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## UNOR IMPLEMENTS BACTRAC



The University of Negros Occidental Recoletos is implementing the COVID 19 Contact Tracing System (BaC-Trac) in compliance with Bacolod City Ordinance #941 s.2020. The scanning of BaC-Trac QR codes have already started last Monday, October 12, 2020. The scanner is at the entrance gate at the main lobby. The said City Ordinance, passed last September 23, 2020, was authored by Councilor Lady Gles Gonzales-Pallen. Section 8 A. 2 orders that “all private business establishments and entities to include religious and educational institutions” are required to register in the Bacolod City website. Section 8 further provides that once registered, these establishments and gov’t offices shall download the BaC-Trac mobile application. All BaC-Trac Citizens’ or Visitors’ cards of persons who are entering these establishments or offices shall be scanned using the mobile application. Furthermore, these offices are required to maintain a manual logbook to ensure that all clients and visitors not registered in the SC-CCTS shall be properly recorded and the same shall be submitted directly to the Integrated Provincial Health Office on a weekly basis. BaC-Trac registration is open to all for free at [www.bactrac.bacolodcity.gov.ph](http://www.bactrac.bacolodcity.gov.ph).



## UNO-R CELEBRATES ROSARY MONTH

The UNO-R Campus Ministry Office initiated the daily online Rosary during this Holy Rosary Month every 3 pm. This is a devotion of the university community that manifests its Marian character where the Blessed Mother is the model of faith for every UNO-Rian. The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. October 7 is the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We honor the Blessed Mother in gratitude for the protection that She gives the Church. The sponsors of the online Rosary at UNO-R are CMO (Oct. 1); ReEd & IMC (Oct. 2); FLDL (Oct. 5); SHS & SDPC (Oct. 6); IS (K-10) with SDPC (Oct. 7); Sports, Agri. & Engineering (Oct. 8); RDO & IT (Oct.

9); ICTD, DSA, & Maintenance (Oct 12); CAMHS, CBA, & HM Lab (Oct. 13); College SDPC, Medical/ Dental Clinic and Bookstore (Oct. 14); COEd & UNOFELA (Oct. 15); UCDO & Scholarships’ Office (Oct. 16); CCJE (Oct. 19); STEP. External Affairs and MIS (Oct. 20); HMDO, VP-Admin & VP-Academics (Oct. 21); Property Admin. Office (Oct. 22); Accounting Office (Oct 23); CAS (Oct. 26); PQA & President’s Office (Oct. 27); SSD & BGAA (Oct 28); RBGS, Law, MedTech Lab; Social Work Lab (Oct. 29); and Culmination day -Oratory (Oct 30). *(Data from Campus Ministry Office)*

## UCDO INITIATES BOXES OF LOVE PROJECT

ONE LOVE. As one UNORian community, we are creating ripples of hope: that in due time the pandemic crisis will end, that goodness will prevail, and that God will always be with us. In these very trying times, the University Community Development Office (UCDO) has put human faces to sincere kindness, compassion, and self-giving amid great need, panic and uncertainty. Kindly drop your donation from 9 AM- 12 NN. A boxes are provided at the entrance of the main gate of UNO-Recoletos for those who wish to share cash or in-kind donations (rice, canned goods, milk, noodles, etc...) You may also pre- register your donation through this link so we can prepare the acknowledgement letter and donation receipt ahead of time: <http://bit.ly/OneLoveUNOR>, You may also text or call: Ms. Maribel Gonzales at 0923- 581- 1537 or Mr. Elmeer Meeynard Calimpos at 0977-414-8327.

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## BISHOP BUZON LEADS UNO-R MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Bacolod Bishop Patricio Buzon, SDB, DD led the Mass of the Holy Spirit last September 30, 2020 at the Oratory of St. Nicholas of Tolentine at 10 am. The Mass was also aired on livestream via facebook. The theme was “Come Holy Spirit, Come Father of the Poor”. In his homily, Bishop Buzon said, we must always be faithful to God like Job whose fidelity to God was tested. Today’s pandemic is a test of our faithfulness to God. We have to be aware of the presence of God in our lives. The pandemic has taught us that we are helpless without God. He also reminded everyone of the spirituality of stewardship and the celebration of the season of Creation. COVID



19 is not a creation of God nor a punishment from God, but this is the effect of what we have done with God’s Creation. Man has destroyed the natural order of the world. Man thought that he owned the world, we must remember we are just stewards of creation, The Bishop added. God has entrusted nature for us to take care. Worst, man played God and when we play God, we destroy the order of everything. We must not look for or plan a new normal. The new normal is “Traquilitas Ordinis” (harmony of nature). This means that we have to go back to the original plan of God- the original order. We have to follow God and His ways. We have to put everything in order and return to God. As members of the academe, learn so much and maximize your learning, and always have to return to God. The Bishop quoted St. Thomas Aquinas, when what he would ask God in return for his works for Him. St. Thomas responded “Lord I ask for noting except You.” Bishop Buzon closed his homily by reminding the university community that in all that you do, seek God alone and you will never get lost. As a community, help build the Kingdom of God. Fray Don Besana, OAR and Fray William Villaflor, OAR ad two deacons of the Diocese joined the Bishop.



## DIOCESE OF BACOLOD CLOSES KWARENTA

The "40-day Communal Reflection of the Diocese" OR “Kwarenta” ended with a Mass at the San Sebastian Cathedral presided by Bishop Patricio A. Buzon, SDB, DD. The occasion was just in time for the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, the secondary patroness of the Diocese of Bacolod. The Mass was attended by representatives from the different sectors in the Diocese of Bacolod which accepted the Bishop's call to partner with the Church's environmental advocacy as expressed in Pope Francis' *'Laudato Si'*. Representations from LGUs, the PNP, the Philippine Army, educational institutions, frontliners, fisherfolks, farmers, drivers attended the Culmination Mass.

<https://www.facebook.com/adsumbacolod> and photos by ADSUM Balita's Rev. Gilbert Sao-noy and Bro. Wilmar Dolor)

## BACOLOD UNDER GCQ; NEG. OCC UNDER MGCQ; ORDERS TEMP CLOSURE CEMETERIES

Bacolod has been downgraded from Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine (MCQ) to General Community Quarantine (GCQ). Bacolod City Mayor Evelio Leonardia issued Executive Order # 63 placing the entire city of Bacolod under General Community Quarantine from October 1 - 31, 2020. Meanwhile, the Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Lacson issued Executive Order #20-46 extending the Modified General Community Quarantine status of the entire province from October 1 - 31, 2020. Likewise, Leonardia and Lacson also ordered that the temporary closure of public and private cemeteries, Columbaria and Memorial Parks. In Bacolod City the closure starts October 29 to November 4 while in the province, it will be from October 30 - November 2, 2020.

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## FR. PRESIDENT ISSUES MEMO ON GUIDELINES DURING GCQ

Fray Don Besana, OAR, University President, issued Memo no. 020 s. 2020-2021, otherwise known as University Guidelines for General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in consonance with the City Executive Order. The memo said that despite the downgrading of the status of the city from MECQ to GCQ, UNO-R is bent on exercising precautionary measures to promote the health and welfare of all its employees. In addition to the observance of the minimum health protocols recommended by the IATF, the UNO-R School Board had decided on the following: "Work from Home scheme" for all employees for the period of October 1 - 15, 2020; entry to the campus is still restricted except for Office of the Registrar, ICTD, HRMDO, Accounting office, the Property Administrator's office, Medical-Dental Clinic and other offices provided that minimum number of personnel shall be observed; READS shall not report but are encouraged to stay at home all the time; and ingress to the campus shall be minimized.

## FORMER GOVERNOR AND UNO-R ALUMNUS PASS AWAY

The Senate of the Philippines has paid homage to the late Negros Occidental Governor Alfredo Marañon Jr., who passed away last Oct. 1 due to complications associated with his cardiac health. He was laid to rest last October 4, 2020 in Sagay City. In a virtual session on Tuesday, Senate Resolution 544 authored by Majority Floor Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri was adopted and co-sponsored by all senators present. Zubiri called Marañon a "visionary and brilliant governor". The former Governor served the province for three terms from 2010 to 2019. Marañon, who would have turned 85 in December, had also served as a councilor, vice mayor, mayor, and assemblyman in a political career that spanned 55 years. He finished his secondary education from Occidental Negros Institute, now UNO-R, in 1953. (*with data and news from Philippine Daily Inquirer and the Provincial Government of Negros Occ*)

Another alumnus of UNO-Recoletos passed away last October 10 due to a road mishap. Engr. Glen John Nemenzo died on the spot after a road accident in Bacolod-Talisay-Silay Circumferential road. Engr. Nemenzo belongs to batch 2012.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. Let Perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## NEW TESDA PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR; TESDA APPROVES AGRI-TECH OFFERING

The Technical Education and skills Development Authority (TESDA) Negros Occidental Provincial Office has a new Provincial Director. The new Provincial Director is Bayani E. Gofredo. His appointment is in consonance with TESDA Order No. 322, series of 2020 on Assignment / Reassignment of TESDA Directors III sinedby Sec. Isidro Lapena, PhD, CSEE, Director General.

In a communication dated September 23, 2020, the Business Agriculture Technology with QM code RQM4-2020-UAQD-0645-21 have been approved as of September 10,2020.

## PRIOR GENERAL: You have to internalize every word of Fratelli Tutti

The Prior General highlights the invitation that Pope Francis makes in his new encyclical to all humanity to change society and advance together. In a few days the new encyclical of Pope Francisco *Fratelli Tutti* has impressed many people who have read it, including the prior general of the Order of Augustinian Recollects. Miguel Miró shared his impressions of the writing in a [webinar](#) organized by CEPROME, Agustinos Recoletos, Rome Reports and ESNE TV to analyze *Fratelli Tutti*. A total of ten people commented on the highlights of Pope Francis' document in which he invites us to live in fraternal communion to face the most important social challenges.

The Prior General admitted in his speech that he is impressed by the encyclical and that he is reading it slowly "because each word must be savored, internalized and thought about." Miró began by including *Fratelli Tutti* in a "far-reaching process" of Pope Francis that began with his first exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, and concludes with the latter writing, passing through the encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

Miguel Miró highlighted several relevant points. *First, the invitation to "dream together" for a better world.* The Prior General mentioned the eighth point of the encyclical in which Pope Francis invites us to dream "as one humanity." The Pope invites everyone to wish for a better world, something that "in Christian" translates into "God's plan." "This letter is not for us alone or for Catholics: it is an invitation to the whole world to see what we can do to save this humanity," he said. Likewise, he also highlighted the warning that the Pontiff makes about "the shadows of this closed world." "The Pope insists that history shows signs of going backwards," he said. In this regard, he pointed out that the Pope invites us to

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have a historical conscience. “There are many who think that the world begins now with them; Whoever does this wants to impose his will and is a dictator, "Miró stated bluntly.

In the same way, he endorsed the words of Francis in the section that talks about the Good Samaritan and extended his question: "Who are we: those who assault, those who pass by or those who stop to help?"

Finally, when asked about how the Augustinian Recollects receive this document, the Prior General replied that it is still early but *Fratelli Tutti* "means leaving our world, going out towards a Church that is going out." Lastly, he mentioned the tweet he wrote on the day the encyclical was published and in which he called to "welcome the encyclical with an open heart to dream together and to embrace the culture of dialogue as a way."

*Fratelli Tutti* : "the pure gospel"

In the virtual event, which was broadcast on Facebook Live through the CEPROME channel, Mons. Carlos María Domínguez, auxiliary Augustinian Recollect bishop of San Juan de Cuyo also participated. The prelate believed that this encyclical solves the doubts that many people had about what the thinking and ideas of Pope Francis are like. The president of the general secretariat for Spirituality and Formation, Javier Monroy, also participated, who assured that in this encyclical there is "the pure Gospel" and it only remains to live it, as Francis indicates.

Oct. 1	Launching of Rosary Month
Oct. 3	33 <sup>rd</sup> Presbyteral Ordination Anniversary of <b>Fray Cristituto Palomar, OAR</b> ; Fray Bernard Amparado, OAR (former UNO-R President); Fray Joseph Granada, OAR (Former UNO-R Treasurer); and Fray Jorge Peligro, OAR (former UNO-R VP-Academics)
Oct. 5	World Teachers' Day
Oct. 10	Feast of St. Thomas de Villanova, Bishop and Patron of Studies
Oct. 11	Feast of Pope St. John XXIII
Oct. 12	Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar Birthday of <b>Sr. Shirley Nonato, OAR</b> (UNO-R Alumna)
Oct. 13	Commemoration of the deceased Benefactors of the Order
Oct. 16	World Food Day 2020 32 <sup>nd</sup> Presbyteral Ordination Anniversary of <b>Fray William Villaflor, OAR</b> ; Fray Domingo Saladaga, OAR and Fray Manuel Lipardo, OAR
Oct. 18	<b>Word Mission Sunday</b>
Oct. 20	<b>Feast of St. Magdalene of Nagasaki</b> , Patroness of the Secular Augustinian Recollect Fraternity (SARF)
Oct. 22	<b>Feast of Pope St. John Paul II</b>
Oct. 23	Birthday of Fray Hernando Coja, OAR ( former UNO-R Treasurer) 53 <sup>rd</sup> Presbyteral Ordination Anniversary of Fray Dunstan Hubert Decena, OAR
Oct. 25	<b>Feast of St. John Stone</b>
Oct. 26	Birthday of <b>Fray Dionisio Selma, OAR</b> , Prior Provincial of the OAR Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno
Oct. 27	Birthday of Fray Antonio Limchaypo, OAR (former UNO-R VP -Student Welfare, HS Principal and VP External Affairs)
Oct. 30	Birthday of <b>Fray Cristituto Palomar, OAR</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> Presbyteral Ordination Anniversary of Fray Joel Alve, OAR (former UNO-R VP -Academics, former UNO-R CAS Dean and former UNO-R VP-Student Welfare)




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