

WORDWAVE

INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE PAULINE FAMILY YEAR OF THE BIBLE



PAULINE FAMILY OPENS THE **YEAR OF THE BIBLE**

ON NOVEMBER 26, 2020, the Memorial of Blessed James Alberione, the Pauline Family in the Philippines, with the rest of the Paulines all over the world, opened the Pauline Year of the Bible. The Pauline celebration was willed by the General Superiors of the Pauline Family to revive the Pauline spirit and love for the Word of God, and renew the passion of the Founder to which he felt that the Pauline Family was called: *the spreading of the Word of God*. It would

allow the Pauline Family to celebrate with gratitude and praise the 50th anniversary of the birth to heaven of Blessed James Alberione in 2021.



The Committee for the celebration of the Year of the Bible of the Pauline Family comes out with this first issue of the Information Bulletin of the PF Year of the Bible. It is called **WORDWAVE** which joins the Word of God with “wave” that makes the Word spread speedily in the digital world. While the Institutes of the Pauline Family have platforms to share their biblical initiatives, the Committee finds it appropriate and useful to have a common printed bulletin not only for sharing but also for serving as record and reference of this important event in the Pauline Family.

The Superiors General established the Central Commission for the Bible Year. Following its direction, the Pauline Superiors in the Philippines likewise appointed representatives to form the local Committee for the Bible Year to help come out with proposals and initiatives for the biblical year.

For the celebration on November 26, the Pauline Family held a double celebration both streamlined live from the Sanctuary of St. Paul in Makati. At 8:00 AM, Pauline delegates led the celebration of Lauds (Morning Praise) which was carried all over the country. At 3:30 PM the Eucharistic celebration was attended by the SSP Makati community and by a limited representation of Paulines due to protocols imposed by the pandemic. Fr. Lawrence De Peralta, one of the younger priests, presided at the celebration and gave the homily. For the opening of the Bible Year, the Provincial Superiors jointly unveiled the logo at the altar with the slogan, “*That the Word of the Lord may speed forward*” (2 Thes 3:1). Fr. Gil Alinsangan, SSP, the coordinator of the Committee for the Bible Year explained its mandate and asked for the collaboration of all.

At the end of the celebration, the attendees gathered for the *agapē* at Don Zanoni Gym. For this year’s celebration of the Founder’s Day, it was the turn of the Aggregated Institutes and the Association of Pauline Cooperators to play hosts.

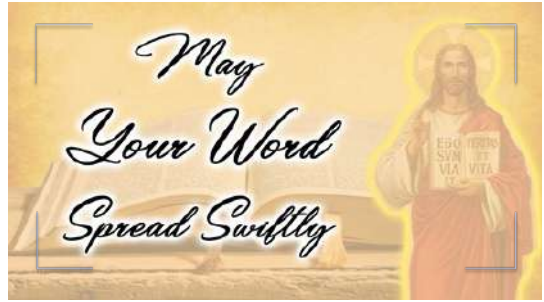
Biblical Initiatives

For the Year of the Bible, the Paulines in the Philippines have enhanced their study and meditation on the Word of God through the practice of *lectio divina* and organizing biblical reflections and seminars. On the part especially of the Society of St. Paul and the Daughters of St. Paul, there has been an increase in biblical initiatives through publications, TV and radio programs, and websites. Being maximized are existing media platforms for Gospel reflections (Gospel Power, Bible Diary, *Sambuhay* Interaktib, St Paul National Bible Quiz, *Mabuting Balita*, *Ang Bibliya Ngayon*, etc.).



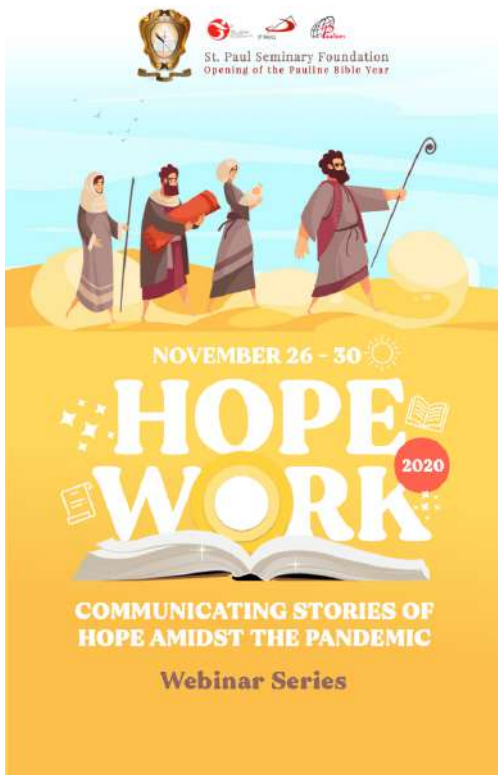
A SONG FOR THE BIBLE YEAR

The song *May Your Word Spread Swiftly* was born out of the desire to produce a local theme song for the Philippine celebration of the Pauline Family Bible Year. The writer of the lyrics, Sr. M. Victoria Victorino, PDDM, incorporated the theme which is inspired by 2 Thes 3:1, hence the title "May Your Word Spread Swiftly." The address to Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life is also in keeping with the Pauline Family's spirituality. Sr. M. Jessibel Maata, PDDM who freshly completed her BA in Music at the



University of Santo Tomas composed the upbeat melody of the song to make it attractive both to the young and old listeners. The song was used as the Entrance Hymn during Lauds and Mass that launched the Pauline Bible Year last November 26, 2020 at the Sanctuary of St. Paul Makati.

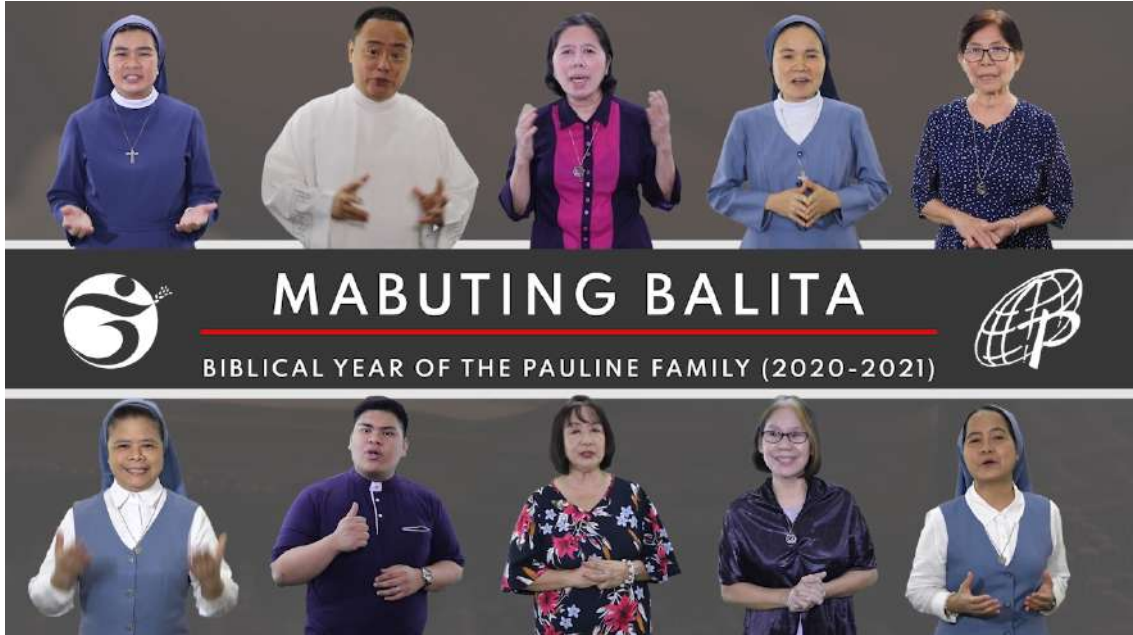
SEMINARY ADVERTISING CLASS ORGANIZES WEBINAR ON HOPE



At St. Paul Seminary in Silang, Cavite, SSP and FSP students of Class in Advertising under Professor Kathryn Salvan organized the webinar *Hopework: Communicating Hope amidst the Pandemic* to coincide with the opening of the Pauline Family Bible Year. This featured three conferences from the SSP formators. On November 17, Fr. Gil Alinsangan spoke on the *Biblical Narratives of Hope*. On November 28, Fr. Anthony Capirayan featured a Creative Writing Workshop, *Pen-spire to Inspire*. And on November 30, Fr. Norman Peña Jr. presented *Damay: Communicating the Philosophy of Hope*.

On the last day, November 30, the organizers held a Video-Making Contest on "Rendering Hope." Later, the entry "*There's Hope*" by Paolo Montances of San Fernando, Pampanga, was announced the winner.

The participants in *Hopework* were given their Certificate of Attendance.



PAULINE FAMILY MEMBERS JOIN *MABUTING BALITA* FB PROGRAM

At the start of the year 2021, the various institutes of the Pauline Family collaborated with the Daughters of St. Paul in their FB program *Mabuting Balita*. Representatives from the SSP, FSP, PDDM, SGBP, IOLA, APC, and IHF share their pastoral reflections on the assigned Gospel reading of the day. This initiative aims to respond to two goals: 1) to help people get acquainted with the reading of the Bible, and with suggested pastoral reflections, to lead them to a deeper love for the Word of God; and 2) to promote the Pauline Family in the pastoral care of vocations. At the end of this special year, it is projected that 365 videos of *Mabuting Balita* would be produced and uploaded in the internet and other social media platforms.



Pauline Bible Scholars Collaborate with Radyo Veritas in Its Program *Ang Bibliya Ngayon*

For the Bible Year of the Pauline Family, Pauline Bible scholars have joined Radyo Veritas' FB program, *ANG BIBLIYA NGAYON*. Together with the hosts, Fr. Rolly Garcia and Sr. Lina Salazar, FSP, they give lectures on preferred topics about Saint Paul or Pauline Letters every third Sunday of the month. Among the guest lecturers are Fr. Gil Alinsangan, Fr. Paul Marquez, Bro. Hansel Mapayo, Sr. Victoria



Victorino, PDDM, Sr. Nimfa Ebor, PDDM, and Sr. Bernie Dianzon, FSP. They will take turns in the duration of the celebration of the PF Bible Year.

YOUNGSTER MAGAZINE OFFERS CATHOLIC SYNCH WEBINARS



YOUNGSTER Magazine has come out with Catholic Sync, a series of free webinars based on the topics designed by the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) curriculum for school year 2020-2021. In line with the PF Bible Year, the webinar's fourth episode will feature Fr. Gil Alinsangan, SSP who will expound on the contrast between the kingship in the Old Testament and the kingship of Jesus. It will be carried on the official Youngster Facebook page.

Electronic certificates are given to those who completed the registration and have complied with the survey forms that are sent to the participants after the webinar.



THE PAULINE BIBLE YEAR Logo

The logo is inspired by two biblical images: the **sower** (Lk. 8:4-15) and the **runner** (1 Co. 9:24). Both biblical references indicate an action to be carried out with a sense of responsibility and urgency. The sower must sow in such a way as to expect an abundant harvest in due time. The runner, after sufficient preparation, must win the race. The combination of these two references brings us to the theme of the *Pauline Family's Year of the Bible: "that the Word of the Lord may speed forward"* (2 Thes. 3:1).

So as to avoid bewildering the observer, the logo employs simple shapes and colors. The **sower, depicted as leaning forward**, tosses into the air **10 seeds** symbolizing the **10 branches of the Pauline Family**. The different **sizes** of the seeds and the different **directions** in which they move indicate the different **services** of the various branches of the PF and the different **spheres of society** in which they have been called to root themselves. **Red**, on the other hand, is the universal color of *zeal* and *passion*. The color of blood, it motivates us to fix our gaze on an urgent goal: that the Word of the Lord might be disseminated far and wide.

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