Today is Day 26 of the enhanced community quarantine.

Blessings to all on this Good Friday.

Today, as we remember all of our loved ones - colleagues, relatives, friends who have been called home, having lost the battle against COVID 19, we remember Christ our Redeemer who gave up His life for us. This pandemic has put us into a state of stillness, perhaps to have a more quiet time with Him. Let us put this time to good use.

We remember and mourn a colleague, Dr. Roberto Anastacio, who once chaired the Cardiac Graphics Section of the Philippine Heart Center before eventually moving to the University of Sto. Tomas as member of the faculty and consultant of the same university as well as of Makati Medical Center. He too fell prey to this dreadful COVID virus while in confinement at MMC. We weep with the family as we entrust his soul to our Lord, the Almighty. Rest in peace, Dr. Bobby Anastacio. Your mentees who are now mentors themselves all remember you with fondness and great respect for the teacher that you were.

Today, we have a total COVID in-patient census of forty-nine (49). We had two PUI admissions, one (1) low-risk PHC PUI and one (1) high-risk non-PHC PUI, plus two (2) PUM.

Total No. of COVID In-patients: 49

New Admissions: 2

Our total COVID positive tally and distribution today is as below:

COVID Positive	PHC	Non-PHC
Total = 20	15	5
Mild	12	4
Severe *	3	1
Critical**	0	0

^{*}Severe - on O2 inhalation

Our total mortality to date remains at six (6), two (2) PHC and four (4) non-PHC.

Mortality to date	PHC	Non-PHC
Total = 6	2	4

Our total PUI is at sixteen (16), with the two (2) PUI admissions as mentioned - one (1) low-risk PHC, and one (1) high-risk non-PHC patients.

^{**}Critical - on intubation

PUI	PHC	Non-PHC
Total = 16	4	12
Low-risk*	3	6
High-risk**	1	6

For our PUM, two (2) were admitted giving us for today a total of thirteen (13) hospital-quarantined PUM.

PUM	Hospital quarantined	Dorm or Home
Total = 121	13	108

For our ER COVID triage, thirteen (13) patients were seen yesterday, bringing our total out-patient consultations to date to 413.

Total ER Triage COVID Consultations to date 413

Our total number of recovered patients to date remains at three (3).

Total number of Recovered Patients to date	3
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In this season of darkness, we come across flickers of light from unexpected places. One community in the U.S. sought to spread the "Faith, not Fear" drive by asking each household to put a big Cross in front of their houses. And indeed, this small community came up with Crosses of varying sizes, some right on their driveways, others on their lawn or right smack on their front walls. While public or faith gatherings are a no-no as yet, yet it does not stop any community from expressing such faith in amazing ways. We put our faith in Him for He alone can still this rage in us, against this pandemic.

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them." Psalm 145:18 -19.

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