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The Fr. Evarist Verlinden, CICM Building was built on the site of the former Natural Sciences Research Unit (NSRU) building. The NSRU was established in 1999 under the then College of Natural Sciences to carry out research on the indigenous materials, flora, and fauna of the Cordilleras while promoting their conservation and protection. The old building was demolished in early 2025 to make way for the construction of the Fr. Evarist Verlinden, CICM Building.

The new building continues and expands that research role and brings several university functions together:

- Basement 1: SEA control laboratories.
- Basement 2, ground, and second floors: The Animal House and the research laboratories of the Natural Science Research Laboratories, inspired by the missionary and scientific work of Fr. Gerard Braeckman, CICM.
- Third floor: The Jesusa B. Lara Laboratory, the nursing and medicine simulation rooms of the Department of Nursing and the School of Medicine.
- Fourth and fifth floors: The Center for Counseling and Wellness.

The building is dedicated to Fr. Evarist Louis Verlinden, CICM, known as “Fr. E,” the Father of Psychology at SLU. It was blessed on 5 August 2026. By replacing an existing structure with a larger one on the same site, SLU added laboratory, simulation, and counseling space without developing new land.











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