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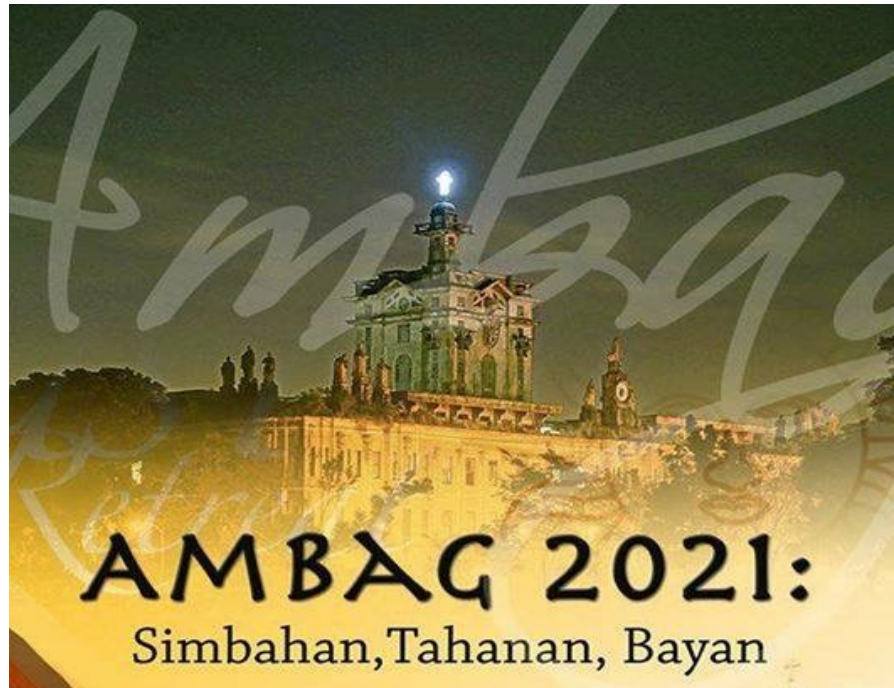
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The University of Santo Tomas organized a retreat for the entire Thomasian community (administrators, faculty members and support staff) with the theme "Ambag 2021: Simbahan, Tahanan, Bayan." This was held last November 26 to 28, 2014 at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion. This also marked the launching of the university's vision for 2020 which encourages every Thomasian to be involved in the life and mission of the Church, the nation and the family, in line with the upcoming celebration of the fifth centenary of **Christianity** in the Philippines.

The first day's theme was *Ambag sa Simbahan* which started with a *Confessio Peccati et Laudis* – a Cross with the crucified Christ was brought in and placed at one side of the altar. Representatives from each department of the University knelt before the crucifix and begged the Lord for forgiveness in behalf of the sins committed by them. There were also testimonies shared by people, who despite physical and economic conditions in life, still have strong faith in God. Those were indeed inspiring and admirable which serve as living witnesses to God's faith, hope and love. Not to forget the three important statements of Rev. Fr. Carmelo "Fr. Jeck" Arada Jr.: forgive yourself; forgive others; and forgive God for making life difficult.

The second day was a "power hug and a blessing day" among Thomasians which was the unforgettable and touching part of the program. All participants were asked to hug a minimum of four persons since a hug has a healing power most especially for those who have differences. The topic focused on marriage and

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*"To live in the world
without becoming
aware of the meaning
of the world
is like wandering
in a great library
without touching
the books."*

- Manley Hall

UST librarians as review facilitators

Examinations, whether lengthy or short, almost always give stress to students and would-be takers. This is why different associations and organizations provide review classes with the aim of helping the graduates to up their chances in passing licensure exams. Some of these organizations and departments include the Philippine Association of Teachers of Library and Information Science, Inc. (PATLS) and the UST College of Education.



Mr. Puzon (front row, first from left) together with the PATLS reviewees.

Ms. Ma. Pri-Ann Tinipunan, coordinator for the Bachelor of Library and Information Science (BLIS) program of the UST College of Education, said that

their first enrichment classes were organized for the 2009-2010 graduating batch of UST students. At first, only faculty members from the UST BLIS program formed part of the facilitators for the classes. In 2012, they started to invite other professors and library practitioners outside of the College like Atty. Vyva Aguirre from the University of the Philippines, Mr. Darrel Marco from Xavier School and Asst. Prof. Cielito Santos of Bulacan State University, to name a few. PATLS on the other hand, started the yearly review classes during the incumbency of Prof. Ruben Marasigan as president. This was in the early 90s. The current chairman for the PATLS review classes is Asst. Prof. Cielito Santos, a faculty member from the Bulacan State University.

This year, three (3) UST librarians were asked to assist in facilitating the enrichment and review classes in preparation for the Librarians Licensure Examinations (LLE) to be held on April 22 and 23, 2015.

Ma. Victoria Acuña (Top 10, 2014), who is currently working in the Acquisitions section of the UST Library, was invited to give a talk on “Tips to Hurdle the Librarians Licensure Examination” on January 10, 2015. She shared valuable insights and tips on what to expect for the approaching board exam.

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CELPh updates

Last February 17, 2015, the Consortium of Engineering Libraries of the Philippines (CELPh) conducted its 12th meeting at the Engineering Library, University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. Updates from the different interim committees were heard and discussed. The main purpose of the meeting was to work on the program planning of the CELPh forum to be held on April 21, 2015 at Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro.

As a result, the group came up with a forum title, the “Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Libraries and Information Centers.” This was open to all information professionals and personnel managing engineering libraries/collections.

Finally, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed on March 18, 2015. The next step to be done would be the registration to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Marivic G. Usita

Levelling up library services thru gamification

To take the library services onto new heights, the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) held the *1st Marina G. Dayrit Lecture Series 2015* last February 27, 2015 at the Conference Hall of the University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library. The title of the forum was “Gamifying Library Services: Issues and Challenges” and hosted by one of the PAARL directors, Mr. Juan Martin Guasch.

In her opening remarks, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, UST chief librarian, shared the timeliness of the topic and underscored the importance of gamification to make library services more exciting to users. It was also during this occasion that Ms. Rosela del Mundo, University librarian of Jose Rizal University (JRU), was inducted and took her oath as the new director of PAARL. It was followed by the introduction of the guest speaker Mr. Laurence Narvaez, a Reference and Information Services librarian of Ateneo de Manila University. Prior to his present work, Mr. Narvaez had a rich professional experience in gamifying library services during his stint in *The Learning Commons* of the Dela Salle University (DLSU).

Before getting started, Mr. Narvaez asked the participants if there exists a course about game designing in any Philippine library school and then everybody realized there is none yet. Thereafter, to give the audience background history about his topic, the resource speaker related the origin of the term “gamification” – that it was coined in 2002 by Nick Pelling, a British computer programmer, and had only gained popularity in 2010. Furthermore, he explained that it was during the 1890s when the first gamification was recorded, and the S&H Green Stamps was the first company to embrace gamification despite the fact that modern computers during those times were not yet in the offing. To demystify the meaning of gamification especially for those who are not familiar with the terminology, the definition given was “it is the use of game thinking and game mechanics in non-game contexts to engage users in solving problems and increase users’ self-

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Re-engineer your library

Libraries continue to adopt changes to become effective and be able to achieve its goals. There are lots of strategies to build and commit. The need for a change will strengthen an organization working together as a team thereby empowering everyone to lead the change.

On March 16, 2015, the iGroup Asia-Pacific Ltd. held a forum, entitled “Lead the Change: Re-Engineer Your Library.” This was held at the Events Room InterContinental Manila, Makati City. This was intended for libraries/universities with engineering programs. Target participants were deans /library-faculty coordinators and directors/head librarians of Engineering schools in the Philippines.

The aim of the forum was primarily to provide a venue for librarians for collaborative discussions with a goal of leading the road to greater customer satisfaction as the libraries continuously redefine and re-engineer its services and programs. Their specific objectives are the following: (1) to introduce the objectives and resource sharing initiatives of Engineering Libraries and (2) to discover more about high impact journals and scholarly electronic resources on Engineering.

The opening and welcome remarks were given by Mr. Felix Gaston, Jr., managing director of LibTech Source Philippines, Inc. The guest speaker was Ms. Concepcion Saul, University librarian of the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna and the president of Consortium of Engineering Libraries of the Philippines (CELPh). Part of the program was the discussion on the different engineering databases offered by the iGroup such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 2015 as discussed by Mr. Patrick Leung, area manager, iGroup Asia-Pacific, IEEE and Ms. Iris Hsu, product manager, iGroup Asia-Pacific, Ltd., who gave an overview of the Afolio, a citation management tool. A discussion of “Core engineering e-books... adjusting to change” was presented by Mr. Joseph Go,

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Web Access Management (WAM)

To have easier remote access to electronic resources, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library is now using the Web Access Management (WAM) which started last March 2, 2015. The WAM allows Thomasian library users with an active library account to search all the e-resources subscribed by the library in a single sign-on convenience. So as not to experience any difficulty in using WAM, users are requested to pay all unsettled accounts due the library at the General Circulation Section.

Below are the basic steps:

How to sign up?

1. Visit <http://ustlib.ust.edu.ph> (LOReNZo).
2. Go to My Account under My Library.
3. For initial log-in:
 - Enter your ID Number. Do not enter any characters in PIN/Password textbox. Click [SUBMIT]
Faculty / Support Staff – xxxx001234
Student – 20015001234
 - Next, enter your desired PIN/Password. Re-enter PIN/Password for verification. Click [SUBMIT]
 - PIN/Password should contain a minimum of 6 alphanumeric characters.
 - Does not accept special characters.
 - Don't forget to LOGOUT.

Once account has been activated, you may also check your library record, renew book and view reading history.

How to access electronic resources outside the university:

1. Visit <http://library.ust.edu.ph> (Library Homepage).
2. Navigate to **Electronic Resources**.
3. Select licensed resource (e-journals, databases).
4. Click **Remote Access**.
5. Enter your ID number and password.

As a benefit to the library's end user, WAM offers single sign on requiring to log in only once and is automatically logged into all the library's electronic resources.

Kaori B. Fuchigami

New databases

To provide more online resources of high quality and relevance to library patrons, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library has subscribed to another batch of databases for the first quarter of the year (January-March 2015). These are the following:

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

This is a full-text database ASCE digital content (journals, standards, proceedings, e-books). It contains all journal articles, published by ASCE from 1983 to present and proceedings published by ASCE from 2000 to present.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

Previously known as the ASME Digital Library, this is a repository of current and archival literature featuring: ASME's transaction journals from 1960 to the present; ASME's conference proceedings from 2002 to the present; and ASME press eBooks selected from 1993 to the present.

Art and Architecture in Video. This is an online streaming film collection, delivers documentaries and interviews illustrating the theory and practice of a variety of art forms and providing the context necessary for critical analysis. The collection spans period and region, including coverage of the renaissance, neoclassicism, romanticism, modern, and contemporary art. In addition to art history and theory, the collection addresses applied topics such as architectural and graphic design.

ARTSTOR Digital Library. Provides digital images in the arts, architecture, humanities and sciences. The collections comprise contributions from outstanding international museums, photographers, libraries, scholars, photo archives and artists and artists' estates.

PASSPORT, EUROMONITOR INTERNATIONAL.

A gateway to global market research database that provides statistics, analysis, reports, surveys and breaking news on industries, countries and consumers worldwide. Passport connects market research to company goals and annual planning, analysing market context, competitor insight and future trends impacting businesses globally.

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An encounter to remember

January 18, 2015 | Manila, Philippines. Pope Francis' Encounter with the Youth and Religious Leaders at the University of Santo Tomas

It was December of 2014 when announcements regarding the Holy Father's visit to UST started to circulate. Excitedly, I applied to be one of the student volunteers to be the human barricade for Pope Francis. The road to listening to him personally was not easy. As what a great man once said, "Nothing GREAT comes easy." Indeed, an encounter as great as that one with the Vicar of Christ does not come easy. More than the physical preparations, we were asked to prepare ourselves spiritually, opening our hearts to fully accept the Lord through Pope Francis.

each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Few minutes after, the Pope riding in his mobile, that was the best three seconds of my life. His face was glowing with a beautiful smile, blessing everyone. I was so happy that I even had tears in my eyes. So grateful to finally see and listen to the People's Pope! The sky likewise seemed to express its joy as it started to drizzle. Nonetheless, everyone's sacrifices were all worth it!

"THINK WELL. FEEL WELL. DO WELL."
The Pope reminded the youth in his speech to



Different scenarios during the Pope's visit to UST.

At around 5:00 in the morning, a Mass for the Feast Day of Sto. Nino was celebrated. As the sun rises, our spirits got even higher, smiles on our faces got even wider and personally, the butterflies in my stomach were even wilder! The positive vibe behind the steel barricades can really be seen and felt by each and every one. It was 9:30 am, the moment that we all had been waiting finally came: "Papa Francisco, mabuhay po kayo!" everyone cheered repeatedly. I was assigned at the Jose Rizal Lane. The Holy Father's black Volkswagen car entered the University. Passing through the Arch of the Centuries, signing on the guest book and an encounter with religious leaders, this moment really amused me. It made me realize how we should treat

holistically develop oneself to be able to help others and eventually improve the society. To end with, our acts of following the Pope must not end with his visit. We must always try our best to follow his ways of humility and express our mercy and compassion towards our brothers and sisters, never choosing, only loving and accepting.

The Philippines is so blessed to be visited by the Holy Father. May this create a lasting impact to us and keep us *r e m i n d e d* of our duties and responsibilities as Christians.

*Maria Elizabeth C. Francisco
Working Scholar
Graduate School Section*

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family in line with the day's theme *Ambag sa Tahanan*. Some couples shared their struggles and how they were able to maintain a strong God-centered relationship. One of the guest speakers for that day was Bishop Teodoro Bacani, auxiliary bishop of Manila. He mentioned that family and marriage are God's masterpiece and everyone has a mission to guard, reveal and communicate God's love within his/her family. The five languages of love were also discussed by Atty. Jacqueline Kaw and partner, one of the couples who shared, and these were the following: **words of affirmation, quality time, gifts, acts of service** and **physical touch**. From the speakers and couples who have shared, everyone can learn to accept and face trials in a mature way and to be transmitter of life and faith in one's family. God should be the center in every relationship and that praying for each other is a must.

For the third day, with the theme *Ambag sa Bayan*, CBCP president and Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Socrates Villegas encourages everyone "to be always on the side of the poor and to practice authentic Christian charity." Likewise, on donations and charities, Villegas said: "it's not about how much we have but how much we have shared." Bishop Pablo Virgilio David, Fr. Deo Galang and Atty. Bong Roque from the Men of Light (MOL), discussed nameless friends, creativity of caring people, leadership, stewardship, faith, the capacity not to lose hope and when in crisis, to never allow the situation to paralyze oneself. Moreover, it should never be forgotten the lesson of the story about the paralyzed man, that is, **Jesus forgives and heals a paralyzed man**. On the day of the retreat participants also received a replica of the *Good Shepherd Cross* of Pope Francis. Archb. Villegas explained the significance of this cross which is a spiritual preparation for the celebration of the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines in 2021.

For the closing ceremony, Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., rector of the University, celebrated the Mass. Part of it was the very inspiring liturgy he shared by telling everyone the difference between the definition of the words Bayan and Bansa. Furthermore, he added that a nation is a "Bayan" if

it has *damdamin, dangal, pagdamay* and *pananam-palataya*. He continued by giving emphasis to *pananam-palataya*, that a nation's faith is compact and firm - "...an audacious faith," and that we should not even think that "we cannot" and "it's impossible." Along with his words that everything is possible if we ought to think that we can. That is why as a university in unity we can say - *anything is possible because we are one community of God, community of Thomasian, and most of all a community with dignity, compassion and faith*.

To our beloved UST Administrators, we commend and congratulate you for this well-organized and successful spiritual activity. This spiritual nourishment brings us closer to God, to prayer and to a deeper union with the Lord on the level of the heart.

Michelle M. San Gabriel

UST librarians... from page 2

Last February 28, 2015, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet (Top 9, 2010), a librarian at the Science and Technology section, was tasked to facilitate the review session for Information Technology.

Mr. Edward Puzon (Top 10, 2008), Gifts and Exchange Librarian, had the opportunity to facilitate the enrichment class in Selection and Acquisition for the third time last February 21, 2015. In addition, Mr. Puzon was also invited for the second time to facilitate the review classes in Information Technology last March 1, 2015. This was sponsored by PATLS and was attended by graduates from different schools other than UST.

Aside from the review, these classes were designed to provide additional knowledge to the examinees as they would be tackling six major subjects that comprise the LLE. The subjects are: Library Organization and Management, Reference, Bibliography and User Services, Selection and Acquisition of Multi-Media Sources of Information, Cataloging and Classification, Indexing and Abstracting, and Information Technology.

Edward H. Puzon

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contributions.” The resource speaker also cited concrete examples that intend to distinguish actual gamification as opposed to, for instance, simple games incorporated to a particular type of library service. He summed up the meaning of gamification by emphasizing that the game components and mechanics should initially be carefully studied before applying them to real world experience.

The resource speaker also added that librarians should think about gamifying library services since the gaming industry is presently a booming industry and considering many people are willing to invest in games. Besides, he believes that gamification can help provide intrinsic and extrinsic motivation to library patrons which can be meaningful and lasting.

For the profession of librarianship to keep up with the fast evolving technological advances and be able to meet the ever-changing information needs of the customers, Mr. Narvaez challenged the participants to gamify common library services such as the library orientation, information literacy instruction, resource usage, library website and the transaction statistics to bring zest with their delivery.

The speaker ended his talk by hinting that implementing a gamification system may not be easy but if librarians will set goals, identify target behaviors and users, utilize appropriate game elements, and most importantly, include the element of fun with the design, the rewards of the undertaking would surely be priceless particularly if those involved know how to tap inherent ingenuity and resourcefulness in levelling up library’s core services.

Maynard M. Vitug

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director of iGroup Publishing while Mr. Carlos Eclevia, Jr. talked on the core engineering journals/standards. Lastly, the Engineering Consortium Briefings was given by Mr. Peter Chung, Regional Sales Management of iGroup.

Yours truly represented the UST Miguel de Benavides Library being one of the members of the organized group-CELPh. The forum took another leap of mind collaboration regarding the different products available for research satisfying the needs of library customers.

Marivic G. Usita

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Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). Provides online access to sixteen (16) SIAM journals (1997 to 2015) on applied mathematics.

The Library encourages students and faculty members to make full use of these resources for their research.

Kaori B. Fuchigami



*“I see libraries and librarians as frontline soldiers in the war
against illiteracy and the lack of imagination.”*

— Neil Gaiman

Outreach for love of the elderly

Fostering love and care for the elderly as represented by “lolos” and “lolas” needs to be preserved and inculcated in the youth and in the succeeding generations of Filipinos. Former President Fidel Ramos declared March 11-18 of every year as “grandparents week.” To honor grandparents is one way of raising the people’s level of awareness on the important role that senior citizens play in society. A Spanish proverb “The oldster who cannot predict is not worth a sardine” reflects the common perception that an older person’s worldly experience is a valuable community resource.



Some USTLA officers and members pose for a souvenir photo in front of the Missionaries of Charity Home for the Elderly.

The UST Librarians Association (USTLA) organized an outreach for the elderly. It was held last February 22, 2015 at the Missionaries of Charity Home for Abandoned/Neglected Elderly in Tayuman, Manila. The protagonist of this activity was Ms. Nora Matawaran, USTLA president, together with the Miguel de Benavides librarians.

The home is managed by the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, an organization which was founded by Blessed Mother Teresa of India. The institution was established in 1978. It serves as a home to indigent and abandoned Filipino men and women, aged 65 years and older. At present,

there are 80 elderly and 30 caretakers in the Missionaries of Charity (Elderly).

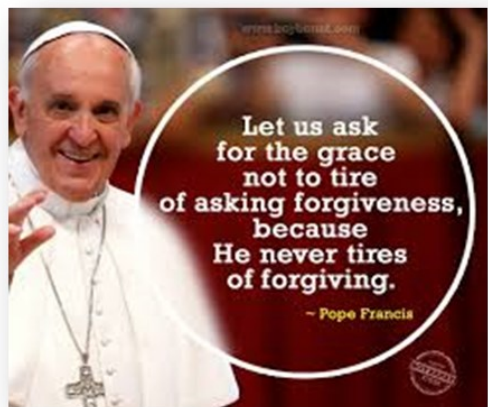
Two sisters, Sr. Euphrasia and Sr. Michael, welcomed the librarians and they were thankful for the visit. They are very happy because their charity home is still receiving an overflowing donation from different organizations and visitors who also spend time with the elderly. Librarians had conversation with the lolos and lolas while having their snack. Most of them, with illnesses, were sitting in a wheelchair. A little curious, the librarians tried to gather information as to how, who, what, why and how long these elderly stayed in this place they called “home.” Hearing their individual reasons, it only means that nobody is taking care, looking after or even loving them. But still, others are contented for they are well provided. It was only a short talk but it was heart-breaking to know how members of their families and relatives treated these elderly.

A Eucharistic celebration initiated by student volunteers followed. It was participated by the Sisters of Missionary of Charity, librarians and visitors. Saying goodbye, the lolas and lolos got a little teary-eyed. Full of gratitude, and in soft voices, they said “babalik kayo ha,” hoping to see the visitors again.

In doing this outreach of love to the elderly, one should keep in mind that as people get older, it is a must that younger ones should give love, respect, provide for their needs, and support them emotionally. In addition, one of the greatest gifts one can give to the elderly is to spend quality time with them by listening attentively about their experiences, take a walk and hold hands with them, give a simple hug or a hand on the shoulder. All these can do wonders lessening their fear of isolation and loneliness. Mother Teresa’s mantra “Hearts to love and hands to serve” invites anyone to serve with love, joy, cheerfulness, and sense of humor in doing charity works for the elderly.

Chona L. Manguilin

"A magical experience"



15-19, 2015. The love for the family and compassion for the needy were given much attention in his entire encounter with the Filipino people. He once said "let the Church be always a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." A direct quote that enlightens the Filipino people especially the priest on how important the role of the Church is in strengthening the Catholic faith. In addition, he also asked every parent to reaffirm the right of every child to grow in a family with a mother and father. The 5-day visit has moved the Filipinos to reflect on the important things in life, especially about family as part of the Church and of the society.

It is not everyday that the Philippines get to be visited by the Pope. Maybe, this is one of the reasons a lot of people wanted to be a volunteer during the Papal visit. For my part, I was indeed lucky to be chosen as communion usher in Luneta, a historical urban park located along Roxas Boulevard, for I was able to see the Pope three times. But being a volunteer was not easy. Experiences like difficulty in butting in and being lost in the crowd, standing for hours under the rain and ignoring starvation just to succeed in our duties as volunteers. I have realized that age was not an issue at that time; old people still strived to bump in the crowd just to lessen the distance between them and the Pope; some became unconscious while others got wounded. These were happenings that brought pain on our neck and cramps on our feet yet taught us lessons as servants of God. This shows how the faith of the Filipino

Mercy and compassion, two words that have marked in our hearts after the visit of Pope Francis in the Philippines last January

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An author's visit

The experience of meeting an author in person is one way of inspiring readers to read more and appreciate the book. In view of this, the High School Library conducted an *Author Visit* activity last February 16, 2015 at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library in connection with the celebration of the High School Week 2015. Assoc. Prof. Augusto Antonio A. Aguila, author of **The Heart of Need and Other Stories** spent his noon with selected fourth year students to talk about his experiences as a writer, his book and his love for literature.

Sir "Tots" as he is commonly called, is currently the Executive Secretary of Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, rector of UST and at the same time a professor at the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Arts and Letters. *The Heart of Need and other Stories* is his first published book in 2013. As a realist writer, he portrays in this book life's melancholies with characters that we see in our everyday lives.

During his talk, he shared to the students, who were a little shy at first, his passion for writing. During the question and answer portion, the students became active and were able to express themselves freely. At the end of the session, as if they could not have gotten enough of the author, some students still approached Dr. Aguila to ask more questions.



In photo are Dr. Aguila (center) with the HS librarians and faculty members.

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Library Treat to graduating scholars

A day filled with fun and adventures were narrated by working scholar graduates about their experiences from the UST Miguel de Benavides Library's treat to the graduating scholars. The annual activity is organized by the Committee on Human Values, currently headed by Mrs. Michelle M. San Gabriel, head librarian of the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library and her committee members. For this year, it was held last March 29, 2015 and as usual, in memorable places like Caleruega and Tagaytay Southridge. The experience was really worth it!

Early in the morning, the graduating WS were already gathered inside the university bus. Some were taking a nap, while others were having chitchats with co-scholars about random stuff just to pass the time before the bus takes off. As the group left the campus, a prayer was recited for the safety and success of the trip. Delicious ensaymada were served during the ride, something to energize everyone for a long day's adventure. A movie entitled "Crazy Beautiful You" was also played while we were all seated comfortably.

It was not long before we reached our destination, the Caleruega Retreat House. We wandered around, took group pictures and some selfies as what they call it, and enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the place. After everyone had enough of the picture taking, we went to the dining hall to eat a hearty "brunch" – spaghetti and white bread. At exactly 10:00, we headed to the Church for a Eucharistic celebration officiated by the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio O.P. One of the highlights was the dramatization of the passion of Jesus Christ. He also discussed in his homily humility, that like Christ, we too must not only do things to uplift our image but rather, to serve everyone around us.

Although there was a very limited time to explore Caleruega, everyone loved the place! There was non-stop picture-taking, smiles and giggles, and a lot of jokes! And who would forget the hanging bridge which is like a ride in an amusement park as we situated ourselves shaking it.

The adventure continued on our way to Southridge Estates subdivision. The WS maximized the very short ride going there by singing using the karaoke in the bus. There

was a mini comedy concert by the working scholars while the singers were bantered by the librarians and friends. As we arrived in Southridge Estates, we were amazed of the residential houses with breath-taking architecture and wished that after our graduation, we work to build something like that which we can call our own. Finally, we reached the place where we would stay for a while and eat lunch. This time, the librarians kept themselves busy by preparing everything. The food was very tasty and made everyone feel at home. Tummies full and excited for what's next, we headed to the Clubhouse to play billiards and table tennis, some just seated by the pool side to play cards and catch up with their fellow scholars. Without any-

thing to disturb them, everyone indeed had fun!

After some time, we headed back to the house with Fr. Aparicio driving some of us of which I may say, was the most unforgettable moment of that day. First we thought we were just taking a shortcut since we did not see the road we

took in going to the clubhouse. But after a while, we all realized that we were lost. Fr. Aparicio, at every intersection, asked where to go – whether left or right. We had a tour around the subdivision and saw almost all of the beautiful houses. At last, we were back to the house. We then ate the tasty merienda and shared our adventure to the rest of the group.

So little was our time but we already had to bid goodbye. As much as we wanted to stay, we could not for we must get ready to travel back to Manila. On our way home, only a few looked tired, and to our surprise, many still had the energy to sing and again, held a mini comedy concert. As a reward, ice cream was served and like little kids, we excitedly divulged them with our sweet tooth.

Being working scholars at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library gave us the honor and pride to face the next chapter of our lives. There is a long list of what we actually benefitted. With this, it is not enough to say thank you. In the future, given the opportunity, we'll surely pay back the blessings that the University, particularly the UST Library, has given us.

Clarisse Rosary Capulong
Working Scholar
Ecclesiastical Faculties Library



LIBRARY COORDINATORS CORNER

Library Coordinator is the faculty member responsible for the activities that concern the library and his/her respective College/Faculty/Institute.

Note: *Library coordinators are encouraged to submit article/s for the Library Newsletter*

Prof. Christine Sta. Maria is currently the Library Coordinator for AMV College of Accountancy. Known as “Tin” to her colleagues, Prof. Sta. Maria was born on December 20, 1987 in Quezon City. Her p a r e n t s are Antonio Sta. Maria and Elsa Capinpin. She is the second in a brood of four (4).

She went to St. Theresa’s College, Quezon City for her grade school and her high school at Sergio Osmeña College in Quezon City.

Prof. Sta. Maria has always envisioned herself as a history teacher way back then. But after taking up Bookkeeping as an elective in high school, she was thrilled by the idea and took up Accountancy in college. She graduated from UST-AMV with a Bachelor’s Degree in Accountancy in

2008 and passed the CPA Licensure Exam in the same year. She finished her Master in Business Administration at the P h i l i p p i n e Women’s University in 2011.

Before her work in UST, Prof. Sta. Maria was a part-time bookkeeper for International L e g a l Advocates in Greenhills. She also worked as an associate auditor in SGV. Currently, she is an Instructor at the UST AMV College since 2009.

She loves reading and even worked as a junior librarian way back in her grade school. She is known to her students as a very disciplined and soft spoken professor. She is also active in attending the Library Coordinators meetings and tries her best to fulfill her duties as such.

Lady Catherine R. de Leon



*Prof. Christine
Sta. Maria*

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people remains strong despite all calamities and downfalls as what they had experienced in the past. This was the time when people from different parts of the country gathered as one to witness and feel the presence of the Pope as the Vicar of Christ.

Pope Francis truly inspires. His words strengthen the mind, touch the heart and uplift the soul of people and move them to change their ways towards the path of Christ. There is an enigmatic aura in him that makes people feel so blessed, a truly ‘magical experience’.

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It was a pleasure having Sir “Tots” as a speaker. He captivated the hearts of the audience through his stories. He even inspired those who want to publish their own book in the future.

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