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## PAASCU ACCREDITS IT, NURSING AND SOCIAL WORK

The Information Technology Program of the university is granted initial accreditation for three years valid until May 2023 by the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU). The College of Nursing and the Social Work Department have also been given the go-signal to apply for formal survey a year after receipt of the reports from PAASCU.

*Congratulations!*



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## VALUE OF SOLIDARITY LEADS The ACADEMIC YEAR 2020- 2021

The OAR's Life and Mission Project (LAMP) for 2020 will focus on the theme "We are Prophets of the Kingdom: poor, social ministries and peripheries." To make the theme more concrete in the educational

setting, EDUCAR adopted "Give what you have so you can receive what you lack." as the motto for the year 2020. The Augustinian value to be observed for this year is "Solidarity". The logo for the theme reflects two hands as a symbol of donation and a heart between the hands that represents the Augustinian heart, the symbol of fraternity and the concept of mercy: to put oneself in the place of the heart of the other, sharing life.



## BISHOP LEADS CHRISM MASS

Bacolod Bishop Patricio Buzon, SDB, DD, led the Chrism Mass with the clergy and the religious of the Diocese of Bacolod last June 6, 2020, at the San Sebastian Cathedral. This is a High Mass, where the Oil of the infirm, the Oil of the Catechumens and the Chrism are consecrated and blessed. Renewal of Priestly vows is also done during the Mass. In normal circumstances, the Chrism Mass is celebrated either on Holy Wednesday or the morning of Holy Thursday, however, because of the COVID 19 pandemic, the celebration is transferred to another date at the discretion of the Local Ordinary or as scheduled by the local Episcopal Conferences.

## ADVISORY FROM THE BISHOP

With the reopening of our churches in the Diocese of Bacolod for the celebration of Masses with a congregation, ADSUM will no longer have daily live streaming of the Eucharistic celebration from the Bishop's Chapel, except the Sunday Mass scheduled at 6 AM. Instead, for the benefit of our sick and elderly, the 7 AM daily Masses from the San Sebastian Cathedral will be broadcasted live via DYAF CMN Bacolod 1143 kHz, the Official Radio Station of the Diocese of Bacolod. Let us continue to pray for a vaccine and an end to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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## HEARTMEDIA LIVE STREAMS CHRISM MASS

UNO-R Heartmedia Productions covered the Chrism Mass at the San Sebastian Cathedral, June 6, 2020, at the request of the Bishop of Bacolod. The group live-streamed the whole celebration for the faithful of the Diocese to join and participate in the Chrism Mass. The group is composed of Mariano Antenor, Hope Donasco, Marcelo Piornato, Joey Jolito, Florian Adolfo and READS alumnus, Mark Anthony Elacion and READS scholar Cesar Philip de la Peña.

## BLENDED LEARNING WORKSHOP FOR RBGS FACULTY

18 members of the faculty of the Recoletos de Bacolod Graduate School with the Dean, Dr. Dennis Madrigal underwent a training –workshop for flexible leaning in the Graduate School, last Saturday, June 06, 2020. The seminar was given by Mr. Arianne Torres, Head of the MSCS program, and the workshop was facilitated by Ms. Mary Gift Dolor-Dionson. In his Opening Remarks, Dr. Madrigal said that one of the good things that the pandemic has brought to RBGS is the mandatory offering of flexible learning using technology. It has been the dream of RBGS to go online and employ new media technology in the delivery of graduate studies. So, the dean hinted that now is the opportune time but we have to be prepared and ready with this new media technology. Present were: the Dean; Atty. Annabelle Palic, Ph.D.; Dr. Adan Selomandin; Dr. Allam Bautista; Dr. Araceli Doromal; Dr. Carlos Legaspi, Jr.; Dr. Deborah Natalia Singson; Dr. Dexter Paul Dioso; Dr. Francisco Jubelag, Jr. VIII; Dr. Joseph Guevarra; Dr. Ma. Elena Doruelo; Dr. Ma. Johanna Ann Bayoneta; Dr. Marissa Plantinos; Dr. Nnette Padilla; Dr. Sharon Rose Medez; Mr. Alfredo Alave; Mrs. Ma. Judy Legaspi; and Mr. Chris John Bedoria. The 1 –day workshop was capped by the closing remarks of Dr. Madrigal telling everyone that this is just the start of a new “normal” at the RBGS. The second set of RBGS faculty members will receive training on June 13, 2020.

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June 8	Start of online enrolment for Integrated School
June 9 - 18	Novena in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - 3PM at the Oratory
June 19	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 14	Birthday of Fray Jose Teodulfo Jadulco, OAR, UNO-R Property Administrator
June 15	Start of summer 2020 classes Start of online enrolment for college freshmen
June 22, 23,& 24	Strategic Planning 2020
June 25	Birthday of Fray William Villafior, OAR, UNO-R VP Finance

## “Estoy convencido de que Dios quería decirme algo”

*The Augustinian Recollect Admir Garcia has fought for 13 days in the hospital to eliminate the coronavirus from his body, always with the help of Mary.* On Tuesday, 26 March, the Augustinian Recollect Admir Garcia began to feel sick. He noticed an unstable temperature in his body and a dry cough appeared. “Everything seemed like a simple cold.” That day, without knowing it, he began his fight against the COVID-19, an adventure that lasted about a month, and that went beyond a “simple cold”. The Brazilian religious suffered from the illness that has paralyzed the world and also his life, which, after this, has an even more transcendent meaning for him. It was not until the next day that he went to the hospital. He was examined, various tests were carried out and he was isolated in a room. “People looked at me as if I had a very serious illness,” he says. Finally, they confirmed that he was suffering from “pneumonia with the possibility of coronavirus”. However, the doctors decided not to admit him and at the end of the day he returned to his community in the provincial curia of Santo Tomás de Villanueva, in Rio de Janeiro. “I spent a week at home following the protocol”. After seven days, the pneumonia diagnosed was hardly improving and he had to return to the São Vicente Clinic. It was then, on 1 June, that he was informed that he had tested positive for the coronavirus. He was immediately admitted to the hospital. It was the beginning of an odyssey: he passed through three different rooms, was continuously monitored, and had a blood test every day. It was a total of 13 days, each one different. At first, he was “always lying down, not wanting anything”, with a fever and a strong cough. Little by little he regained his appetite, his temperature became warmer and his condition improved. **“The Lord is with you.”** In all that time, did you remember God? “I focused so much on what the health professionals were doing that I needed other people to remind me that I have a Lord and a God.

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Ademir says that the Lord “manifested himself through people who always had a word of hope. This is the case of a cleaning lady who every time she came in to clean her room said “the Lord is with you” or “trust in the Lord”. “The Lord bless you for those simple words, but at the same time, so profound,” says the religious. He remembered Mary. In the worst moments, he would go to his Mother and repeat a simple ejaculation: “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you. There were moments when he lacked the strength to go forward and defeat the virus, but then he sought it in “hope in divine mercy. He spent Holy Week in the hospital, lying in bed although he was getting better and better. If this Holy Week has been different for the believers, for this Augustinian Recollect even more so. He arrived on Holy Saturday with good news: the doctor said he was thinking of discharging him the next day, Easter Sunday. Nevertheless, although he celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus “in his mind and heart”, it was not until the next day that he left the hospital. He left after noon with a recommendation: he would have to spend at least seven days in absolute isolation because the last test showed that the virus was not eliminated. **“I value life even more.”** In all those days, Ademir felt no fear. “I was so focused on following the actions and guidelines of the health professionals that I have no way of saying if I was afraid, but I was worried,” he explains. Now everything has happened and something has changed. In general, this religious always tries to value everything that happens. “After this experience, I am more and more convinced that God wanted to tell me something. What? I still don’t know clearly”. Life was a gift from God, but after suffering the COVID-19 this has more meaning. “After that experience, I value life even more, always looking at the full life offered by the Lord. Today he is already living his normal life. (<https://www.agustinosrecoletos.com/2020/06/ademir-enfermedad-covid19/?lang=en>)

### **DepEd adheres to Duterte's directive of 'no face-to-face classes until vaccine is available'**

By Joedie Mae Boliver

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CALOOCAN CITY, June 9 (PIA) – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Monday announced the postponement of face-to-face classes in compliance to the directive of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to open schools until vaccine is available. “We will comply with the President’s directive to postpone face-to-face classes until a vaccine is available,” DepEd Secretary Leonor Briones said in a press statement on June 8. Briones thanked the President for reiterating the national government’s willingness to assist in DepEd’s offered alternatives to face-to-face learning despite the public health situation. “It is a challenging task for us at the Department of Education to prepare our schools in a different set-up but we are committed to our duty to make education available and thriving, even in the most difficult time,” Briones said. The DepEd said they are preparing their operations from Central Office to DepEd school level in the implementation of Basic Education-Learning Continuity Plan (BE-LCP). “We are updating our policies, realigning our finances, and collaborating with our partners so that our goals of providing quality education and protecting the safety and health of our constituents will be achieved,” Briones said. Meanwhile, the DepEd cited they are continuing the conduct of remote enrollment nationwide which started on June 1. “For the first two weeks, enrollment will be online. We are not allowing teachers and staff from attending as well as parents and children. They will have to register online,” Briones said during the press briefing of Presidential Spokesperson Harry Roque on Monday. Briones added that students who could not enroll online due to lack of connectivity can personally register on the second half of June. “We assure our parents, learners, stakeholders, and the President that we are preparing ourselves for this mission,” Briones said. The DepEd released the National Enrollment Data which states a total of 6,415,878 million students from public and private schools nationwide are enrolled as of June 8. The education department reported Region4A or CALABARZON for having the highest number of enrollees with 1,283,358 million students, followed by National Capital Region with 895,406 students who enrolled. (PIA-NCR)