



## PONTIFICIO COLLEGIO FILIPPINO

Via Aurelia 490 - 00165 Roma, Italia \* Tel. & Fax +39 (06) 3936 6461  
pcfroma@hotmail.com \* www.pcfroma.org

22 March 2021

Holy Father:

Buon giorno! On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of our Pontifical College, we the priests, religious Sisters, and staff with their families thank you for this opportunity to renew our closeness with you.

At the same time, we thank you for celebrating the Mass last March 14 Sunday, commemorating the 500 years of Christian life in the Philippines, concelebrated, among others, by His Eminence Luis Antonio Card. Tagle, who accompanies us now.

The years of being together in Rome, with a life of spirituality, study and pastoral service, are for us few, but they present to us a reinvigorating and unforgettable experience in priestly life. The priests who come from other Asian countries and Africa, and in other periods from Europe, America and Oceania, to whom we offer hospitality at the College, contribute with their cultures and schemes in life to the universal and Catholic vision of all. May the Lord grant that when we return to our countries, we may truly be bearers of God's gift of peace and mercy.

We ask your prayers and blessings for us, our alumni, the volunteers and Friends of the Collegio, our benefactors. Thank you once again, Pope Francis, Lolo Kiko!

Fr. Gregory Ramon D. GASTON  
Rector

*[English translation of Fr. Gaston's address to Pope Francis given in Italian]*