

Ron and Roxanne Claassen had a great experience in the Philippines in November 2011 where they were hosted by St. Paul University, Manila. Sister Lilia Therese L. Tolentino, SPU President, wanted the St. Paul University System to learn about the structures, strategies, and models of





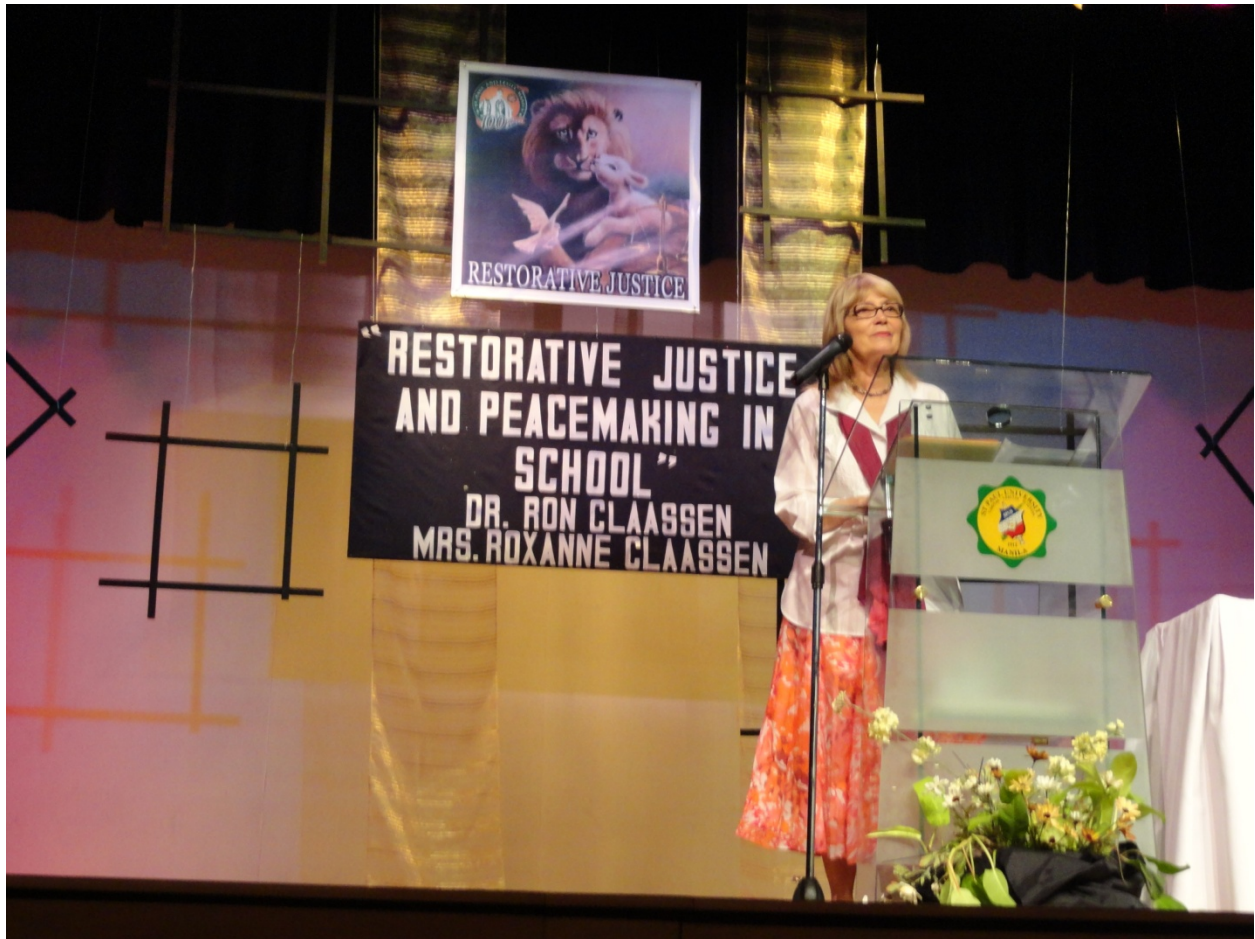
restorative justice so they can practice their biblical faith more effectively in their systems of discipline and grievance. Over 440 people attended the One-Day Conference on Restorative Justice and Peacemaking in Schools on November 29, 2011 in the Fleur-de-lis Auditorium. Sr. Lilia opened the conference with her vision for restorative justice at St Paul University and throughout the Philippines. She closed the conference by again sharing her vision and adding some next steps. Ron presented three lectures, Introduction to Restorative Justice Theory and Biblical Perspectives, Models and Strategies for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking with Stories, and Restorative Discipline at Fresno Pacific University.







Roxanne presented one lecture, Discipline That Restores: RJ in School- Teacher/Student Relationship with Stories.



The University purchased 190 *Discipline That Restores*, by authors Ron and Roxanne Claassen. Thirty leaders attended the three day Restorative Justice and Peacemaking in Schools Training the Trainers Workshop. St. Paul faculty and administration included Nursing Leadership and Management, Philosophy, Christian Morality, and Pastoral Care Professors, VP's for Student Services and Academics.



Also included were HR Development Directors, Guidance Counselors, and Student Formation and Affairs Officers from other organizations and universities. They are serious about



implementing restorative justice/discipline into systems.











Beyond those events, Ron and Roxanne were treated to incredible hospitality that included tours of the city of Manila and a trip to Lake Taal,





Taygaytay (a beautiful resort area above the lake), the city of Taal where there is an enormous Basilica built in the 1500's.





The city of Taal is also where the first flag of the Philippines was flown. Also on that trip they visited St. Paul Retreat and Renewal Center, a state of the art center where businesses, youth groups, religious leaders can gather to both practice reflection, learn, and share ideas.







Lodging and most meals were provided by the St Paul University Hotel and Restaurant training center on campus. Most meals were shared with different groups of Sisters.







We were also introduced to various points of interest around Manila. These were times of learning about new foods and learning to know our hosts, the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres, better.





The gifts received will help us remember the love and caring of those who surrounded us in the Philippines.