

Pilipino American Gathering In A Box

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Vision

In light of Filipino American History Month in October 2022, our hope is to see both Pilipino and non-Pilipino students, staff, and volunteers:

Gather Pilipino students to

- Experience a unique encounter with God that only happens when you are with your own people
- Experience a sense of belonging among other Pilipino students of faith, especially those who may experience displacement within their IV chapters or campus

Inspire Pilipino students to

- Grow in their understanding of what God has been doing among Pilipinos in history and in the present
- Discern their place in God's work among Pilipinos on campus
- Consider creating spaces for other Pilipinos on campus to explore faith together

2 possible structures: Off-Campus or On-Campus

OFF-CAMPUS GATHERING

1. This program is best suited for a conference or retreat. This can happen during a meal, seminar time, or free time.
2. Content: this content is centered around Pilipino students to process their experience together on campus and within IV so that they can discern together what their place is in God's activity among Pilipino students on campus.
3. Food/materials: It wouldn't be a Filipino gathering without food! Try to bring or make food, snack, or dessert beforehand and serve it at the gathering. If you make food, consider gathering a few visionary students to make food and prepare for the gathering together.
4. Time: this gathering may take up to 90-95 minutes in total, without set-up and clean-up time accounted for. Pilipino students tend to be time-abundant, so feel free to make space for anything that needs to be longer in time, especially relational time, while also keeping in mind the flow of programming.

Time (90 min)	Activity	Materials/Setup Needed
5-10 min	Welcome:	Serve pre-made Filipino dessert/drink or snacks

	Welcome students, offer food, and give them a brief overview of your time together, and share introductions: name, major, school, year in school.	
10-15 min	Game: Play a short ice breaker game that helps students connect with each other. One idea is playing "Never Have I Ever, Pilipino Edition."	
20-30 min	Discussion: Name the importance of gathering as Pilipino students at an IV conference, especially during Filipino American History Month. Have students discuss these questions (break them up into smaller groups if the size is too big): 1. What has it been like being Pilipino on your campus? 2. What has it been like being Pilipino in your IV chapter? 3. What might God be doing among Pilipinos on your campus? Gather them back to share as one big group. Interpret what they are saying and name themes and patterns.	
5 min	Vision: Cast vision for planting faith spaces for Pilipinos on campus	

5 min	Testimony: If there is a student present who has a story about either experiencing God through the lens of being Pilipino or planting a Pilipino faith space, give them an opportunity to share	Student who has prepped their own story and can share within 3-5 minutes
10 min	Discern: Give them space to hear from God about their place in what God is doing Pilipinos on campus. Some options for this time can include incorporating a passage of scripture, pieces of art for Visio Divina, or creating space for listening prayer. The prompt to bring before God is: "God, how are you calling me to partner in what You are doing among Pilipinos on my campus?"	
5-10 min	Discussion: Give them a few minutes to share what they heard from God during that time.	
5 min	Invitation: End with some concrete next steps: 1. Consider planting a small group for Pilipinos on campus 2. Join the Pilipino cultural org on campus to learn more about your culture, meet other Pilipinos, and explore what God is doing 3. Invite them to any future National	Any publicity given by AAM or National PIV

	Pilipino American IV or AAM events	
1 min	Close: Thank students for their time! Give more info about who to contact (staff or volunteers).	

ON-CAMPUS GATHERING:

1. Plan for the event to take place during or close to Filipino American History Month, in October (or late September/early November).
2. Content: since the gathering will follow around FAHM, the content will center around Philippine-American and family history.
 - a. Consider showing a short video/clip about FAH
 - b. Discuss Philippine history or even familial history
 - c. Discuss the beauty and brokenness of our history
3. Food/Materials: it wouldn't be a Filipino gathering without food! Try to make a food/dessert beforehand and serve it at the gathering.
 - a. If you make food, consider gathering a few visionary students to make food and prepare for the gathering together.
 - b. Be sure to have a room reservation on campus!
4. Time: this gathering may take up to 90 minutes in total, without set-up and clean-up time accounted for.
 - a. Filipino students are abundant with time, so don't feel rushed in your programming.

Time (90 min)	Activity	Materials/Setup Needed
5-10 min	Welcome: Welcome students to the gathering. Share about FAHM and why this gathering exists. Break off into groups of 2-4 and introduce one another: name, major, year in school. Introduce the FAH Video.	Serve pre-made Filipino dessert/drink or snacks
5-10 min	Video: Play video	YouTube video link: A Filipino American Story Since 1587
5-10 min	Testimony:	Student who has prepped their own story and can share within 3-5 minutes

	Introduce a student and have them share their own experience with engaging in Filipino American/their own family history.	
10-15 min	Discussion: Break students off into groups of 3-4 and discuss highlights from the video and the student story. What stuck out to them from their sharing? Questions to ask: 1. What role did God play in our peoples' history? 2. What role did God play in your family's history?	
5-10 min	Vision: Cast vision for how God is moving presently among Filipinos nationally and even on your campus. Questions to ask: 1. What role may God be playing in our people today? 2. What role is God playing in our people, on this campus?	
15-20 min	Discussion: Make space for students to share in the whole group on how they are processing question #2 above. Ask – what feelings/emotions arise as we shared in the group? Prompt/question: Collectively - what is God bringing up for you as you think about Pilipinos on campus? Make space for students to share anything that resonates or excites them.	Allow space for some students to share
3-5 min	Invitation: Make invitations for students: 1. An invitation to start (ask for help to start) planting a Pilipino space like this to meet regularly. 2. An invitation to learn more about FAH and their families.	

	3. An invitation to more events hosted by PAIV.	
5-10 min	Close: Thank students for their time! Give more info about who to contact (staff or volunteers).	

People

ON-CAMPUS:

Discern how wide you want to cast the net among these three categories:

- Pilipino students within an existing IV group
- Pilipino students within Pilipino cultural organizations
- Pilipino students who are not involved in a faith or cultural space

OFF-CAMPUS (IV RETREAT OR CONFERENCE)

This will be a more “spiritual” place, so we’d expect Pilipino students who are already part of the IV chapter to attend the retreat itself and this gathering. Do not hesitate to go to a deeper spiritual place.

ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEERS

If you have access to Pilipino alumni and volunteers, these would be great events to invite them to help with!

For additional resources:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1vcXGNM_dv5aHuFjHQfQDNzOyEQdvls6O?usp=sharing

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