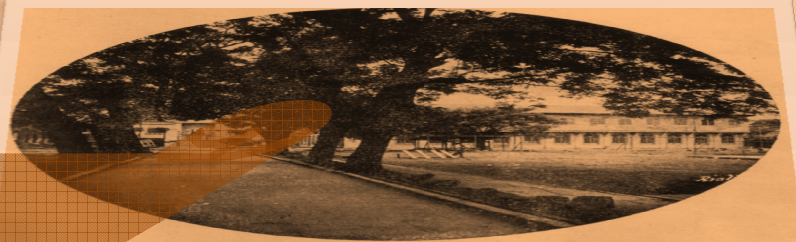




Concordia College **THROUGH THE CENTURIES**



Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepcion de la Concordia, known as Concordia College, was founded by a generous and a wealthy matron, Doña Margarita Roxas de Ayala. Gifted with a vision to provide a Catholic education for the poor and deserving young girls, she converted her three-and-a-half-hectare villa, the La Concordia Estate in Paco, Manila, into a school.

Attracted by the dedication and devotion of the Hijas de la Caridad, popularly known today as Daughters of Charity, who taught and care for the poor, the generous matron did not hesitate to request for eight Daughters of Charity from Spain. She arranged for the Sister's travel expenses so that they could come over to the Philippines and manage the school.

On May 3, 1868 the first eight Sisters arrived and managed the operation of the school; the school was a free school. Escuela Pia. With a small enrollment of sixty students, the curriculum emphasized religion, good manners, reading and writing, simple arithmetic, culture and arts like sewing, embroidery, cooking, needlecraft and household work. The medium of instructor was Spanish.

With the Daughters of Charity at the helm, Concordia College continue to prosper with an upward enrollment toward the end of the nineteenth century. Among its well known students were Saturnina, Soledad, and Olympia sisters of our National Hero, Jose Rizal and his two loves- Segunda Katigbak and Leonor Rivera- the letter immortalized in his novelas as Maria Clara. However, Significant periods in the development of the Concordia College, such as the Philippine Revolution of 1896 and the American era, to name a few, brought about education reforms as can be seen in the following historical dates.

THE SIGNIFICANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE INCLUDES:

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| 1868 | Birth of Concordia College |
| 1894 | Concordia College become a normal school authorized to grant the title "Maestra" |
| 1902 | Introduction of English in the curriculum |
| 1911 | Government recognition of the Elementary Department |
| 1930 | Permission was granted to offer the first two years of General secondary, Home economics and secondary standard Commercial Courses; |
| 1934 | The first batch of Secondary Home Economics and Secondary Standard Commercial students graduated; |
| 1936 | Establishment of the Concordia College Development Center; |
| 1938 | First graduation for those who earned the Elementary Teacher's Certificate |
| 1940 | College opened an additional course, Associate in Commercial Science; |
| 1941 | Outbreak of the World War II; classes were interrupted; |
| 1942 | Japanese government granted permission for the school to operate the Elementary and High School Department; |
| 1943 | Concordia College housed 600 civilians, the refugees and inmates from Hospicio de San Jose; |
| 1944 | Closing of all schools in Manila;

The Japanese Forces who were alerted by the entrance of the American Liberation Forces in Paco; the College was razed to the ground.

June ; Reconstruction started in the same year with Captain Charles of the Philippines Civilian Unit No. 27 providing human power and material assistance;

Classes were held make in shift rooms; |
| 1947 | Government recognition of the Elementary and Secondary Programs,

Teacher's Course in Piano, Conduction and Composition |

- 1949** Government recognition of the four year course in Piano, two year course in Voice, in Violin and Associate in Music and one-year course in Collegiate Secretarial;
- 1953** Government recognition of the four ear course of Bachelor of Science in Education
- 1958** Government recognition of the four years course of Bachelor of Science in Commerce;
- 1959** The nursing Supplemental course was offered;
- 1961** Government recognition of two years Collegiate Secretarial Course, Major in Business and Medical Secretarial;
- Construction of college auditorium;
- Construction of the primary school building;
- 1962** Government recognition of the four Bachelor of science in Elementary Education
- The College started two additional programs Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Social Work;
- Visit the most Honored Father William Slattery C.M. Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission and the Daughter of Charity;
- 1963** Installation of Sister Filomena Zulueta, D.C. the first Filipino Visitatrix of the D.C. Philippine Province
- 1966** Visit of Sister Mary Basil Roarke, D.C. Assistant Mother General and Councilor General for English speaking provinces
- 1967** Centennial celebration of the Foundation of the College;
- Government recognition of the five year Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- 1968- 1978** Golden years for the Nursing Department for eleven (11)
- Consecutive years, 100% of BSN graduates passed the board Examination, two graduates were top notchers for two consecutive years (1st placers) and several ranked among the top ten;

- 1968-** Recognition of the Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology; phased-out in 1977
- 1969** Transfer of the DC Provincialate to Parañaque. As a result of the vacated space the increased number of enrollment was accommodated;
- 1970** Opening of the Graduate School of the Nursing;
- 1971** Government recognition of the Graduate School of the Nursing;
- 1973** Government recognition of the four year Bachelor of Science in Social Work;
- 1976** Government recognition of the two-year Home Management Course
- 1978** Launching of the DC-Catholic School System Development Program for Concordia College and other 23 DC Schools;
- 1980** Implementation of Basic Education Department;
- 1983** Construction of the College Gym and wide Parking area;
- 1985** Concordia College Higher Education Department became co-educational;
- 1986** Concordia College Develop Center celebrated its Golden Jubilee;
- 1987** Visit the Most Honored Mother Anne Duzan, D.C. Superioress General of the Daughter of Charity
- 1989** Visit of Sister Julia Denton, D. C. Councilor General for English speaking DC provinces;
- First formal PAASCU Survey of the grade School Department took place;
- Construction of an additional one-story building for the Mother Seton Dormitory; landscaping of St. Joseph Park and adding the second floor dining in the canteen;
- 1990** First PAASCU Survey of the High School Department;
- Completion of a three-story College building named after St. Louise de Marillac;
- One hundred percent passing of Social Work graduates in the Board exam for two consecutive years;

- 1991** The four year course Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA) replaced the course Bachelor of Science in Commerce – major in Accounting (BSC-Accounting);
- 1992** First PAASCU Re-survey of the Grade School Department. This granted the department level II accreditation status;
- 1993** Concordia College Celebrated its 125 th years of active missionary presence and service in the Philippines;
- 1994** Permit was granted to operate the first and second levels of Bachelor of Science in Secretarial Administration, major in Computer Secretarial Administration (Laderized);
- 1995** Offering of Computer Program for the Handicapped;
- Pearl Anniversary of the Independence of the Daughter of Charity Philippines province from Spain;
- 1996** The Birth of the Marillac Alternative College, trimestral evening class, with 40 students as the initial enrollees at reduced tuition fees;
- 1997** The Higher Education Department passed the PAASCU Preliminary Survey with the provision after 6 months to one year the College could apply for Formal Survey;
- The Lower Basic Education Department passed the PAASCU Re-accreditation;
- Tie-up with NET CURRICULA INC., for four years in the used of Internet as an aid for class instruction for Grade 2 to College level;
- The use of three (3) Computer Internet Laboratories effective School Year 1997-1998;
- 1998** The Higher Education Department passed the PAASCU Formal Survey and was granted a period of three years accredited status Level 1;
- Opening of Dual Training System (DTS) in Concordia College with recognition from TESDA – a two-year (6 Trimesters) program leading to Business Office and Technology (BOT Laderized);
- 1999** Inauguration of the DTS Simulation Office (Virtual Office) and the granting of TESDA “Kabalikat” Award to Concordia College DTS;

- 2000** First DTS graduation was held on the Concordia College Chapel;
- 2001** The Liberal Arts-Education and Nursing Department went through their first Re-survey by the PAASCU accrediting team. They were granted Level II accredited status for five years;
- 2003** October 27: Concordia College was granted Deregulated Status by the Commission on Higher Education;
- Another permit granted by CHED to Concordia College was offering of Master of Arts in Education, major in Education Technology and Business Administration;
- 2004** Renovation of the Higher Education Faculty Room and Basic Education Faculty Room
- 2005** Construction of the native Nursing Arts Laboratory (Bahay Kubo) which serves as a simulated Community Health Center and the Construction of the Nursing Arts Laboratories I and II which serves as simulated private emergency rooms. Part of the Sisters Dormitory was converted into class rooms, typing room , testing room, audio visual room and prayer room;
- 100% of the 2005 Education graduates of Concordia College passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET).
- 100% of the 2005 Social Work graduates of Concordia College passed the Social Work Board Examination
- Start of the implementation of the circular Organigram as the model of the organization set up of the institution with emphasis on Servant Leadership.

Since the birth in 1868, Concordia College has remained steadfast in being voice and arm of the Catholic Church. It will continue to address life with the Vincentian Vision and Values and trusts inculcate in the student, personnel, parents, alumni , as it moves with the latest technology and shifts in paradigms in the third millennium.

