

**Faculty Profile for RMT-CEFAM
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Courses

Pre-Marital / Marital Dynamics and Counseling
Family Spirituality Practicum

Areas of Interest

Pastoral Care of individual, couples and families; Understanding of all aspects of wellbeing – physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, financial, and relational; Development of Spirituality in all levels of relationships; Discovery of pastoral themes in different situations in all aspects of life.

Background

Maria Elvira A Macabuag, more commonly known as Muriel, is a Senior Counselor of the RMT-Center for Family Ministries, a family enrichment and healing ministry of the Society of Jesus. She is a graduate of the PD program and the Apprenticeship program of RMT-CEFAM. She took her MA in Pastoral Ministries major in Family Ministries and Counseling. She became part of the counseling staff in 2009 and is part of the Counseling Cluster leadership core. She started assisting in the faculty in 2016 and became a lecturer in 2017.

She was also involved in establishing and leading an office-based Charismatic Prayer Community in Makati. She was also a member of the Jesus the Divine Healer Parish Pastoral Council as the Education Commission Head for several years.

Muriel also spent 30 years in the corporate world, primarily in the Services and the Human Resources areas.