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NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH

Diana V. Padilla

In pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation No. 439 s. 2003, the National Heritage Month (NHM) or Pambansang Buwan ng Pamana is annually celebrated during the month of May. This celebration aims to create among the people a consciousness, respect, and love for the legacies of Filipino Cultural Legacy. This year's theme is: Pamanang Lokal, Binhi ng Kulturang Pilipino.

In connection with this, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library (MdBL) through its Antonio Vivencio del Rosario (AVdR) UST Heritage Library organized a series of activities for the Thomasian community for the month of May.



These activities aimed to inform the University stakeholders on the significance of Philippine heritage and to update them on the efforts that the UST Library is doing to

continuously preserve the past through conservation, digitization, and publication of its rich historical resources to help promote excellence in teaching, research, and service to the nation.

The activities conducted were the following:

May 2

Information Dissemination: posted on the Library's website and social media accounts for information about National Heritage Month together with the activities.



May 6, 13, 20, 27

2022

Trivia post on selected significant rare materials of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library (1 rare material posting per day on the Library's social media accounts). Members of the academic staff, currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate students of AY 2021-2022 were allowed to join.

The questions were about: Libertas - the daily newspaper published by UST (1899-1918) that responded to the criticisms and calumnies against Spain / religious orders and explained the truth to Filipinos. This served the Philippine church for 20 years;

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De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium Libri VI - the book written by Nicholaus Copernicus published in 1543, and considered one of the most revolutionary scientific treatises of all time; The Xylographic printing - the method used in printing the first three books printed in the Philippines in 1593 by the Dominicans: the Doctrina Christiana, en lengua española y tagala, Doctrina Christiana en letra y lengua China, and the Pien Cheng-Chiao Chen Chuan or Shih-Lu; and La Guerra Judaica or the Jewish War - the oldest book in the UST Miguel de Benavides Library written by Flavius Josephus. The winners received the Grammarly Premium Accounts.

May 11, 18, 19, 26, 30

Conservation Activity: 1 restored book posting per day. The titles posted were:

- San Josef, Francisco de. (1832). Arte y Reglas de la Lengua Tagala. Manila: Imprenta Nueva de Don Jose Maria Dayot por Tomas Oliva.
- Menezes, Sebastian Cesar de, Obispo de Lisboa. (1662). Veritatis Harmonica utriusque Testamenti Alexandro VII, Pontifice ter Maximo. Rome: ex typog. Nicolai Angeli Tinassi.
- Andegavius, Renatus Benedictus. (1567). Locorum Praecipuorum Sacrae Scripturae Panoplia. Antwerp: In aedibus viduae & haeredum Ioan
- Biblia Sacra Vulgatæ Editionis, Sixti V Pont. Max. Jussu Recognita et Clementis VIII Auctoritate Edita. (1618). Lyons: Joannis Jullieron.
- Marcilla y Martin, Cipriano, OSA (1895). Estudios de los Antiguos Alfabetos Filipinos. Malabon: Tipo-Litog. del Asilo de Huerfanos.

These books were restored under the supervision of Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago, assistant head librarian/head book restorer, UST Heritage Library.

May 25

Library Learning Session No. 5: From Manila to Indiana: Retrieving Intramuros Collections from Lilly Library with resource speaker, Prof. Arvin D. Eballo, PhD., UST Institute of Religion; and

Digitization Activity: Launching of the **New Digital Library Homepage Design** presented by Ms. Diana V. Padilla, assistant chief librarian/head librarian, AVdR UST Heritage Library/lead-person, digitization project. The new features are: video on navigating the website; video on the Library Digitization Project; visible search box button; website compatibility not just to desktop computers & laptops, but also to android gadgets; researcher's testimonials about the website; and featured collection of the month.





May 31

Publication Activity: A teaser about the reprinting of the book: Ensayo de Una Sintesis de los Trabajos Realizados por las Corporaciones Religiosas Españolas (1901), by Fr. Valentin Marin y Morales, O.P. was posted online.

Podcast with episode title: "Ambag ng Aklatan sa Kultura at Pamanang Lokal ng Pilipinas" was aired on May 31, 2022 at 2:00pm via Facebook. It was hosted by Ms. Lady Catherine R. de Leon, head of the Filipiniana section and Ms. Padilla as guest. The interview was part of the Library's Podcast series: Conversations at UST MdBLib.



As organizers of the NHM activities, Ms. Padilla and Ms. Santiago are grateful to the Library Administrators: Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., Assistant to the Prefect, and Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo, chief librarian, for the unwavering support to all the activities conducted. Gratitude goes also to Mr. Lejempf V. head of the Library's Information Communications Technology Committee, and members: Engr. Christian P. Barlan and Ms. Fides C. Arrogancia for the re-designing of the **Digital Library Homepage**, Mr. Jonas T. Sahagun, head of the Professional Training and Development Committee and its members for organizing the Learning Session, Ms. de Leon for the podcast interview, Ms. Raquel B. Lontoc, head of the General Reference and Information section, and staff for the information dissemination of the activities on social media pages of the Library, to the Miguel de Benavides Librarians and Staff, and UST Library Coordinators for promoting the activities as well, and to all the Thomasian students and academic staff who participated in the celebration.

Rest assured that the UST Library will continue to promote the Philippine heritage through its significant rare collections!

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UST Library learning sessions

Chiara Maye M. Navarrete

2022 NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH Pamanang Lokal, Binhi ng Kulturang P<mark>ilipino</mark>

UST LIBRARY LEARNING SESSION NO. 5

From Manila to Indiana:
Retrieving the Intramuros
Collections from Lilly Library

May 25, 2022 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Last May 25, 2022, the UST Library together with the Professional Training and Development Committee organized a learning session for the UST Librarians and Library staff. The learning session was entitled "From Manila to Indiana: Retrieving the Intramuros Collections from Lilly Library" and was led via Zoom. The speaker was Prof. Arvin D. Eballo, Ph.D., a faculty researcher at the Institute of Religion and the Center for Theology, Religious Studies, and Ethics of the University of Santo Tomas.

He was also appointed as the director of the UST - Simbahayan Community Development Office from A.Y. 2019 to 2020.

The learning session began with a welcome remark from Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P. He delivered a meaningful opening statement. He also mentioned the launching of the new Digital Library Homepage design. Prof. Eballo started his talk with a definition of the word "retrieving" which is the "opportunity to request soft copies and take some pictures for research purposes." He added that Intramuros collections were indeed a legacy to the Filipino culture. Prof. Eballo discussed a short history of Intramuros such as the 'seven years' between Great Britain and France. He also talked about Lilly Library which is the principal rare books, manuscripts, and special collection Library of the Indiana University. The highlight of the session was sharing the experiences of the speaker in retrieving primary resources including some of the ethical consideration which are necessary in doing research relating to history. He likewise emphasized three frameworks: first, telling the history of Intramuros during the 17th century; second the primary resources in doing historical research; and third, the data gathering. According to him, doing research is connected to the development of the country.

The session was lively and collaborative. Prof. Eballo asked some related questions like why there are many dark-skinned Indian-looking Filipinos in Cainta and who is Fr. Bartolome Saguinsin? Moreover, the speaker made a firm statement regarding the use of primary resources and to have a factual and historical analysis in doing research. The session ended with a timely and clear expression about historical revisionism and fake news.

Senior High School's 6th anniversary celebration

Symon Lagao

The Senior High School (SHS) Library joined the SHS in celebrating its 6th founding anniversary. This year's SHS Week is inspired by the theme "Impelled by Beauty, Truth, and Virtues." Various activities were launched and participated in by the SHS community.

As part of the celebration, the SHS Library conducted a one-day virtual escape room challenge held on April 5, 2022. Several teams were formed by SHS students who competed during the activity. The participants were able to solve riddles and utilize their library skills to escape the room.

Likewise, through the UST Library's official Facebook page, the SHS librarians posted six (6) notably excellent Filipino books to read to encourage young readers to read Filipino literature. This is to also commemorate the annual celebration of the National Literature Month.



UST Library welcomes Embassy officials

Diana V. Padilla

In the past months, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library received diplomats and embassy officials to view the significant rare collections of the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library and inform them of its efforts in preserving the rich heritage of the country through its conservation, digitization, and publication activities.

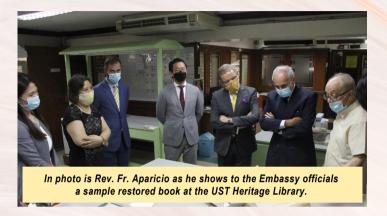
On March 15, 2022, a delegation from the Embassy of Brazil in Manila led by His Excellency Antonio José Maria De Souza e Silva, ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to the Philippines together with Minister Sérgio Taam, deputy chief of Mission; Counselor Ricardo Poletto, head of Political Sector; and First Secretary Eduardo Chikusa, head of Trade and Economic Sector, visited the UST Library.











Mr. Jarosław Szczepankiewicz, chargé d'affaires of the Embassy of Poland in Manila, with Ms. Anna Krzak-Danel, counselor-minister, head of the Political and Economic Section of the Embassy, visited the Library on May 13, 2022. Mr. Szczepankiewicz and Ms. Krzak-Danel requested that they see the original copy of one of the Library's precious rare book - the De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium Libri VI written by Nicholaus Copernicus and published in 1543. They were interested to have a glimpse of the copy since the Embassy has in mind a possible joint event in commemorating 550-years anniversary of Copernicus' birth (1473) in 2023. During the visit, potential collaboration on how the Embassy could help in the continuous preservation of the Copernicus book was discussed with the Library Administrators headed by Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries.

Other Embassy officials who had a courtesy visit to the UST Library were the Consul General of Spain in the Philippines, Mr. Javier Martín García together with Mr. José Angel del Barrio Muñoz of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Consular Affairs Section in Spain. They visited the Heritage Library last May 26, 2022.

The UST Library and its Heritage section are truly honored to have been visited by embassy officials. The Library hopes that they could be its partners in preserving the nation's history through the use of its priceless rare collections.

Mass celebration

Leonila M. Manuel

During this pandemic, the Committee on Human Values prepared one activity which was held at the Santisimo Rosario Parish, University of Santo Tomas. This was the Holy Eucharist conducted every Wednesday thru online where all Library staff were invited to attend. The weekly Mass was intended for all the Intentions of the Thomasian Community. Names of loved ones who are sick, those are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, and departed relatives and friends were included in the prayer intentions. It is an important religious activity because as the priest celebrates the Mass, he represents

Christ and not merely repeating mechanical gestures.

Last March 17, 2022, the Mass was held at the Miguel de Benavides Library lobby celebrated by Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries with Rev. Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., assistant to the Prefect, as co-celebrant.

The staff of the UST Library was thankful and joyful to have this activity especially that the pandemic is not yet over. Prayer is the best weapon. Let's continue praying for each other's safety.

UST Library Santacruzan 2022

Kaori B. Fuchigami

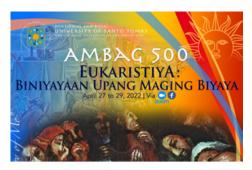
One of the most celebrated Christian festivals in the Philippines is the 'Santacruzan' or 'Flores de Mayo' or may also be called 'Flores de Maria'. It is a Spanish term that translates to 'Flowers of May'. Flores de Mayo is a monthlong celebration of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In observance of the religious Filipino tradition honoring Mama Mary, the Library Committee on Human Values led the first celebration of Santacruzan in the UST Library on May 31, 2022. The parade was headed by the librarians, each holding a letter of the words "AVE MARIA." They were followed by library staff muse from different sections and branches and the University Archives representing 'Biblical queens' and their attributes. Ms. Maria Cecilia D. Lobo, chief librarian, was this year's Reyna Elena while Ms. Diana V. Padilla, the asst. chief librarian, was the Reyna Emperatriz, and Ms. Arlene P. Matias, head of the Human Values Committee, was the Reyna de las Flores. After the procession, offering of flowers and prayers to Virgin Mary was held at the viewing area while forming a living rosary.

The Committee would like to express their deepest gratitude to Rev. Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., for guiding the organizers on this activity.







The University of Santo Tomas held a University-wide Retreat from April 27 to 29, 2022. With the theme "Eukaristiya: Biniyayaan Upang Maging Biyaya (Eucharist: Gifted to Give)."

TAKEN

On the first day, with the theme "Taken." Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan and CBCP Commission for Seminaries Chair His Excellency Most Rev. Socrates B. Villegas, O.P., D.D., served as the conference speaker. Archbishop Villegas said that the "Lord chose us for greatness, even if we were so little and crooked, but the road areatness is the road woundedness in serving and loving. You are the bread: taken, from your crooked story to the wounded story that will unfold later on. Let this choice of the Lord lead you to greater encouragement. Do not look at your crooked past, but rather look at the one who has loved you in spite of who you are."

There's nothing man in his power can do to make the crooked man straight. we could, we wouldn't need Jesus and His salvation. Only Jesus can take the crooked and make it straight. The "crooked" referred to here is the character and nature of man. It would signify deceit, corruption, guile, hypocrisy, and untruthfulness. Anyone who is bent low overpowers of sin and a crook in every sense of the word is a liar, a cheat, a thief, an adulterer, a fornicator, a murderer, and ungodly, is the crook that God can make straight. Jesus makes the crooked straight through regeneration. He cleanses them and gives them a new heart. When the crook (and we were all crooks atone time) repents of his sins and puts his faith in Jesus and

University-wide retreat

Kaori B. Fuchigami

His finished work of redemption, he's saved and forgiven of all his sins and crookedness. Once someone is saved, they make straight paths for their feet and follow the "highway of the upright (straight)," which is "to depart from evil (crookedness)." Jesus was condemned as a crook and bent crooked in the manner He was hung on the cross, and from the pain that gripped His body, we might be made straight through Him.

BLESSED AND BROKEN

Rev. Fr. Enrico D. Gonzales, O.P., professor emeritus of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties and former dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, was the second conference speaker whose talk focused on the topic of "Thanksgiving."

It is downright unnatural to thank God in troublesome times. How do we react when our bank accounts are drained. and we are unsure how we will pay our bills? Our natural inclination is not to thank God. What about when we are experiencing marital problems or sitting on the side of the road because our car broke down again? Do we thank God when the doctor tells us the disease has returned? Again, our natural inclination is not to thank God, right? What is our natural inclination? We shake our fists at God and demand why me, why us, why now? When we have an unthankful heart, it is the Lord we complaining against. In our unthankfulness we tell God that we do not believe that He is in control of all things. We are communicating to God that we think we know what's best for us more than He does. As I look back on this pandemic, I started to think about what I was trying to encourage other people to do - thank God in difficult times. I smiled because I knew what I should do but didn't want to. I didn't like to thank God for the test in our lives. But the Bible has a lot to say about thankfulness. When things are going well, we praise God

and thank Him. That's the easy part. But when things quickly spiral out of our control and problems sprout up, we quickly forget to acknowledge that God is sovereign (in good times and bad) and in control of every area of our lives.



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GIVEN

The President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), His Excellency Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D, bishop of Kalookan, served as the third speaker and highlighted the "Last Supper," where Jesus turned a "Meal of Betrayal" into a "Meal of Forgiveness." To live the Eucharistic life is to live a life taken, thanks-given, broken and shared. The first indicator is our way of looking at or considering others. A second indication, a significant one, is the grace of feeling forgiven and ready to forgive. Hopefully, we do not go to church because we want to appear better than others but because we admit that we need to be reborn by the mercy of God, made flesh in Jesus Christ. We go to Mass humbly because we are sinners, and we want to receive God's pardon. The last valuable indication comes to us from the relationship between the Eucharistic Celebration and the life of our Christian communities. Let us live the Eucharist with the spirit of faith, prayer, forgiveness, repentance, communal joy, concern for the needy, and the needs of so many brothers and sisters, in the certainty that the Lord will fulfill what he has promised us: eternal life.

The Holy Rosary and prayer before work



Manuel Angelo R. Guinto II

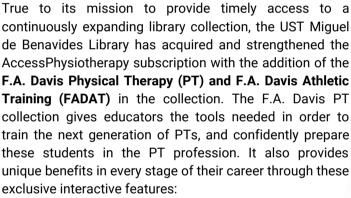
The Human Values Committee spearheaded the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary and a Prayer before work. The Rosary is a widely-loved prayer recited by millions of people and a great symbol of Catholicism. Others treasure the Rosary as a quiet prayer for times of personal devotion, and it is indeed uniquely suited for this - to pause in the midst of a hectic, busy life; to recollect oneself, quiet down inside; then to give oneself over to the rhythms of the Rosary that can lead to deeper prayer. It is important to try to be free of the awareness of time pressing in. Don't focus on getting the whole thing done; focus rather on praying it well.

During the pre-pandemic time, the recitation of the Rosary was done daily at the Miguel de Benavides Library at 12:45 noon. When pandemic started, important guidelines and protocols had to be followed, hence, a computer and a sound system had been utilized for this purpose.

The pandemic has drastically changed our lives but it has also deepened our faith and our devotion to the most Holy Rosary. Through prayers, we have peace of mind, an increased love for Jesus and Mother Mary.

F.A. Davis Physical Therapy (PT) and F.A. Davis Athletic Training (FADAT) collections

Anna Rita L. Alomo



- Top-Selling Content 29 F.A. Davis physical therapy references, fully searchable and continuously updated, is now available on the same digital platform as McGraw-Hill Education's AccessPhysiotherapy. This includes e-book titles such as Dutton's Orthopaedic Examination, Evaluation, and Intervention and O'Sullivan, Physical Rehabilitation all in one digital platform.
- Physical Therapy Cases a wide range of cases designed to help physical therapy students learn in the context of real patients by applying the PT principles to real-life situations. Instead of simply fact memorization, students foster a better understanding of real-life scenarios and patient-therapist interaction.
- Extensive Video Library a robust library of over 400+ videos from leaders in the PT field designed to teach exercise and rehabilitation techniques, kinetics, and physical therapy interventions.



The F.A. Davis Athletic Training (FADAT) resource is an online athletic training and physical therapy that provides students with the tools they need to excel in basic and advanced studies and professional preparation. FADAT provides students with interactive content, self-assessment, and leading texts to enhance decision-making. It also allows students to brush up on their physical therapy knowledge to ensure best patient outcomes. It includes a complete full-text library of clinical textbooks, including Starkey's Orthopedic & Athletic Injury Examination Handbook, 3e, and many others.

UST Library Hiyas awardees 2022

Rowena S. Del Meda



Hiyas ng UST Awards is an annual event wherein support staff are honored for their commendable services. The hybrid "Ikalabing-limang Taon ng Hiyas ng UST Awards 2022" was held on May 20, 2022 at the UST Santísimo Rosario Parish. The activity started with a Holy Mass concelebrated by Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., Secretary-General and Regent, College of Science, Fr. Arturo P. Pestin, O.P., Chaplain for the UST support staff, and of the UST Hospital, Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., O.P., Vice-Rector for Finance, and Regent, Faculty of Engineering, and Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., Regent of the College of Information and Computing Sciences, Archivist of UST Archives, and the Assistant to the Prefect of Libraries of the Miguel de Benavides Library. The highlight of the event was the pre-recorded video featuring the recognition of each awardee for his/her significant service to the University.

The Miguel de Benavides Library is proud of its own committed "Kawaning Tomasino" service awardees, namely:

- Mr. Edgardo N. Lapid, Civil Law Section (40 years)
- Engr. Sebastian Raymond A. Mendoza, former head of Miguel de Benavides Library/ ICT, and currently, Assistant Director for Network Operations Santo Tomas e-Service Providers (STePs), Under the Office of the Assistant to the Rector for Information and Communications Technology (35 years)
- Ms. Ma. Theresa A. Milabo, General References Section (35 years)
- Mr. Enrique A. Gestiada, Jr., Technical Section (30 years)
- Engr. Christian P. Barlan, CIT, Library Network Technician (15 years)











Engr. Mendoza

Ms. Milabo

Mr. Gestiada, Jr.

The pandemic has greatly affected everyone but it has never become a hindrance for these Thomasians to show their selfless love, loyalty, and dedication at work. It was a nostalgic event because, after more than two years of being apart physically, everyone was delighted to see each other again and was able to spend time with friends, co-workers, and acquaintances in person. It was more meaningful being a witness to our colleagues' achievements.

Congratulations to all the Service Awardees! Thank you for your outstanding performance!

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