

To The Honor and Memory
of
Dr. Franklin T. Dalieh, Sr.
President, January 29, 2021 – January 13, 2022
of
Stella Maris Polytechnic University
Catholic Archdiocese of Monrovia

Irving Berlin, a renowned composer once said of death, “The song is ended, but the melody lingers on”.

Each of us is born to sing our song and to speak our truth. Some take decades to produce their melodies and to articulate their truths. Others consolidate a legacy within a few years. However long or short the years may be, it is always the loving God, the merciful God who controls our destinies.

Dr. Franklin T. Dalieh, Sr. has articulated his truth and has sung his song to the hearing of those who could see, understand and appreciate that life on earth is meant to be lived with a purpose. And what greater purpose should there be to living life fully, than to share the knowledge of God, to share the gifts one has been blessed with so as to help prepare a productive people for a productive world.

Dr. Dalieh’s tenure as President of the Stella Maris Polytechnic University may have been short, but his years as a classroom teacher, and as an administrator at all levels of formal education, both in Liberia and in the United States of America spanned decades.

Stella Maris Polytechnic University mourns – not without faith and hope – the death of her Second President and the first lay person to serve his local Church in this position.

If Dr. Dalieh’s dream for SMPU now seems stalled, it is not derailed. The torch will be seized again and service to God, to country to humanity will continue qualitatively.

Rest in Peace Great Servant!