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INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE PAULINE FAMILY YEAR OF THE BIBLE



PAULINE FAMILY PRESENTS REFLECTION ON **AMORIS LAETITIA**

LAST MARCH 19, 2021, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Pope Francis opened the **Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family**. It will end in the Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022. It is a year dedicated to deepening the Church's pastoral accompaniment of families, as outlined in Pope Francis' 2016 Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia—On Love in the Family*. The Holy Father notes how important family ties have been during the coronal virus pandemic, even as families have been under extra pressure from the many challenges brought about by the virus.

In line with the celebration of the *Pauline Family Year of the Bible*, the Committee for the Pauline Bible Year organized a reflection on the **Joy and Beauty of Love in the Family**. It was divided into two parts. The first part, on the situation of the family in the light of the Word of God, was presented by **Jaybee Garganera** and **Rosalin Ferrer Garganera**. The second part, on love in marriage, was presented by **Marnol Banta** and **Arlene Timuat Banta**.

The Pauline Family in the Philippines
cordially invites you to a reflection
on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*

The Joy And Beauty of
LOVE
in the
Family

By JAYBEE & ROSALIN
FERRER GARGANERA

MARNOL & ARLENE
BANTA

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Thursday / 8:30 PM

Paulines Radio PH
Sambuhay Miscalette
Saint Paul Seminary
St Pauls Online
St. Paul National Bible Quiz

Jaybee and Rosalin Garganera belong to the Pauline Family as members of the Association of Pauline Cooperators, Friends of the Divine Master. Jaybee is involved with an environmental NGO working against destructive large-scale mining while Rosalin is a journalist, community coordinator, and media practitioner.

Marnol and Arlene Banta, on the other hand, belong to the Pauline Family as novices of the Institute of the Holy Family. They are also active members of El Shaddai and as commentators and lectors in their parish.

The introduction was presented by Ruth Suarez of the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation.

The video was shot by the team of ST PAULS Audio-Visual Media headed by Fr. Keiv Dimatatac in Makati. The team was also responsible of its editing. The video had its premiere in the evening of August 19, the eve of the 107th foundation of the Society of St. Paul and the birth of the



Pauline Family. It was livestreamed in the Facebook of Paulines Radio PH, Saint Paul Seminary, Sambuhay Missalette, St. Pauls Online, and St. Paul National Bible Quiz.

This project was made possible through the collaboration of the various institutes of the Pauline Family.

Next Project: Bible Youth Concert



The next project for the Pauline Family Bible Year is a Bible Youth Concert to be livestreamed on **November 13, 2021**. This will involve members of the Pauline Family who will present the introductory and closing songs and presentations that serve as backdrops of the themes based on Bible characters. Young people will be invited to share their reflections on Bible characters with whom the youth of today can resonate their life and faith experiences—e.g., Joseph, Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Ruth, Mary and the young Jesus.

The Committee for the Bible Year has asked Sr. Gemma Ria De la Cruz, FSP and Fr. Albert Garong to be the emcees. The video presentations will be prepared by the SSP seminarians in Silang with the collaboration of the audio-visual teams of the Society of St. Paul and the Daughters of St. Paul.

SR. VICKY VICTORINO, PDDM TALKS ON MARY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A PROJECT of the PDDM Sisters for the Pauline Family Year of the Bible was a series of three conferences on *Mary in the New Testament*. This was presented by **Sr. M. Vicky Victorino, PDDM** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Hong Kong in the afternoon of June 27, July 4, and July 11, in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel last July 16, 2021.

Sr. M. Vicky based his reflections on Bible references to the Blessed Mother. She also made reference to the book *Mary in the New Testament*, a collaborative assessment by Protestant and Catholic Scholars: Raymond Brown, Karl Donfried, Joseph Firzmyer, and John Reumann. Another reference book is *Mary, Glimpses of the Mother of Jesus* by Beverly Roberts Gaventa.

The reflections of Sr. M. Vicky, with the accompanying powerpoints, are shared in the internet.

Sr. M. Vicky is part of the PDDM community in Hong Kong and is a member of the International Committee for the Pauline Bible Year.



PASTORELLE SISTERS' INITIATIVES FOR THE BIBLE YEAR

Guided by the Word of God and nourished by the Bread of Life, the Sisters of Jesus Good Shepherd (*Pastorelle*) have come up with the following initiatives that the Word of God may speed on:

- Despite the pandemic COVID-19, the quarterly *Lectio Divina* among the Faculty and Staff of Jesus Good Shepherd Development Center in Lingayen, Pangasinan, was resumed and intensified face to face.
- During the on-line classes—three time a week—the faculty and staff of the SGBP Development Center take a daily dose of the Word like a vitamin pill to start their day well.

- The pupils in the Intermediate Grades were likewise encouraged to create their own version of the “vitamin pills” of Biblical quotations which they take to their family for weekly sharing on the text picked.
- Members of the Association of Pauline Cooperators—Friends of the Good Shepherd are being given monthly formation touching on the following topics:
 1. Meaning of the Logo and its significance to the Pauline Family
 2. Alberione and the Word of God
 3. Daily reflection on their favorite Scriptural texts that serve as their inspiration and guide in confronting the challenges of life.



- On the theme of *Gifted to Love* of the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines, a Pastorelle Sister gave a conference on “*The Healing Power of the Word.*”

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When you are sad,

open the Scriptures

and you will find the passage that will console you. Do the same in times of doubt and fear.

Blessed James Alberione
(ICA 2-26-1993)

