and a lot more legal luminaries who hailed the remarkable feat of fellow Bedans in the bar. Topnotcher Reinier Yebra received a total of Php 150,000 cash incentive from the SBC administration, the SBLAA, and a high-end cellphone from Globe Telecom. Charlene Mae Topic, second placer received a total of Php 105,000 and a cellphone as rewards for a job well done.

"It was in 1967 when the Bedan Community last held a grand celebration for Bedan Rodolfo Robles' topping the bar," recalled Atty. Avelino Cruz, Chairman of the SBC Law Alumni Association (SBLAA). After 43 years, a bigger celebration was organized jointly by San Beda College and the SBLAA for the exemplary performance of Reinier Paul Yebra, 2009 bar topnotcher; Charlene Mae Topic, second placer; and, law class of 2009 for a high 95% passing percentage in the bar exams.

Dubbed "A Grand Bedan Celebration", the big party held last April 23, 2010 kicked-off at 6:30PM with a Thanksgiving Mass, with outgoing rector Rev. Fr. Mateo J. de Jesus, OSB, as main celebrant. An adoration and lighting of candles at the Sacro Speco Shrine of St. Benedict in the

SBLAA director Atty. Edna Herrera Batacan chaired the grand celebration preparations, with law faculty members, the school administration, and the SBLAA-all joining forces to ensure the success of this long-missed gathering to celebrate Bedan achievement in the tough bar exams.

Herein are some memorable poses from that grand celebration.



*The Celebration*



*Cheers for the new Bedan Lawyers*



**Atty. Edna Batacan, Fr. Tarcisio Narciso,**  
**Atty. Sixto Brillantes with Mayor Alfredo Lim**



## At Your Service in St. Benedict

Rev. Fr. Basil C. Apostol, OSB,  
SBCAA Moderator

Our newly-established St. Joseph Scholarship Program has been moving forward quietly with a number of Bedans and friends supporting this project for the underprivileged youth who wish to experience Bedan education. Lately, Dr. Conrad Oca past Bedan prexy, responded happily and positively to our call and we thank him so much for this. Truly, the Bedan heart is happiest when it beats for others

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Aside from Ms. Grace Arviola, an incoming second year medical student who received a four-year full scholarship grant courtesy of Letchner Foundation, and worked out by former SBCAA prexy Kishu Sehwan, Ms. Irene Ulorin Arellano, an incoming medical student will be our next scholar under our St. Joseph Scholarship Program.

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Congratulations to Atty. Jonas Cabochan for his re-election as SBCAA President and so with Jojo Hautea, vice-president; Rally Sison, secretary; and Joe Arullo as treasurer. We welcome too, Architect Gerry Contreras, Justice Joey Reyes and Dr. Edgie Paras as the newly-elected directors of the SBC Alumni Association. With their entry into the board, we are confident that the SBCAA will be kept more dynamic and truly progressive.

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Kudos too, to my fellow Benedictines Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB on his 95th birthday and Dom Dunstan Candol, OSB who will be ordained as a priest, in separate affairs on May 23, 2010, Sunday. Meanwhile, the entire Bedan family grieves the untimely demise of our fellow Benedictine Dom Esteban Lozano, 82 and Ariva San Pedro, 32, a CAS guidance counselor. We specially pray for the eternal repose of their soul and may the Almighty grant them the peace that they fully deserve for the good works they had done during their lifetime.



## In Memoriam

- Fr. Basilio C. Colacito (MS '51 AB '55)
- Justice Norberto Y. Geraldiz (LL.B. '77)
- Dom Esteban L. Lozano
- Alberto Villa-Abrille Jr. (GS '58, MS '62)
- Luisa Leong (mother of Virgilio Leong (CAS '74) and Danny Leong (MS '75))
- Ariva San Pedro (CAS Guidance Counselor)
- Florencio Campomanes (GS '38, MS '62)
- Antonio L. Carreon (LL.B. '63)
- Benita M. Leonardo (mother of Ricardo Leonardo (CAS '80))
- Vic Isungga a.k.a. Vic Morales (GS '53, MS '57)

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

## BEDANS HONOR SC JUSTICE JOSE C. MENDOZA

The San Beda Law Alumni Association and the San Beda College of Law recently honored **Hon. Jose Catral Mendoza** (*Law Class of 1971*) with a testimonial reception for his recent appointment as the 168th magistrate of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. Justice Mendoza is the sixth Bedan who graduated from the College of Law to be appointed to the High Court. The roster of Bedans in the High Court include **Hon. Antonio Eduardo Nachura** (*Law '67*), **Hon. Romeo Callejo, Sr.** (*Law '61*), **Hon. Florenz Regalado** (*Law '54*), **Hon. Justo Torres** (*AA '49, Law '53*) and **Hon. Antonio Martinez** (*Law '53*).

The testimonial reception held at the Club Filipino was well-attended by the who's who in the legal circle led by former President Fidel V. Ramos, former Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban, Justice Antonio Eduardo Nachura, Justice Justo Torres, PCGG Commissioner Ricardo Abcede, and Justice Raul Victorino, presidential legal counsel. Dr. Patricia Licuanan, president of Miriam Foundation and Dr. Cardie Roque, dean of the SBC Graduate School of Business were also among the special guests. In

attendance also were classmates of the honoree led by SBLAA President and Court of Appeals Justice Francisco Acosta, businessman Art Tugade, Atty. Rex Rico and Atty. Ed Francisco. The officers and members of the SBLAA were also in full force honoring Justice Bambit, as he is endearingly called by fellow Bedans. The five-hour dinner program was made more meaningful and entertaining with the brilliant hosting of Atty. Joseph "Jicky" Andres, and bar topnotchers Atty. Reinier Yebra and Atty. Charlene Tapic.

Justice Bambit thanked his entire Bedan family for the well-prepared testimonial reception, and vowed to do his Bedan family proud again, as he helps bring the High Court to an even higher level of service and excellence.





## SBCAA hosts despedida reception for Fr. Matt



# Fr. Matt Godspeed and Take Care

**A**s our way of saying "thank you" to outgoing rector-president, Rev. Fr. Mateo de Jesus, OSB, the San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) and Dr. Conrad Oca, past SBCAA president hosted a merienda reception program recently at Ilustrados Restaurant, Intramuros, Manila.

Attended by friends, officers and members of the SBCAA and the SBC Alumni Foundation, the simple thanksgiving gathering enabled Fr. Matt to also express his gratitude to all who supported him during his three-year term as rector-president of San Beda College Manila. Fr. Matt will be remembered for giving the SBC Alumni Association many opportunities to really be the College's true partner in the latter's educational apostolate. As Fr. Matt concludes his term of office, the SBCAA assures him of our special prayers and very best wishes on his future undertakings.





## A Tradition in Red and White



*Deluyang/Buhay Leadership Awardees*

**T** rue to its theme "Celebrating Bedan Achievement", the annual Red and White Ball held recently by the San Beda College Alumni Association (SBCAA) once again honored its outstanding men and women. Top in the roster of Bedan awardees is honorary Bedan President Corazon C. Aquino, who was elevated to the San Beda Hall of Fame. Mrs. Viel Aquino-Dee, daughter of the late president and Bedan Ninoy Aquino, graced the awarding rites and special tribute to the late revered president at the NBC Tent, Fort Bonifacio Global City. Other Bedans elevated posthumously to the Hall of Fame included the first Bedan Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines Justice Sabino Padilla, renowned artists

Federico Alcuaz and Arturo Luz, business magnate Luis Ablaza, Jr., topnotch election lawyer Sixto Brillantes, Jr., shipping magnate Francisco "Don Paco" Delgado, the late Kap. Eugenio Lopez, Arch.

Francisco Mañosa and former BIR Commissioner Jose Ong.

Elevated to the Sports Hall of Fame were: coach basketball hero Edmundo 'Ato' Badolato, Mukesh 'Mike' Advani (Basketball), Ernesto 'Joey' Loyzaga (Basketball), Leo Carlos Granatin (Football), Arturo Vicente Maristela (Football) and Romerico Serrano (Football).

The SBCAA launched this year the Hon. Esty G. Juco Award, in memory of the revered legislator and educator who was the first ever honorary Bedan Ms. Bernadette Chua-Pendoza was recipient of the Juco award. The Sen. Raul S. Roco Award for Public Service Excellence in remembrance of San Beda's favorite son, Raul



*2010 Distinguished Bedan Awardees*



*The Rigodon de honor participants*

was given to COMELEC Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento.

Dr. Angel V. Mendoza, of New York and Federico B. Gimenez, of Canada were chosen Outstanding Overseas Bedans. Thirteen (13) distinguished Bedans were also honored: Court of Appeals Justice Noel Tijam (Law), Dr. Gerard Agcaoili (Medicine), Brig. General Jessie James Catral, Jr. (Military Service), Foodlink Group Inc. president and CEO Enrico 'Rikki' Dee (Business and Entrepreneurship), Joseph Raymund Isaac (Arts & Culture-

Photography), the late Alberto Jugo (Humanitarian Services), Jose Ma. Vicente Lim, IV (School Service), Dr. Edgardo Paras, Jr. (Education), Ayala Corp. Executive Ramon Filomeno Medina (Human Resource Development), Dr. Ellewellyn Pasion (Medicine), Undersecretary Atty. Enrique 'Spanky' Perez (Government Service), Palanca Awardee Atty. Floyd Douglas Nicolas Pichay (Arts & Culture-Literature), and Clark Development Corporation president and chief executive officer Benigno 'Benny' Ricafort (Government Service).

The Eugenio Lopez Professorial Research Chair was launched, with Oscar Lopez Jr., vice president of First Philippine Holdings Corporation in attendance.

Woman of Service awardees included: Atty. Edna Herrera-Batacan, Mrs. Mariter Macapagal and Ms. Kris Aquino-Yap.

Special Recognition awardees included: Manila City Mayor Alfredo Lim, Quezon City Judge Ralph Lee and the late Pinoy master rapper Francis Magalona.

The affair glittered with the prominence of its alumni in the fields of business and industry, politics and entertainment, with PLDT and San Beda College of the board chairman Manny V. Pangilinan leading them all. The much-awaited Rigodon de Honor was participated in by SBCAA prexy Paulino Dionisio, businessman Arturo Macapagal with wife Mariter, Vicente Dinglasan and wife Nena, Rikki Dee and wife Elizabeth, Levy Laus, Manny Reyes, former Gov. Baby Ortiz, Court of Appeals



*Ms. Vicki Aquino Dee delivers a special message on the elevation of President Cory Aquino to the SBC Hall of Fame*

Justice Francisco Acosta, Atty. Rochelle Dakanay-Galano, Doods Policarpio, Cynthia Reyes, Kishu Sehwan, Jing Sarao, Mari Borao, Fortune Ledesma, George Hizon, Marissa Fenton, Rick Dizon, Claudette Mendiola-Cruz, Gus Lagman, Tess Castro, Bong de Sales, Nora Tsai, Chacha Camacho, Atty. Jonas Cabochan with wife Atty. Ann Claire, Atty. Dominador Buhain, Yolly Ayson, Dr. Jaime and wife Becks Galvez Tan, Amb. Daniel Victoria, Marieta Holmgren. Comedienne and impersonator Jon Santos provided the entertainment, while Patricia Bermudez-Hizon and Paulo Abrera served as the Ball's host. Acclaimed Bedan stylist Rachy Cuna designed the obelisk and glass trophies for the awardees, while Jun-jun Ablaza provided the classy ambiance of the NBC Tent.

Namedroppables included Consul Mellie Ablaza, DTI Secretary Peter Favila, House of Representatives Deputy Secretary General Dr. Ramon Ricardo "Cardie" Roque, Congressman Baham Mitra, CHED Commissioner Nona Ricafort, BCDA president and chief executive officer Gen. Narciso Abaya, basketball great Chito Loyzaga, PCCI chairman Atty. Mike Varela, Real Bank president Jose Araullo and UP-PGH Chancellor Dr. Ramon Arcadio.

The well-attended affair proved that San Beda College has indeed a legacy of producing stellar achievers in society. It was a night to remember, deserving of a round of applause for Bedan achievement.



*Mr. Luis Ablaza, 2010 Hall of Fame Awardee with Madam Moly Ablaza and friends*



*Mr. Ato Badolato, 2010 Sports Hall of Fame Awardee*



*Mr. Mike Advani, 2010 Sports Hall of Fame Awardee*

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**Congratulations and Best Wishes  
to our Beloved Rev. Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB  
on your 95th Birthday and your  
72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination.  
May God Bless you with more birthdays  
and good health.**

**From the Tieng Family  
Fair Lawn, New Jersey, USA**



***Mother's Day Portrait***

**L-R: James Francis Tieng (MBA Harvard Business School 2010), Dr. Arlene Tan Tieng,  
Joseph John Tieng (MBA Georgetown University 2009), Dr. Fortunata Tan Tieng,  
Joseph Virtudes Tieng (HS 54, BSC 58, MBA NYU 62).**

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# Bedan Winners in the May 2010 Elections

## House Representatives



**Marlyn Primicias-Agabas**  
6th District Pangasinan



**Feliciano "Sonny" R. Belmonte**  
4th District, Quezon City



**Amado S. Bagatsing**  
1st District Manila



**Elpidio "Pidi" Barzaga**  
Lone District, Dasmariñas, Cavite



**Arnulfo P. Fuentesbella**  
4th District Camarines Sur



**Roger G. Mercado**  
Lone District, Southern Leyte



**Rodolfo G. Valencia**  
1st District Oriental Mindoro



**Tomas V. Apacible**  
Representative, Batangas City

## Governors/Vice Governor



**Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra**  
Palawan



**Oscar S. Moreno**  
Misamis Oriental



**Aurelio M. Umali**  
Nueva Ecija



**Noel P. Catre**  
Vice Governor, Surigao del Norte

## City Mayors /Vice Mayors



**Herbert "Bistek" M. Bautista**  
Mayor, Quezon City



**Enrico "Recom" R. Echiverri**  
Mayor, Caloocan City



**Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV**  
Mayor, Gen. Trias



**Flacido P. Eduarte, Jr.**  
Mayor, Tayum ABRA



**Alfredo S. Lim**  
Mayor, Manila



**Edgardo D. Pamintuan**  
Mayor, Angeles City



**Michael "Mike" L. Rama**  
Mayor, Cebu City



**Rodrigo R. Duterte**  
V-Mayor Davao City



**George A. Elias**  
V-Mayor, Taguig



**Armand "Mandy" L. Ilano**  
V-Mayor, Imus Cavite



**Arturo V.P. Maristela**  
V-Mayor Aroroy Masbate



**Atty. Jesus Manuel "Bong" Suntay**  
City Councilor, Quezon City

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**INDUCTION RITES**

Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. Maranan, OSB  
*Rector-President  
Inducting Officer*



*The SBCAA Board of Directors with Fr. Aloysius Maranan,  
Fr. Benigno Benabarre and Fr. Basil Apostol*



*SBCAA President Atty. Jonas Cabochan,  
outgoing SBCAA Director Kishu Sehwhani with Fr. Rector*



*The Induction Rites*



## Alumni Tidbits

Fr. Benigno Benabarre



- **Dominador D. Sales** (Liberal Arts '60), visited the Alumni Office after being absent for 20 years from the Philippines. He admired the improvements in the College. Generous, he gave the Office \$100.00 for its office operations. May his generous acts be followed.
- **Albino G. Fajardo** (GS '54; HS '58), paid a visit to the Alumni Office. He has told us that, after retiring from his work in USA, he will live in the Philippines for good. Generous, he gave us Php 1,000.00.
- **Romeo A. Rivera** (HS '48) was nice enough to give us some news about the few survivors of his batch. He gave us his telephone: (02)897-2449)
- **Rafael S. López** (HS '46), probably the oldest surviving alumnus, admired the improvements he found in the College when he visited us.
- **José G Araullo** (HS' 55, BCS Accounting '59), has generously financed this issue of THE BEDAN ALUMNUS.
- Recently, our two gyms, greatly damaged by typhoon Ondoy, were re-inaugurated. These were dedicated to our generous benefactors **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan** (GS '58; HS '62), and **Mr. Robert C. Coyiuto, Jr.** (BSE '74).
- Yours truly, **Benigno Benabarre Vigo**, honorary alumnus since 1967, and founder of this magazine has published this May my two latest books and the second edition of my pamphlet *From Shepherd of Goats to Pastor of Souls (a brief account of my life and miracles)*. The books are entitled: *Set up your hearts above* (a collection of 38 articles, published in Spanish the weekly *El Visitante De Puerto Rico*, owned by the Episcopal Conference of that Island (where I was missionary for ten years); translated into English, are now published by Rex company, headed by my good friend **Atty. Dominador Buhain**. The other book, an essay on spirituality, has the attractive and significant title *Sanctification made simple*. The three are on sale in the College bookstore, and the Abbey at very low cost. The letter has been printed by Mount Carmel printing press, managed by **Owen Oliva**, a Bedan and friend.
- Unable to attend the big celebration in my honor on the 23rd of May, **Atty. Avelino Cruz**, wife **Helen**, and daughters **Trisha** and **Rissa** gave a splendid dinner (*Spanish food*) for the whole Benedictine Community on May 12 in the Abbey refectory. The family, great benefactor of the Community, is going to the USA precisely to attend a similar celebration in honor also of the 95th birthday of **Atty. Avelino's** father-in-law.



## Red Lions' Living Highways: Let's Plant Native Trees!



and White Ball held at the NBC Tent.

Witnessing this important event were Hon. Peter Favila, Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry; Rev. Fr. Mateo J. de Jesus, OSB, outgoing rector-president; Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan, SBC Chairman of the Board; and other SBCAF officers.

Other than SCTEX, the SBCAF has to date planted 2,857 native trees along NLEX, with the following Bedans and friends serving as donors: Smart-PLDT Foundation, Capt. Gregorio Oca, Filipinas Dravo Corp., Manny Reyes, Atty. Winston Garcia, Dr. Conrado Oca, Nenet Schmid, George Yang, Anthony Flores, Vicente Mills, Levy Laus and other various alumni.

Launched last July 11 on the feast of the school's patron St. Benedict, the RLLH aims to turn the NLEX and now, SLEX into living museums of native trees. It is also a fund-raising project to support the school's educational apostolate through scholarships to poor but deserving students, professorial chairs, research chairs and research grants for its faculty members.

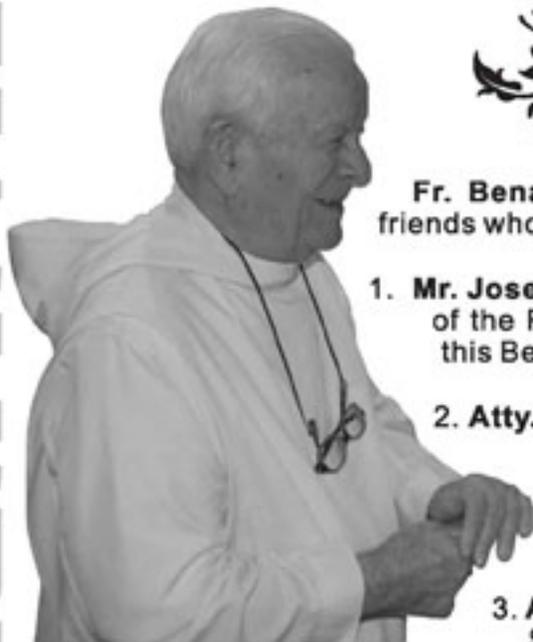


### It's SCTEX this time

The Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX) will soon be the next site where the SBC Alumni Foundation (SBCAF) can plant and nurture native trees, in line with its ongoing fund-raising project Red Lions' Living Highways: Let's Plant Native Trees!

This is the gist of the memorandum of understanding entered into by Gen. Narciso Abaya, President & CEO of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority, and Dr. Jaime Z. Galvez Tan, SBCAF President during the 2010 Red

# Thank you



Fr. Benabarre wishes to express gratitude to the following Bedans and friends who made his 95th birthday celebration a truly memorable one:

1. **Mr. Jose G. Araullo** (HS '55, CAS '59) Chairman of the Board and President of the Real Saving and Thrift Bank, for being one of the lead sponsors of this Bedan Alumnus special publication.

2. **Atty. Avelino V. Cruz**, ACCRA law firm founding partner and SBLAA Chairman, and wife Helen, for the special dinner tendered in his honor last May 12, 2010 at the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat.

3. **Atty. Jonas L. Cabochan**, President of the San Beda College Alumni Association and its other officers and members.



4. **Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan**, President of the San Beda College Alumni Foundation and its other officers.

5. **Justice Nick Acosta**, President of the San Beda Law Alumni Association and its other officers and members.

Your thoughtfulness will all be remembered, not only with fondness and gratitude, but more so with deep reverence.

To all of you, MARAMING SALAMAT PO!



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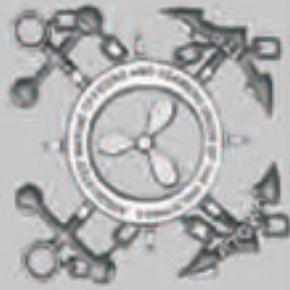
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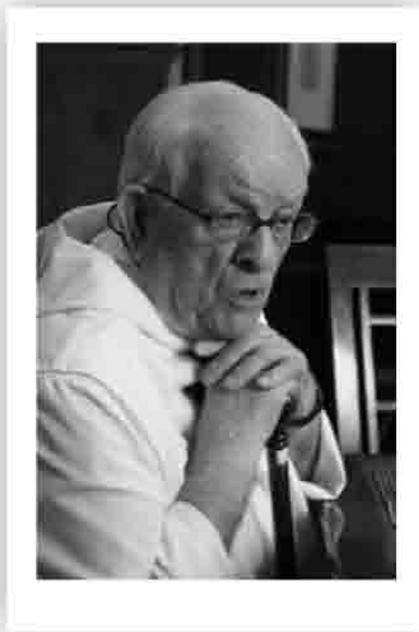
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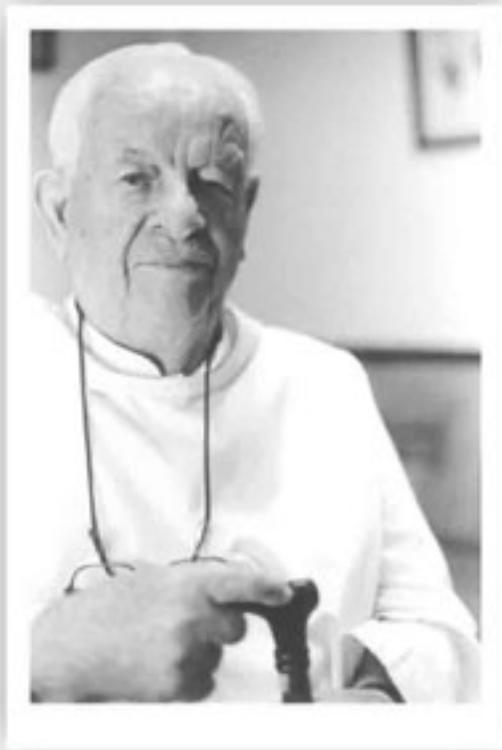
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