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UNO-R OPENS AFTER ECQ

The University of Negros Occidental – Recoletos opened its doors last May 19, 2020. This was after the National Inter-agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has placed the Province of Negros Occidental and the City of Bacolod under General Community Quarantine (GCQ) as low-risk areas by virtue of IATF-EID Resolution #35A. The Neg. Occ Governor and Bacolod City Mayor issued Executive Order 20-24 and Executive Order 35 respectively for the health standard protocols of LGU's under GCQ. Under GCQ, the school is allowed to operate with only a skeletal force. The Father President issued Special Memorandum no. 2 entitled "Return to Work Guidelines ND Health Protocols". In the said memo, May 19 is scheduled as the return to work for personnel. The memo implements the skeletal workforce, by which personnel is to render a 12-hour work per week from Tuesday to Friday. This schedule shall take effect until further notice. The Office heads are also enjoined to submit to the HR Office the corresponding duty days and hours of the personnel under their offices.

FR. PRESIDENT ISSUES 7 SPECIAL MEMOS

Fray Don Besana, OAR issued seven special memoranda. Six were issued May 18 and one on May 19, 2020. Special Memo #1 is Calendar of Activities, #2 is Return to work guidelines and Health Protocols; #3 is appointment of Lay Administrators fro 2020-2021; #4 Appointment of Program Heads and Coordinators; #5 is Enrolment Committee; #6 is Committee on Online Education; and #7 is Safety Guidelines/Protocols on meetings.

2 UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES MEET

Two committees created by the School Board through the Fr. President met to discuss procedures. Fray Jose Alden Alipin, OAR, University Vice President for Academics, chairs these two committees. The Enrolment Committee, created under Special Memo #5, met last May 19, 2020 at 10:30 am and discussed the procedures for the online enrolment for Summer 2020 (tertiary level). The meeting was presided by Fr. Alipin and Engr. Christopher Taclobos, university Registrar and co-chiar of the committee. The Committee on Online Education met last May 20, 2020 with Fr. Alipin and Dr. Elmer Haro, PQA Director and co-chair of the said committee.

UNIVERSITY NURSE COMPLETES COVID19 FOR NURSES TRAINING

Pallas Athena Joy de Paula, RN, University Nurse, has completed her studies and requirements for Coronavirus (COVID 19) for Nursing Professionals in Post –Acute care. Her certificate of completion was issued last April 4, 2020 and signed by Chris Caulfield, RN, MSN, NP-C, Chief Nursing Officer. The training was made possible through Intelycare and the Florida Board of Nursing.

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DONOR GIVES 12 FACE SHIELDS

An anonymous donor gave twelve face shield to the university through the University Clinic last May 20, 2020. Winnie Sumbillo, RN, university nurse, turned over the donation to the Office of the Safety and Security Supervisor Mars Olea. These will be used by the university guards as protective gears against COVID-19.



ORIENTATION ON HEALTH PROTOCOLS AT UNO-R

An Orientation was conducted by Dr. Enigardo Legislador, University Physician and Co-chairperson of the University Task Force Kontra COVID-19, to UNO-R frontliners on safety protocols last May 18, 2020. Safety Protocols and procedures; Use of Protective Personal Equipment (PPE); and taking temperature using infrared thermometer were the topics of the orientation. In attendance were the Mars Olea, MSCJ, SSD Supervisor; 11 Security Guards; and Lino and Winnie Sumbillo, RN.

HEARTMEDIA BROADCASTS FEAST OF FATIMA

The Heartmedia Productions assisted the Diocese of Bacolod for the Broadcast of the Eucharistic Celebration by Bacolod Bishop Patricio Buzon, SDB, DD during the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and consecration of the world to Our Lady at the San Sebastian Cathedral last May 13, 2020. The production was broadcasted over the Social Media, DYAF and Bombo Radyo. During the Holy Week, UNO-R Heartmedia Productions also covered in full the celebration when the entire country was under Enhanced Community Quarantine. The production was made possible through Mariano Antenor, Hope Donasco, Marcelo Piornato, Joey Jolito and Florian Adolfo

Calendar of Activities

May 19, 2020	Return to work (skeletal workforce)
May 20, 2020	Birthday of Fray Don Besana, OAR
May 22, 2020	FEAST OF ST. RITA DE CASCIA
May 24, 2020	ASCENSION OF THE LORD 5 TH Anniversary of "Laudato Si"
May 25, 2020	Eid Al-Fitr (Islam celebration) (Proc. 3944) 58 th Founding Anniversary of Recoeltos de Bacolod Community (1962)
May 26 – 30, 2020	Special INSET on Online Education
May 26- June 2, 2020	Distribution of UNO-R IS (N-10) Report Cards (for sked, see fb page: UNO-R Integrated School N-10)
June 1 – 11, 2020	Online Enrolment for Summer 2020
June 1 -20, 2020	Online Enrolment of IS(N-10) – Continuing Learners
June 1, 2020	Start of online enrolment for Grade 11 (Integrated School SHS)
June 8, 2020	Start of online enrolment for Grade 12 (Integrated School SHS)
June 15 – July 25, 2020	Summer classes 2020
June 20 -30, 2020	Online Enrolment of IS (N-10) –New learners and Transferees
Aug. 17 – Dec 18,2020	First Semester, SY. 2020-2021
August 24, 2020	Opening of classes for Integrated School, SY 2020-2021



A MESSAGE OF SOLIDARY AND HOPE

“We all have the mission to be in solidarity and to spread hope”

The Superiors General of the Augustinian Recollect family warn of the impact that the COVID-19 will have on the evangelizing mission and call for **“the imagination of charity”** to face the consequences.

In the face of the world emergency caused by the coronavirus, the Superiors General of the Augustinian Recollect Family have sent a joint message in which they reflect on the impact that the COVID-19 has had and will have on the Augustinian Recollect communities and the work of evangelization. In their writing they recalled the religious and people who have died from the pandemic, and called for hope after a difficult situation in which creative initiatives have emerged to bring the faith closer to all corners.

The letter was signed by the Prior General of the Order of Augustinian Recollects; the federal mothers of the Augustinian Recollect Sisters of Spain and Mexico; the federal mother of the Discalced Augustinian Sisters; and the general superiors of the Augustinian Recollect Sisters, Augustinian Recollect Missionaries, Augustinian Recollect Sisters of the Heart of Jesus, Augustinian Recollect Sisters of the Sick and Comendadoras of Santiago. All of them begin their writing inviting not to be afraid and to ask for the gift of the Spirit “to listen to the voice of Christ in the cry of those who suffer from the pandemic, as well as in all those who are victims of human injustice or any kind of abuse”. We want to hear,” they say, “the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

“We have suffered and we suffer”

At the moment when the crisis begins to subside, the superiors of the Augustinian Recollect family assure that “it has been a time of suffering”. “We have suffered and we suffer with those who suffer in our religious communities, in our families, parishes and educational centers and in the whole world”, they indicate. Concretely they remember the “dear brothers” who have died for the COVID-19, as well as those who suffer in hospitals or in their communities.

In this regard, they recall the words of Pope Francis in the extraordinary blessing *Urbi et Orbi* on March 27: “In the midst of the isolation in which we are suffering the lack of affection and encounter, experiencing the lack of so many things, we hear once again the announcement that saves us: Jesus is risen and lives at our side. From his Cross, the Lord commits us to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look at those who call upon us, to strengthen, recognize and encourage the grace that dwells in us. Let us not extinguish the flickering flame (cf. Is 42:3), which never gets sick, and let us make hope come alive again”.

However, in addition to the negative consequences, the superiors recognize the evangelizing and educational work that has been done by religious, lay people and young people in this situation. They especially value the prayer of the contemplative sisters from their monasteries. In general, they note that “prayer has been intensified” in a virtual and telematic way in many places, a modality that they value as “new and especially precious”.

“The health crisis will have a social impact”

Likewise, the Prior General and the superiors of the women’s congregations ask for unity in the situation generated by the pandemic: “We all have the mission to be in solidarity and to spread hope. In this sense, they warned that “we cannot confine ourselves and worry about what is ‘mine’ and ‘ours’ but for the common good.

The religious have warned that “the health crisis will have a social impact, on work, on the economy, on human relations and also on our evangelizing mission.” Even though this situation will provoke “greater austerity”, these phenomena are “a call to the imagination of charity, to be creative in order to be more human,” they say.

To this end, the superiors of the Augustinian Recollect family invite collaboration with ARCORES in the different initiatives it is carrying out in various countries to alleviate the consequences of the coronavirus. The help can be through economic resources, through volunteering or by giving material means or space.

“We have to prepare ourselves and be ready with prayer, charity and solidarity to walk together in each country,” they say. Finally, they have asked to be open to the Spirit in order to “see the world in the light of Christ, while hope grows in the depths of our hearts. (https://recoletosfilipinas.org/2020/05/21/a-message-of-commitment-and-hope/?fbclid=IwAR2F-ntlQuxq-C3_7_oX-gsaYPlgitQVE-bUHP5-Fy60t5fqzlpmbQMQpLc)

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May 22 – FEAST OF ST. RITA DE CASCIA



An only child, St. Rita was born around the year 1380 at Roccaporena (Cascia, Italy). When quite young, she felt the call to enter religious life, but at the age of fourteen, on the insistence of her parents, she married a young man of goodwill but rather restless by nature. However, through her own goodness, Rita was able to smooth over the rougher side of her husband's character and to live with him in harmony for about eighteen years. He was then murdered. St. Rita, not only forgave his killers, but prayed to God that she would prefer the death of her sons rather than see them revenge the crime. As it happened, both children died shortly after their father.

Now totally alone, but still a loving woman, Rita thought of fulfilling the longings of her youth by seeking admission into the religious life. Having overcome formidable difficulties, she was received into the Augustinian convent of Saint Mary Magdalene in Cascia. Here, she lived as a cloistered nun for her remaining forty years of life. Throughout the final fifteen years, she bore the mark of a thorn of our Lord's Passion. According to our present day reckoning, she died on Saturday night, May 22, 1456. Saint Rita was noteworthy in that she experienced all the possible states of life, and overcame the difficulties of each with a generous love and a profound spirit of penance, while always being a peacemaker in her sanctuary in Cascia.