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Lasallian physician named top doctor in Cincinnati

A Filipino Lasallian physician was listed as among the “Top Doctors” in the January issue of Cincinnati Magazine in the US. Dr. Manuel Villareal, practitioner and clinical researcher at the Fragge Allergy and Asthma Clinics and Abraham Research in Kentucky, was cited in the annual guide for the Greater Cincinnati area’s most respected physicians.

Villareal finished his degree in Medicine with *cum laude* honors at the College of Medicine of the De La Salle Health Sciences Institute in 1984.

The survey was conducted among 5,297 doctors with licenses in the counties of Hamilton, Warren, Butler, Clermont, Boone, Campbell, Kenton, and Dearborn in the TriState area of OH, KY and IN. Each doctor was asked to whom they would turn to if a family member or a friend needed medical attention, but was cautioned not to nominate oneself. The final roll consisted of 571 physicians, who each got a minimum of five votes and who represented 42 specialties.

Being included in the list yielded positive effects for both his patients and medical team, according to Villareal. “Having the trust and respect of our peers give our patients the validation and assurance that they are getting excellent care. On the other hand, it also has a positive impact on the staff, knowing that they are part of a team that has the respect of the medical community.”

While Villareal has practiced in the US for 15 years, his Filipino and Lasallian influence still strongly manifest. According to Villareal, “I am sure patients appreciate the unhurried attention and care given to them, coupled with the doctor’s compassion and diligence. Growing up in a faith environment helped mold the person that I am, with beliefs and values that guide choices I make and actions I do or, not do.”

Villareal works as Volunteer Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Cincinnati, and as Volunteer Faculty of the Family Practice Residency Program of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Kentucky. A Fellow of the Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology, he is a recognized and published researcher in his field of specialty.

Another Filipino doctor, Dr. Sabino Baluyot, an ENT practitioner of the Cincinnati Nose and Sinus Center, was also included in the list.

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