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BACOLOD MAYOR AND IATF –COVID19 MEET THE ACADEME

Mayor Evelio Leonardia and the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) –COVID 19 and some members of the Bacolod City Council met with the members of the academic sector at the Masskara Hall of NGC last March 11 at around 5:30 PM. NOPSSCEA President, Mr. Mark Molina and DEPED Bacolod SDS- OIC Gladys Sales were present with heads and officials of schools, colleges and universities in Bacolod City. In the meeting, it was resolved that the school support and uphold the SP resolution to close school year 2019-2020 earlier due to the pandemic – COVID 19. It was further resolved that the Mayor shall issue an Executive order suspending all Graduations and Moving-up ceremonies in the City of Bacolod. UNO-R was represented by Mrs. Ma. Judy Legaspi,

secretary to the President; Mrs. Lucille Montalvo, UNO-R -Integrated School Principal; Ms. Zonavieve Catalan, UNO-R IS Coordinator; and Dr. Carlos Eduardo Legaspi, Jr. – Director for External Affairs.

FR. PRIOR & FR. PRES. REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY PRAYER



Fray William Villafior, OAR, Recoletos de Bacolod House Prior and Fray Don Besana, OAR, University President requested the community to immerse themselves in prayer during this trying times brought about by the pandemic-COVID 19. The Fr. President, in a memo to all offices, requested for a moment of community prayer to Nuestra Señora de la Salud. Meanwhile, Fr. Villafior requested for the publication of the copies of the Prayer to the Blessed Mother. This is a very powerful prayer prayed by our forebears but for quite a time this has been forgotten. These past years, the devotion to the Blessed Mother of Health is propagated once more.

FR. PRESIDENT CREATES TF KONTRA COVID-19

Fray Don Besana, OAR, University President, issued memo #65 s. 2019-2020 or the creation of Task Force Kontra COVID-19 last March 13, 2020. The Task Force is convened to establish necessary protocols and implement precautionary measures to ensure the safety of everyone in the campus, as the memo states. The task Force is composed of Fray Amadeo Lucero, OAR – Chairman; Dr. Enigardo Legislador – Co Chair; Dexter Paul Dioso, PhD; Carlos Eduardo Legaspi, Jr., PhD; Mars Olea, MSCJ; Jasmin Parreño, PhD; Ildefonso Obligado; and the

university nurses and Physicians.

UNO-R POSTPONES GRADUATION RITES

UNO-R President, Fray Don Besana, OAR issued memo #66 otherwise known as the “Suspension of Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies and Additional Precautionary Measures”. In compliance with the Executive Order #16 s. 2020 of Bacolod City Mayor Evelio Leonardia, the University of Negros Occidental –Recoletos suspends all Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies for all levels until further notice.

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- St. Augustine

BACOLOD UNDER GCQ AND UNO-R SUSPENDS ALL CLASSES AND OFFICES



Bacolod City Mayor Evelio Leonardia issued Executive Order #20 s. 2020 suspending all classes in Private and Public Schools, in all levels, until further notice. This EO issued March 14, 2020 repealed EO 14 and 15 s. 2020 issued March 11, 2020. With the Order, the university announced on March 14, 2020 at 9:45 pm, that all classes and activities and all offices are suspended from March 16, 2020 until further notice. This advisory from the office of the Fr. President superseded the previous advisories from the Office of the President on the schedule of Final exams for College students.

On March 15, 2020, Mayor Leonardia issued EO#21 s. 2020 declaring Bacolod City under "General Community Quarantine" effective immediately. During the GCQ, movement of people is limited to accessing basic necessities and work; check-up points shall be put up; restriction of entry and exit of persons with non-essential business in the city; adoption of curfew hours; limitation of

personal activities; early closure of business hours; and flexible working hours in the private sector. Social and physical distancing shall be observed at all times.



BISHOP SUSPENDS ALL MASSES INSIDE CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE

The Bishop of Bacolod, Most Rev. Patricio Buzon, SDB, DD. issued a statement last March 14, 2020. He suspended the holding of the celebration of Sunday and daily Masses in churches, chapels, Oratories in all parishes and Chaplaincies under the Diocese of Bacolod. He dispensed the lay faithful from physical attendance to Eucharistic celebration and other sacraments. He encouraged the use of multimedia for Masses. The physical reception of the Holy Eucharist will be replaced by the prayer of Spiritual communion. He also instructed everyone to pray the "Oratio Imperata" and to invoke the help of St. Sebastian, the Patron Saint of the Diocese.



UNO-R PRODUCES TV MASS AMIDST COVID-19

The UNO-R Heartmedia, in cooperation with the Campus Ministry Office and the Oratory of St. Nicholas of Tolentino, produced two televised Sunday Masses amidst the General Community Quarantine. The 4th Sunday of Lent (March 22) Mass was led by Fray Jose Teodulfo Jadulco, OAR while Fray Jose Alden Alipin, OAR officiated the 5th Sunday of Lent (March 29) Mass. This is in response to the call of the Bishop to use the modern media and the social media to reach the faithful of the Diocese. The Mass was aired over Facebook live streaming,

STAY SAFE; STAY HOME

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