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INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE PAULINE FAMILY YEAR OF THE BIBLE



## PAULINE FAMILY PRESENTS THREE LENTEN VIDEO REFLECTIONS

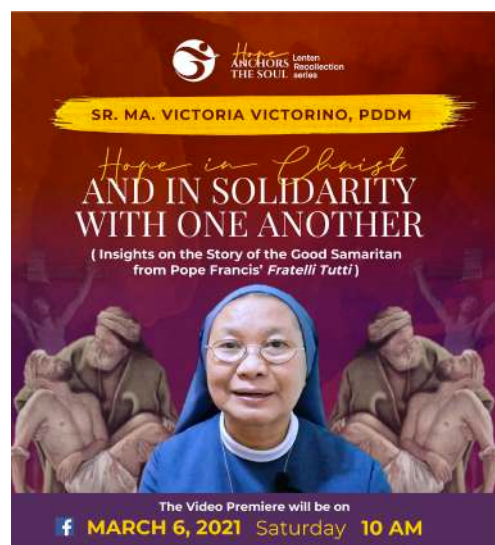
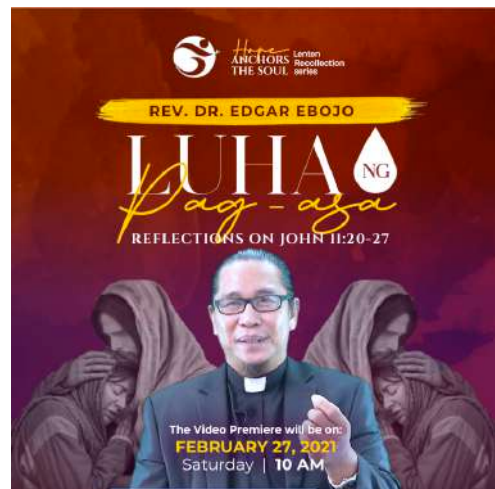
The Pauline Family in the Philippines, through its Committee for the Bible Year, presented three Lenten reflections on the theme **HOPE ANCHORS THE SOUL**. These reflections were one of the projects for the Pauline Family Year Bible Year. The video recollections in video were recorded and edited by Audio Visual teams from the Daughters of St. Paul and St. Paul Seminary. The speakers were introduced by Fr. Ramil Tapang, SSP, Sr. Nimfa Ebor, PDDM, and Sr. Gemma Ria de la Cruz, FSP. The videos were then livestreamed in Paulines Radio PH, St. Paul National Bible Quiz, St. Paul Seminary, Sambuhay Missalette, and St Pauls Online.



The first speaker was **Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio “Ambo” David, D.D.**, Bishop of Kalookan and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). Bishop Ambo is a Bible scholar and is a much-sought speaker. His homilies in his FB account are shared by hundreds of followers. Last February 20, he spoke on *The Bible and Social Transformation: The Human Hope for a Better World*. He spoke of the suffering of the poor and the oppressed especially in his diocese, the apocalyptic vision of Isaiah the prophet, and the vision-mission of Jesus who preached of the reign of God as being fulfilled “today”—in the here and now.

The second speaker was **Rev. Dr. Edgar Ebojo**, a Bible scholar and a pastor who is connected with the Philippine Bible Society. He is an authority on biblical manuscripts. On February 27, he presented *Luha ng Pag-asa* (“Tears of Hope”): *Reflections on John 11:20–27*. The tears of Martha and her sister Mary on the death of their brother Lazarus move Jesus to compassion. He reveals himself as the Resurrection and the Life and raises Lazarus back to life.

The third and last speaker was Pauline Family’s very own: **Sr. Victoria “Vicky” Victorino, PDDM**. A former Provincial Superior, she is also a Bible scholar and taught Scriptures in theological schools in the National Capital Region. Now based in Vatican City, she resides for the moment in Hong Kong. On March 6, she spoke of *Hope in Christ and in Solidarity with One Another*. She focused on the story of the Good Samaritan from Pope Francis’ *Fratelli Tutti*. She presented four challenges to work on individually and as a community: a) overcoming globalized indifference, b) expressing our innate sense of fraternity, c) reparation and reconciliation, and d) giving freely and gratuitously.



## FSP LECTIO DIVINA IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

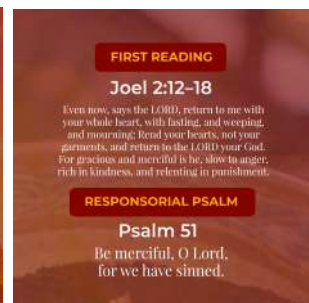
Last November 25, 2020, the eve of the opening of the Bible Year of the Pauline Family, the Daughters of St. Paul launched the pilot episode of *Lectio Divina sa Panahon ng Pandemya*. This initiative was

conceived and materialized at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic as a humble and positive response to the pressing psychological and emotional needs of Filipinos greatly affected by the lockdown and restricted movements. It aims to strengthen the faith and hope of its audience through the meditative reading, praying and sharing of the Word of God. This program, headed by Sr. Evangelina Canag and Sr. Divinia De Claro, is streamed at 6:00 in the evening every Wednesday at Paulines Radio PH and other social media accounts of the FSP Philippine-Malaysia-Papua New Guinea-Thailand Province.



## SSP SEMINARIANS POST DAILY BIBLE REFLECTIONS ONLINE

Since the start of the pandemic COVID-19, the aspirants of Saint Paul Seminary in Silang, Cavite have been posting Bible reflections on the seminary Facebook Page as part of their apostolate. Each day, a seminarian is assigned to write a short reflection based on a chosen verse from the Readings of the Day and provide an accompanying social media graphics. Called “S-Word: Scripture You Can Share,” the online program augments the Pauline Family’s various efforts for spreading the Word of God online, at the same time giving aspiring Paulines a venue to practice their writing and design skills. Other regular contents of the seminary Page include posting of the Sunday Readings and Primo Maestro’s thoughts about the Scriptures.





## PDDM Online Initiatives Feature Biblical Reflections

The Disciples of the Divine Master (PDDM) in the Philippine-Taiwan-Hong Kong Province have launched their Digital Apostolate this year 2021, offering online biblical reflections every day. The Digital Apostolate is a response to the present spiritual needs brought about by the pandemic. Dedicated to live, celebrate and proclaim to the world the Beauty that saves — Jesus Master — the PDDM Sisters utilize their newly-blessed *Saint Paul Studio* to continue, intensify and widen the reach of their ministries through different social media platforms like Facebook and YouTube.

In particular, the Sisters' online biblical initiative is composed of daily Gospel reflections dubbed as *A Minute with the Master* and the in-depth meditations on the liturgical theme of the Sunday readings called *Fragments of the Word*. Through *A Minute with the Master*, the Sisters hope to provide daily guidance for everyone in the light of the Word of God. It offers a quick yet

profound chance to ponder on Jesus' life presented by the Gospel and the light it radiates to different human experiences. *Fragments of the Word* leads people to enter into the mystery of the Sunday liturgical celebration. The PDDM Sisters are taking turns to impart their own biblical meditations.

