



Deborah Wu

1972, F5

Former Principal of St. Paul's Secondary School

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“Being all things to all people” - It is not just the quote on her name card but a showcase of her Paulinianhood. Deborah Wu, graduate of 1972, retired Principal of St. Paul's Secondary School and currently the Director of School Development and Administration, the sense of Paulinianhood emerged vividly on the face of this energetic and kind lady.

Deborah spent her five years of secondary education in SPCS before furthering her study in Canada. Recalling her school life in SPCS, Deborah described it as “kaleidoscopic”. She spent most of her time after class in School Choir and Legion of Mary. “SPCS was a pioneer in many aspects. We had netball, swimming lessons and choir practices. In the 1970s, Christmas Caroling in Ocean Terminal was quite trendy.”

Sr. Marie Louise was one of the persons who inspired Deborah so much in her secondary school life. “Sr. Marie Louise was very strict in Religious Studies. We have to memorize the Bible, which I was not so good at.” Girls who couldn't memorize the Bible would have to stay after school. “So I worked really hard reading and memorizing the Bible.” With her perseverance, she managed to conquer this challenge and find her love of life- religion. Deborah was baptized on St Paul's Day in 1972.

After her study in Canada she came back to Hong Kong and started teaching Biblical Knowledge and English in St. Paul's Secondary School in 1980. “I was interviewed by Sr. Margaret, the then Principal of SPSS.” For Deborah, it's a calling. “I stepped on the main stairs of SPSS and I knew it's the place.”

And that's where she contributes her education career and efforts for more than three decades. After retiring from the post of Principal of SPSS in 2013, she chooses to stay with many of her “daughters” at SPSS. “The wonder of teaching is watching caterpillars turn into butterflies.” Being forever a Paulinian, the vision, mission and motto of our dear old school are no strangers to Deborah. The girls at both schools all share the same Paulinian Spirit - dare to try, dare to make mistakes, kind-hearted and all-rounded. Confidence is a very significant element in Paulinianhood. It is achieved by the diversity and freedom at school. Paulinians contribute to our home, profession and society with

7Cs - Charity, Conscience, Confidence, Courage, Creativity, Commitment and Competence, and with these 7Cs, we will make this world a better and happier place to live in.”

Standing on the stage singing out loud with the Alumni Choir today, Deborah is also singing out aloud her pride, her gratitude and her joy of being a Paulinian.

“For all that has been, THANKS!

For all that will be, YES!

為過去感恩，向未來首肯”

Written by Fanny Lee (1991, F5)