

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

PHILIPPINIANA RECORDS

*A. A Visual Documentation
of Fil-Hispanic Churches
Part XI: The Secular-Built
Parish Church of San Luis
Gonzaga, Pampanga*

The visual documentation on Fil-Hispanic Churches of Professor **Regalado Trota Jose** continues. Part XI, Professor Jose brings his readers to the magnificent Secular-Built Parish Church of San Luis Gonzaga, Pampanga. The author

highlights in this visual documentation the evangelization background of Pampanga as a seat of mission work of the Augustinian Friars belonging to the Order of Saint Augustine.

The chronological missionary stints and invaluable contributions of the missionary friars particularly on the Church of San Luis and the whole province of Pampanga are also mentioned. Overall, the visual documentation can edify not only the readers' appreciation of beauty of old churches now belonging to the heritage properties of the country but also the dedication of religious missionaries and their faithfulness to their mission.

*B. Un Rector y un Professor, Martires
Para El III Centenario de su Glorioso Triunfo
(24 y 29 Septiembre de 1637)*

From the archival records comes a historical document from *Estudios Historicos* by **P. Alberto Santamaria, O.P.** which features a UST Rector and a UST Professor whose

sojourn ended in martyrdom. The records tell the tale of P. Antonio Gonzalez, O.P. who was a UST Rector and P. Guillermo Courtet, O.P. a UST professor of theology with some other Dominican friars whose defiance of government order banning missionaries going to Japan met their fateful death in Nagasaki, Japan in 1637. These are two honorable Dominican friars who would rather choose to proclaim the Gospel in land filled with antagonism against the Christian faith than cling to their prestigious position in the university. Dr. Belen Lorezca-Tangco, O.P. provides a foreword for this article.

ARTICLES / STUDIES

A. *Befriending the Beloved Disciple and the Beloved Apostle: A Study of the Diverse Unity of John's and Paul's Theologies*

Unity amidst diversity is what may characterize the faith experiences of the early Christian communities as summed up in the Gospel of John

and the Letters of Paul. **Pablo Muñoz**, a *Verbum Dei* Spanish missionary, who authors this article attributes the title the *Beloved Disciple* to John after whom the fourth Gospel was named and Paul known to be the apostle to the gentiles as the *Beloved Apostle*. Much is reserved to their names more than just their majestic endearing titles. Thus, the author provides lens where one can see the divergence as well as convergence between the Gospel of John and the work of Paul as read in the scriptures on the topic on Christology, Ecclesiology and Soteriology. Digging into the oxymoron *Diverse Unity* is what gives some flare to what may just be a theological parallelism between the two scriptural writings. Hopefully, the readers would see this dynamism of the two sources from the scriptures as truly two *befriending* theological works.

*B. From Predilection
to Election*

*(Narrative Reading of
Gen 21,1-21)*

The scriptural article of **Wenifredo Padilla III, OP** is a potent interest to any biblico-exegetical student or biblical enthusiast on two counts: a.) The narrative importance of Genesis 21,1-21, which discusses about the transition of choice (human predilection of

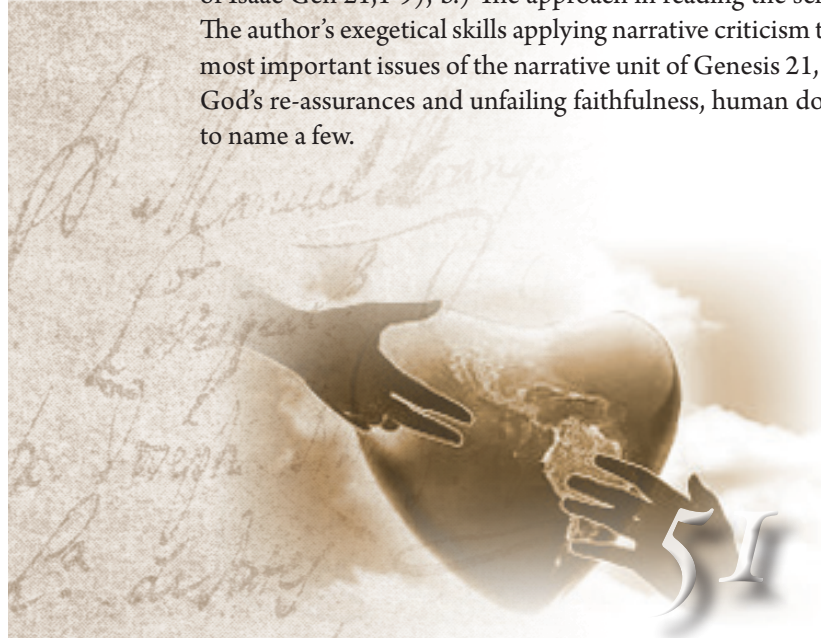
Abraham and Sarah to the Divine election of Isaac Gen 21,1-8, and the eventual expulsion of Isaac Gen 21,1-9); b.) The approach in reading the scriptures using a narrative criticism. The author's exegetical skills applying narrative criticism tackle and shed light to some of the most important issues of the narrative unit of Genesis 21,1-21 like *the heir of God's promise*, God's re-assurances and unfailing faithfulness, human doubts and attempted interventions, to name a few.



*C. God Lives on the
Margins*

Jeffrey Goh, who is England-trained, Barrister-at-Law licensed and has Doctorate in Sacred Theology from Leuven, Belgium combines in this article scholarly, pastoral and experiential approaches in articulating his personal belief on the

presence of God in the margins. The author exemplifies the truth that there is no convincing theological proposition than one that is borne from one's personal conviction and experience.



This article packs into one the five main turning points that deliver one moving theological article: personal experience, the academic exploration at Leuven, pastoral engagements, scriptural witness of compassion and paradigmatic and catalytic stories that push one into action. Such turning points helped the author find the end line of his journey from being a barrister to a theologian.

*D. The Myth of Christian Eschatology
as Counter-Myth to
Neoliberal Capitalist Vulgate*

Neoliberalists' Capitalism seems to have taken hold of the world as a powerful force that cannot be defeated. It is the "unrivalled myth of the vulgate of globalization," to take it from **Gerardo Lanuza's** words, who authors this article. It is not simply that modern man has found in materialism all his answers to his baffling life than the loss of hope for meaning through apocalyptic messianism inherent in both socialism and Christianity. Thus, this article serves as a critique on Neoliberalists' attempt to demythologize pre-Enlightenment religious worldview to replace it with Neoliberalists' capitalism. The author resurfaces the contemporary problems once myths and utopian idealisms are overthrown and these are supported by the author's expository skills from his wide knowledge of socio-philosophical literatures.

