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**School Administrators/ Directors/ Directress/Principal  
High School Department**

Dear Friends,

Peace!

The Society of St. Paul Philippines-Macau province is pleased to present to you the 9<sup>th</sup> ST. PAUL NATIONAL BIBLE QUIZ 2018. In line with the biblical apostolate of our congregation, the Bible Quiz is our own way to encourage junior high school students to study the Bible, meet youngsters from other schools and win valuable prizes.

This year, the St. Paul National Bible Quiz (SPNBQ) will hold elimination rounds in 23 key locations across the country, with Tuguegarao City as its newest venue. Top schools from elimination rounds will proceed to the area's regional finals round and the regional winner will compete during the "Battle of the Champions" in Manila on November 24, 2018.

The date of our Dumaguete eliminations is scheduled on **August 24, 2018, FRIDAY, 9AM-12PM, at the Don Bosco School**. Top schools from this round will proceed to our regional finals the following day, August 26, 2018, 10AM-5PM, at SM City Cebu — Event Center (Food Court).

If your school intends to join, email us at [biblequiz@stpauls.ph](mailto:biblequiz@stpauls.ph), [marketing@stpauls.ph](mailto:marketing@stpauls.ph) or you may call these numbers: (TL) (02) 895-9701 loc. 608 \* (DL) (02) 890-7130 \* (Fax/DL) (02) 895-3716\* CP 09322029295 and look for Ms. Mary Joyce Chamorro. For Bible Quiz's mechanics, see attached files.

Looking forward to an educational encounter with you as we continue to promote the study and the worship of the Living Word.

In St. Paul,

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## CONTEST MECHANICS

### WHO MAY JOIN?

1. The contest is open to all **Junior High School students** (from Grade 7 to Grade 10), who form a team of three members plus their adviser. For those who are **participants from the Parish**, they must be out-of-school, and are not above 18 years old. They must be certified and endorsed as true students or parishioners by their School Principal or Parish Priest.
2. A school or parish may send **at most two teams** with an adviser for each team.
3. Application forms are available at all ST PAULS Bookstores and SSP Communities, and can be downloaded from [stpauls.ph/biblequiz](http://stpauls.ph/biblequiz) or at our official Facebook page. No registration fee is required.

### CONTEST MECHANICS

1. The Bible Quiz is held in three phases: the Elimination Round, the Regional Championship Round (Semis), and the Battle of Champions, in designated areas and dates.
2. The official Bible versions are the New American Bible and the New Revised Standard Version (Catholic Edition). The contest covers both the Old and New Testaments.
3. English is the official language of the contest.
4. The decision of the St. Paul Bible Quiz Committee, through its chosen JUDGES, is final and irrevocable.
5. Schools and parishes that have an annual subscription of required number of copies/issue of *The Youngster* and *Halo* are automatically qualified for Regional Championship Round. Subscribers are to show their receipts for validation to the Quiz Secretariat. The required number of copies are the following:

<b>Youngster</b>	1,000 copies
<b>Halo</b>	1,000 copies
<b>Combined Youngster and Halo</b>	1,500 copies

### ELIMINATION ROUND

#### Mechanics

1. Each member of the team will answer one of the three contest categories: a) Old Testament, b) The Four Gospels, and c) Acts of the Apostles, the Letters, and Revelation. Each category contains 25 questions in multiple-choice form. The scores will be cumulative.
2. Three teams with the highest cumulative scores will go to the Regional Championship. The winners are announced by the end of the contest.

3. In case both teams from one school or parish win, only one team whose composition will be chosen by the adviser, will represent the school/parish in the Regional Championship.
4. The participating team is responsible for its fare to and from the contest area.
5. Those outside the coverage areas may join the contest in the area closest to them.
6. The venue of the elimination round will be communicated to those who have registered.

## **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **Participants**

- Those who will join the Regional Championship are the winners of the Eliminations Round, and those qualified among the subscribers of ST PAULS periodicals.

### ***First Round***

- This is an essay writing contest. Each contestant is given a paper with a given Gospel text. The contestant writes a short reflection/commentary on the text in a given time (maximum of 45 minutes) and given spaces for writing. The highest mark given to a contestant is 3 points. Thus the team may earn a total of 9 points in this round. With additional 1 point, the score can reach 10 points.

### ***Second Round***

1. The contest is conducted orally. The Quiz Hosts read aloud the questions, and the team members answer together and write their answer on white boards or computers provided them.
2. The questions, classified in three categories as in the eliminations, are further classified according to degrees of difficulty with corresponding points: Easy Round (10 questions at 1 point each), Average Round (10 questions with 2 points each) and Difficult Round (10 questions with 3 points each).
3. Before the start of the Difficult Round, the scores of the First Round (Essay Writing) are announced. These are added to the scores of the Easy and Average Rounds.
4. The team with the highest score after the third round is declared the REGIONAL CHAMPION and will vie for the National Championship (Battle of Champions). The perfect score is 70 points.

\*The participating team is responsible for its transport to the contest venue.

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (BATTLE OF CHAMPIONS)**

1. Competing are the Regional Champions from all over the country.
2. Venue is the Manila International Book Fair, SMX Convention Center, Bay Area, Pasay City.
3. The competing teams are provided transport fares and accommodation in Manila.
4. The contest is conducted orally. The Quiz Hosts read aloud the questions that are also flashed on the screen. The team members answer together and write their answer on computers. Their answer is made visible to the audience.
5. The questions, as in the Regional Championship, are classified in three categories, and are further classified according to degrees of difficulty with corresponding points: Easy Round (10 questions at 1 point each), Average Round (10 questions with 2 points each) and Difficult Round (10 questions with 3 points each).
6. The team with the highest score after the third round is declared the NATIONAL CHAMPION and wins the Grand Prize. The second and third placers are also given cash prizes.
7. The organizers may hold special category contests including one for the audience. This will have no bearing on the contest proper.

## **ESSAY WRITING CONTEST MECHANICS**

***(Approximate time: Maximum of 45 minutes)***

1. This involves a short reflection (explanation/life application) on the Gospel text which forms the First Round of the Regional Championship.
2. The First Round is held before the Oral Contest (the Second Round which is the Contest Proper).
3. Each contestant is given a paper with the Gospel text with a space where he/she writes the reflection that does not exceed the space provided or the number of words. The time is also fixed. The paper is evaluated and scored, with 3 points as the highest. Thus the team may earn a maximum of 9 points. A point is added to make it 10.
4. The cumulative points are announced at the end of the Easy and Average Rounds and are added to the total score of the rounds. Thus the teams know their standing just before the Difficult (Final) Round.
5. The reflections become the property of St. Paul National Bible Quiz which may publish them in ST PAULS periodicals. The writer will be acknowledged.

## **The Secretariat**

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