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Message from the Superintendent



By: Fr. Alain P. Manalo

I love the choice of GUNITÂ as the name of our DICES quarterly magazine. I 100% agree with this choice, and I cannot think of any other word to fit the purpose of this publication. GUNITÂ means memory, remembrance, and this is what this magazine hopes to achieve—to remember the past of DICES and its member schools—so as not to forget. We ought to remember, not forget. We ought to be a people of memory.

But what do we exactly remember? Or, what should we truly remember? Interesting facts and figures? Important bits of information for future reference? Events that evoke joy and preserve lessons for tomorrow? Why are we remembering? To document and write history today? To inspire? To simply publish and make ourselves known? Yes, these are all valid reasons, but there is more to it than that.

We remember encounters—among ourselves, with others, inside us, and most importantly, with God. Memory brings us not to these events, places, times, facts, and figures. Memory brings us to en-

counters in the past, both loved and hated, which shape our present and shall mold our future. That is how important memory is. This is how important GUNITÂ is to DICES.

Everyday, we are gifted with encounters that are rich in meaning, overflowing with blessings and powerful in charting the direction of our lives. They come in all forms and colors. They evoke all sorts of emotions. Regardless of their shape and size, we ought to treasure these encounters. They are not simply fleeting events with passing value. Encounters have the power to define even our eternity.

So, what then do we choose to remember? Remembrance is not simply a passive or spontaneous recollection. Remembrance is a n active decision. Memory is not a space to be filled up. Memory is our power to build our present, and our future, on the foundation of our memories of the past .

May GUNITÂ become the gift to DICES, by DICES—to mightily transform our lives and our world, according to God's plan.

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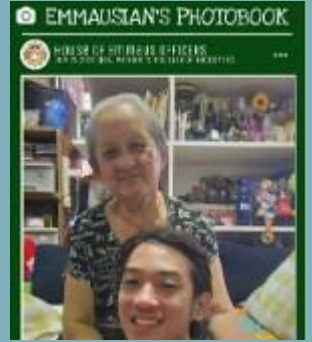
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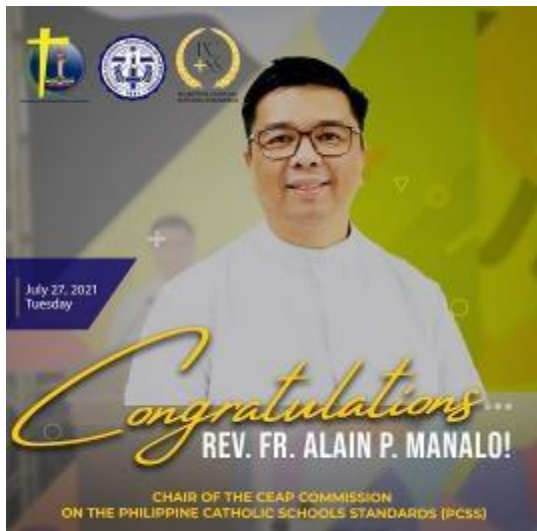




Fr. Alain Manalo reinstalled as CEAP-PCSS chair

Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES)

By: Joanne Liezl D. De Mata



Last July 27, 2021, the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) re-appointed Fr. Alain P. Manalo as the Chairman of the Philippine Catholic Schools Standards (PCSS).

Fr. Manalo was re-appointed by the Board of CEAP as the Chairman of PCSS, following the resignation of former chair Msgr. Mike Veneracion.

The turn-over meeting was held after the appointment two weeks ago.

Msgr. Mike Veneracion was appointed by Cabanatuan Bishop Sofronio A. Bancud, SSS, D.D., as the Pastor of the St. John Nepomucene Parish in Cabiao, Nueva Ecija. The said appointment took effect on July 2, 2021.

Fr. Alain was assigned by the Board of CEAP as the Chair of CEAP-PCSS in December 2019 and had to step down upon finishing his term. He is now the CEAP representative to the International Office for Catholic Education (OIEC).





Fr. Alain Manalo renews priestly vows, installed as Holy Family parish priest

Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES)

By: Joanne Liezl D. De Mata

Last July 10, 2021, the rite of installation for Fr. Alain P. Manalo, Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education and Superintendent of Diocesan Schools, as the second parish priest of the Parish of the Holy Family, Lancaster New City was held during the Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista, Bishop of Imus.

The official installation ceremony

coincided with Fr. Alain's 21st sacerdotal ordination anniversary. Fr. Reuel Castañeda, Vicar General of Diocese of Imus, read the Letter of Appointment.

Before his homily, Bishop Rey Evangelista expressed his greetings to Fr. Alain P. Manalo.

"Ang aking taos pusong pagbati sa iyo, Fr. Alain. Happy 21st sacerdo-

tal ordination anniversary! Napakaganda po an sa araw ng kanyang anibersaryo bilang pari ay pormal an itinalaga siya dito sa Parish of the Holy Family Lancaster City bilang kura paroko," he said

"Napakamabiyaya ng pagdiriwang an ito. Tinatanggap ninyo si Fr. Alain, at nangako si Fr. Alain an kayo ay paglilingkuran nang may malalim an pagmamalasakit sa diwa ng paglilingkod at pagmamahal ng Diyos sa ating lahat," the bishop told the parishioners present during the said special occasion.

Fr. Alain offered his gratitude through his speech toward the end of the Holy Mass attended by hundreds of parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Family and other religious organization members, some school administrators from the Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System, Inc. (DICES), and local politicians. His parents and other family members were present, as well,

to witness the rites of installation.

Fr. Alain stated: "Hindi ko pinili nag parokya an ito. Dito ako isinugo. Nagtitiwala ako sa Diyos an dito ako matututo at dito ako lalago bilang pari at bilang lingkod, at hindi lamang ako nag matututo at lalago kundi tayo bilang isang parokya—sama-samang matuto at lalago sa pagsunod sa kalooban ng Panginoon."

Fr. Alain, who attended San Carlos Seminary, a Catholic archdiocesan seminary of the Archdiocese of Manila established in 1702, was ordained on July 10, 2000.

Earlier on the same day, the Blood-letting Activity, or mobile blood donation, in collaboration with the Philippine Red Cross, was held in celebration of Fr. Alain's 21st sacerdotal ordination anniversary.



Ask DICES!

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MPS, grade 5 student*

“I can describe DICES as my HOME. It is the reason why I became an independent person. DICES is a GIFT that I am grateful for.”

*Charles Vincent Cuevas
SMMS, grade 10 student*

“I think DICES is the most important thing to me because I met a lot of good people in DICES family.

*Ianne Chelzy H. Uy
SJPS, grade 11 student*

“As a member of DICES, what is DICES for you?”

“Aside from home, DICES is also a strong foundation for our children. DICES offers an education that combines Catholic faith and teaching with academic excellence.”

*Michelle A. Abuan
MPPS, parent, pharmacist*

“DICES is like a family where I experience love, care, and support.”

*Domingo B. Alarcon, Jr.
JESOMA, teacher, registrar*

“For me, DICES is a big help for our dear children. It helps mold our students holistically to be the best that they can be for their future.”

*Encarnacion A Tiston
OLPCS, teacher*

“DICES for me has been and will always be my companion. I became part of the DICES family when I was in first grade, and each day I am grateful for being here.”

*Keisha V. Sericon
JESOMA, grade 9 student*

“For me, DICES helps me to be more confident and to improve my talents and abilities.”

*Khirzten Viel C. Basa
SMMS, grade 9 student*

“For me, DICES means expanding my knowledge, being honest with God, and having good manners and habits. DICES has a perfect program that teaches students how to become good persons, and I want my daughter to know that while she’s young. “

*Macy Danna L. Santera
SMMS, parent, businesswoman*

“Personally DICES is like a family to me and also as my second home.. DICES gave me an opportunity to pursue my dreams , with the guidance of God, and through all of the people He used as instruments to teach me. DICES gives me a unique feeling in motivation throughout my school years. I'm grateful for all the challenges and the lessons I have encountered that actually changed my life.“

*Jan Hazel F. To
SRCS, grade 10 student*

“DICES is my second family wherein I have my teachers as second parents, my classmates as friends, and my school as my second home. DICES serves as my hand and heart and guides me to become a responsible individual someday. DICES teaches me to be a morally upright person who has a heart to serve the Lord our God and show our care to others. “

*Niña Faith R. Rodriguez
MPS, grade 5 student*

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“(DICES is) a community that helps one another.”

*Lecel C. Omas-as
FMDMS, teacher*

“DICES is a strong family that cares about the welfare of the students, teachers and employees. They provide a good quality education and spread the word of God.”

*Prince Albert R. Delos Reyes
JESOMA, grade 8 student*

“The DICES family is where my children can be taught to learn to be the best version of themselves while being faithful to their beliefs..”

*Mary Ann A. Santarin
FMDMS, parent*

“For me, DICES is an opportunity provider and a potential improver. DICES is really a home for me as it let all the personnel, even those from other schools, to be brothers and sisters.”

*Lydia D. Dimapilis
NSGA, principal*

“As part of the DICES family, DICES is like a parent for me because it is the ones that guides and leads the school to achieve its goals for its students, to have a better future, and to fulfill the school's mission.”

*Karylle Sam S. Ilas
OLPCS, grade 9 student*

“The Catholic education in DICES is one of the best places where you can start to develop your skills, and talents. This is the best platform to explore your knowledge. It is the place where we learn to differentiate between right and wrong.”

*Hailey Rose P. Acebuche
SAS-M, grade 2 student*

“DICES is a community that supports each other in achieving and getting closer to God.”

*Zephny Jacinth C. Riva
SJPSC, grade 3 student*

“DICES strengthened my Catholic faith.”

*Sheila Marie C. Martinez
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MPS welcomes pupils for new school year, conducts house-to-house campaign

Maragondon Parochial School (MPS)

By: Jennifer Santos Lopez

Last July 1, 2021, MPS began its welcome efforts for all incoming pupils for SY 2021-2022. Last July 12 to 23, 2021, MPS teachers also conducted a house-to-house campaign for the school.

Justina Esguerra, the new MPS principal, welcomed the school's students and parents to the new school year. Marilou Casama (EXREL and Guidance Advocate), Jeanette Villanueva (CVIO and Prefect), Roda Fe Anglo (Grade 2 teacher), and Marivic Mapa (Preschool and Grade 1 teacher) were assigned to pack all necessary supplies for pupils. Michelle Aniata (PPO and Finance Officer) and Juanita Raquion (Cashier and

Liaison Officer) answered all inquiries about tuition fees and other financial concerns. Jennifer Lopez (OSA and Communication Officer) and Maria Theresa Musca (SAG) were assigned to focus on social media campaign and other related concerns.

During MPS' house-to-house campaign, teachers distributed flyers and disseminated information about the school. Announcements were also made at the start and end of celebrations of the Holy Mass with the supervision of Fr. Jerry C. Belen, MPS school director and parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Maragondon, Cavite.

SMMPs begins enrollment month

St. Mary Magdalene Parochial School-Amadeo (SMMPs)

By: Richelle M. Ferrera

Last July 1, 2021, SMMPs began its enrollment month. Parents and guardians of SMMPs students were allowed to go to school or online for the enrollment process.

SMMPs offered a 50 percent discount for children and grandchildren of workers from the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, a 50 percent discount for children of SMMPs alumni, a 10 percent discount for SMMPs siblings, and P500 discount for friend referrals.

SMMPs also offered online distance learning (ODL) using the Aralinks learning management system (LMS).

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DGA holds virtual recognition event and offsite enrollment

De Guia Academy (DGA)

By: Armando G. Gallard

Last July 3, 2021, DGA holds a virtual recognition event for the school community via Facebook Live.

The event recognized the efforts of DGA students and the DGA family as a whole.



Last July 12 and 13, 2021, DGA also held offsite enrollment procedures in order to bring learning to student's homes. In particular, the offsite enrollment procedures aimed to bring the school closer to students.

Announcement of schedules were posted online. Reminders were also given to parents and students through Facebook Messenger.

Following health and safety protocols, assigned personnel were deployed for the said tasks.

Photos were taken at Brgy. Chapel of Cabulusan Magallanes.



SAS-M conducts virtual pre-parents' orientation

St. Augustine School-Mendez (SAS-M)

By: Ma. Irish Anne P. Gatpandan

Last July 3, 2021, SAS-M conducted its pre-parents' orientation for parents of elementary, junior, and senior high school students.

The orientation, held via Zoom, aimed to manage the parents' expectations for the coming school year. SAS-M's new program, under the DICES FLEX 2.0, was presented.

Rachelle V. Tarang, Cherielladd C. Mojica and Kevin P. Guinsisana, SAS-M's Subject Area Guides, presented the program.

Marilou C. Aure, Finance Officer, discussed school fees. Due to the pandemic, it was announced that this school year, SAS-M would accept as low as P1,000 for down-

payment upon enrollment.

Nikka G. Aguilar, OSA Coordinator, presented OSA activities and scholarship programs. Proposed activities for the upcoming school year, including reviving club activities, were also presented.

All other inquiries were answered by the school principal and other administrative council members.

The orientation was moderated by Ma. Irish Anne P. Gatpandan, Guidance Advocate and Communications Officer.

HFA launches “Aklat Ko, Alay Ko Sa Kapwa Holinians Ko” book pantry

Holy Family Academy (HFA)

By: Vhia Alcantara

Last July 13, 2021, the HFA Student Body Organization launched its "Aklat Ko, Alay Ko sa Kapwa Holinians Ko" Book Pantry at the HFA school grounds.

The book pantry aims to "help and provide learning resources" for students and other members of the HFA community, as well as

"lessen the burden on the parent's part", especially for those who are "financially challenged because of the pandemic," said Camille Bu-annm of the HFA Senior High School -Student Body Organization (SHS-SBO). "Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person," she said.

The ribbon-cutting for the official launch of the event was done by the school director, Fr. Antonio P. Perez Jr., and the school principal, Joane S. Sapon.



HCCSN conducts open house for potential enrollees

Holy Cross Catholic School (HCCSN)

By: Kathreen P. Cruz

Last July 15, 2021, HCCSN held a day-long Open House event for parents, students, and potential enrollees. The Open House aimed to familiarize students with Online Distance Learning (ODL). The event also aimed to help students differentiate ODL from Modular Distance Learning (MDL).

The event, which was held at 1:00 PM via Zoom, was attended by HCCSN students, from pre-elementary to senior high school.

Participants were grouped into Break-Out Rooms, where assigned

teachers conducted demonstrations on various topics using the Phoenix Aralinks Learning Management System, which HCCSN students will be using for the upcoming school year.

For the demonstrations, Dianne Myca Guiao discussed an Araling Panlipunan topic for elementary, while Hazel Joy Cordero discussed a Science topic for junior high school and Jenielyn Gonzales discussed an English Proficiency topic for senior high school.



SFAA holds “sacred time” event

St. Francis of Assisi Academy-Tagaytay (SFAA)

By: Jeanette Nuestro



Last July 15, 2021, SFAA held its Sacred Time and Colloquium in the Ministry of Teaching (CMT) activities.

SFAA teachers and students held their Sacred Time event, which is a time to reflect, worship and remember the reality of God .



SFAA also held its Colloquium in the Ministry of Teaching (CMT), which aims to celebrate one's born/special day and enjoy activities that could relate to one's life, as well as encourage the spirit of teamwork.

The activities were facilitated by Cristeta L. Mojica.

SGA holds virtual commencement exercises, “graduation on wheels”

St. Gregory Academy (SGA)

By: Ma. Glyzza De Villa

Last July 15 to 21, 2021, SGA held virtual commencement exercises for its students. Graduates from the kindergarten and grade 6 levels had their “graduation on wheels” as well.

After the successful virtual commencement exercises conducted online, the local government of Indang, Cavite allowed SGA to have a graduation pictorial, with simple and short ceremonies, for its Grade 10 and Grade 12 students, with their parents and guardians.

Kindergarten and Grade 6 stu-

dents also had their “graduation on-wheels” event, which allowed them to experience the graduation ceremonies with their loved ones. SGA students had the chance to wear their graduation gowns or togas, with their medals and diplomas.

The schedule of receiving credentials and graduation activities was posted on every section’s Facebook group chat. Proper ground control and strict implementation of the IATF Health and Safety Protocols against COVID-19 were implemented throughout.





JESOMA offers vouchers and discounts for grade 11 enrollment

Jesus Son of Mary Academy (JESOMA)

By: Joyfe Serrano

Last July 16, 2021, JESOMA offered promotional vouchers and discounts for potential enrollees through Facebook.

JESOMA offered vouchers to potential enrollees for Grade 11. P14,000 vouchers were offered for those from private schools and P17,500 for those from public schools.

JESOMA also gave P20,000 discount vouchers for students, as soon as they submitted the necessary documents for enrollment.

Last July 19, 2021, JESOMA faculty went to nearby parishes to announce the promotions in person. The announcements were made after the Holy Mass.



SJPSC students raise funds for SAST-SHS COVID-19 outreach facility

St. Joseph Parochial School of Cavite (SJPSC)

By: Kristel G. Ronario

Last July 16, 2021, the SJPSC Student Body Organization (SBO) reach a total of 212 sales of sets of orders for face masks and lanyards. Profits from these were donated to the SAST-SHS COVID-19 outreach program.

According to the SJPSC SBO officers, they aimed to reach the target for their project by September.

The project, entitled "Gifted to Give: Tugon—Beyond Blessed

Facemasks and Lanyards for a Cause", launched last June 30, 2021.

The project was initiated by Senior High School SBO president Xander Clyde V. Cagas. The project aimed to raise funds in response to the appeal for donations of SAST-SHS for the COVID-19 Outreach Facility of the school.

Each pair of "Beyond Blessed" facemask and lanyard costs P100.

NSGA teachers and students prepare for upcoming school year 2021-2022

Nazareth School of General Aguinaldo (NSGA)

By: Jake C. Anico

Last July 17, 2021, NSGA teachers underwent training for Online Distance Learning (ODL), as well as other preparations for the upcoming school year 2021-2022.

NSGA teachers, together with teachers from other DICES member schools, underwent training for ODL. The training for ODL was done in partnership with Rakso CT Company and Phoenix Aralinks. Further training was done by teachers in July 26 and August 25, 2021 as well.

In preparation for the upcoming school year, NSGA teachers also prepared new instructional materials.

As part of the preparations, NSGA students also participated in the school's first Online Summer Class Program.





SFDMPS orients parents and students about Aralinks

San Francisco de Malabon Parochial School (SFDMPS)

By: Shierney Ann P. Reterta

Last July, 18 2021, SFDMPS began its first ever “On-Site and Virtual Aralinks Orientation and Simulation for Parents and Students” for the upcoming school year 2021-2022. The orientation continued on August 1, 2021, while the virtual Aralinks simulation began on August 6, 2021. These programs began at 9:30 AM until 11:30 AM.

The events were facilitated by SFDMPS administrators, teachers and staff, together with the guidance of Darlene J. Reyes, SFDMPS school principal.

The event was held at the SFDMPS communications and faculty room.

The Aralinks platform gave teachers authoring tools to generate presentations for discussions, among other tasks. The orientation educated parents and students in manipulating and using Aralinks, either on-site or virtually.

Online distance learning was the modality intended for grades 4 to 12, while hybrid modular distance learning was for kindergarten to grade 3.

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SAS-T holds virtual graduation, launches community pantry

St. Augustine School-Tanza (SAS-T)

By: Allyza Joy Venzon and Camille Angelyn Agrimano

Last July 20, 2021, SAS-T held virtual graduation and moving up rites for its SY 2020-2021 graduates. Last July 29, 2021, SAS-T also launched its community pantry project.

For the graduation and moving up rites, SAS-T prepared a short virtual program for its learners. The rites, which had the theme “Sulong EDUKALIDAD: Pag-unlad sa Pangangatawan at Kalugod-lugod sa Diyos at Kapwa”, highlighted the efforts of SAS-T learners, teachers, and personnel in championing education amidst the pandemic.

The SAS-T community pantry, entitled “MeSAS Para sa mga Agustino”, was launched by the SAS-T Human Resources and Guidance

Offices. The community pantry aimed to help SAS-T personnel, teachers and parents, especially those who are struggling under quarantine restrictions and finding it hard to feed their families.

The SAS-T offices set up a table and stocked it with rice, vegetables, coffee, canned goods, soap and other essentials. The community pantry is open from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in front of the SAS-T administration office, where it is accessible to all who are free to take as much supplies as they need or share with others whatever they could.

The project was inspired by the Maginhawa Community Pantry, which began last July 29, 2021.



SMMS celebrates virtual closing ceremonies, Kawit town fiesta

St. Mary Magdalene School-Kawit (SMMS)

By: Kristel G. Ronario

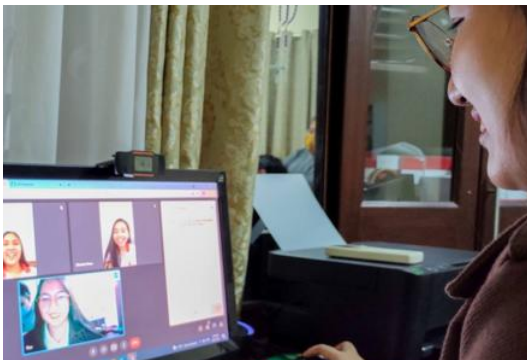
Last July 20 and 21, 2021, SMMS held virtual closing ceremonies. Last July 22, 2021, SMMS also celebrated the fiesta of Kawit, Cavite.

The theme of the ceremonies, held via Facebook Live, was "Sulong EDUKALIDAD: Advancing in Wisdom and Age and Favor before God and Neighbor".

Armando G. Gallardo, former SMMS school principal, said, "Patina an nag mga pang rap ay hindi maaring bitawan sa anumang larangan, maging pandemya man o kalamidad." Fr. Alain Manalo, DICES superintendent, also said, "Quality education should advance us in wisdom." Jerico O. Enriquez, newly appointed SMMS school principal, concluded the event by

saying, "May each and every one serve as an inspiration. Let us prove that learning never stops, even during this pandemic."

The day after the ceremonies, SMMS faculty and staff also celebrated the Kawit Town Fiesta, as well as the 400th year of evangelization of the St. Mary Magdalene Parish. The Holy Mass was presided by Imus Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista, D.D. According to the bishop, the theme of this year's fiesta is to encourage people to share their encounters with Jesus Christ and spread its word. "Katulad ni Sta. Maria, tayo ay inibig ng Diyos," he said.



FMDMS donates books and toys for child protection advocacy

Fr. Michael Donoher Memorial School (FMDMS)

By: Rhoselyn Saylon

Last July 21, 2021, the FMDMS community took part in the child advocacy of Silang, Cavite by donating books for children in need.

The donation was made in response to the call from the Municipal Child Protection Office of Silang, Cavite, headed by Bhingle Villarama, to help children in need, including those who are victims of abuse.⁵⁶

The FMDMS community donated sets of coloring books and other learning materials for children ages 3 to 5 years old, as well as stuffed animals for children ages 5 to 6 years old. The donations were handed over to the Municipal Office by FMDMS principal Claudine S. Alcanse, along with CVIO Coordinator Rhoselyn Saylon, last August 11, 2021.



MPPS conducts 2021 virtual moving-up ceremonies for kindergarten

Mabuting Pastol Parochial School (MPPS)

By: Darphnelyn Guerrero

Last July 22, 2021, MPPS conducted virtual moving-up ceremonies for the end of SY 2020-2021 for kindergarten students.

The event, dubbed as “Mobile Moving Up”, aimed to prove that the pandemic is not a hindrance in learning for children, as well as to show appreciation for the hard work and perseverance of MPPS pupils. The event also acknowledged the help of learning coaches and their parents.

The event also aimed to give an opportunity for pupils to experience moving-up celebration in their homes in place of having the event at school premises.



IJA holds Google Workspace seminar

Infant Jesus Academy (IJA)

By: Julius Toledo-Pasumbal



Last July 23, 2021, IJA organized a seminar on Google Workspace for Education Fundamentals, at Marie Ursule Gymnasium.

The seminar was organized by IJA, together with FMDMS, SMMPS, and SFAA, in order to enhance and develop quality instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic. The seminar equipped teachers to use Google Workspace's features which can be

beneficial in organizing lessons and delivering instruction.

The resource speaker for the seminar, IT expert Jholan Torres, presented online sites and applications that teachers can use to boost the motivation and interest of learners. Torres also facilitated a workshop wherein teachers were given the opportunity to share out-puts.





PFCSI students celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Paraclete Foundation Community School (PFCSI)

By: Jenessa Silvela

Last July 25, 2021, PFCSI students joined the celebration of the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The school invited students to share memorable photos with their grandparents on social media.

The event highlighted Pope Francis' words to all grandmothers, grandfathers, and elderly: "I am with you always"...are the words that (Jesus) repeats to you today,

dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. 'I am with you always' are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly."

PFCSI students, through their social media posts, echoed this message. These posts were later gathered and shared on the PFCSI Facebook page.

SMI honors grandparents and elderly in GrandFlex day challenge

St. Michael's Institute (SMI)

By: Carlos Miguel R. Lazaro

Last July 25, 2021, SMI announced the "GrandFlex" Day challenge through their Facebook page, which invited SMI student participants to create videos honoring their grandparents.

SMI students were challenged to create TikTok videos to the tune of the song "I'm Just A Kid" by Simple Plan.

The created videos showcased pictures of the students with their

grandparents and relived memories they have formed with each other. Later that day, several entries were submitted and shared on Facebook.

The SMI celebration was held concurrent to the worldwide celebration of the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, a day before the feast days of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.





SRCS personnel join “Kumustahan Sessions”

Santo Rosario Catholic School (SRCS)

By: Lovely Camille Raqueño

Last July 27, 2021, SRCS personnel participated in the second round of Kumustahan Sessions, headed by Sugus Marges, DICES Program Officer.

The event, themed "Keeping Well-ness of Gurong DICES", was facilitated by Christine Samson of SMMS and Thomas Arcilla of OLPCS.

The event aimed to provide additional well-being and mental health services to DICES personnel

Fr. Dominador C. Duroy Jr., SRCS school director, encouraged DICES teachers and staff to keep not only a listening ear but also an open heart to show concern for people sharing their experiences.





STCS concludes first-ever Virtual Summer Program

St. Therese Catholic School (STCS)

By: Raina May M. Agellon

Last July 28, 2021, STCS ended its first-ever Virtual Summer Program for all incumbent and aspiring STCS students. The program launched previously in June 25, 2021.

The program offered the following courses: Reading and Writing; Advanced Mathematics; Basic Mandarin; and Musical Instruments.

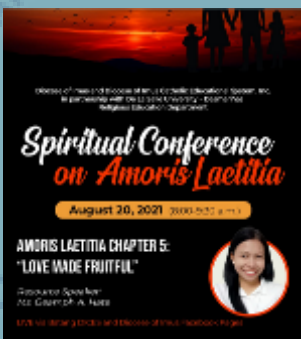
According to Charmaine Roque, Reading and Writing teacher for primary level, "Thanks to the summer reading program, my students were able improve their reading skills".

After the respective 5-week long sessions, students received certificates of recognition and were featured in the STCS Facebook page. According to Laidel Rosete, student affairs coordinator and guidance advocate,

"Aside from learning during the whole academic school year, it is also important for Theresians to hone other skills like the music instruments class and to improve their knowledge about math and reading. Personally, I see it as something that will help the students psychologically during these hard times".

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DICES holds first-ever Pinning Ceremony for new hires

DICES (Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES))

By: Joanne Liezl D. De Mata



Last August 5, 2021, symbolizing the institution's formal acceptance of its new members, DICES conducted for the first time ever the Pinning Ceremony, following the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

The Pinning Ceremony, spearheaded by DICES Assistant Superintendent, Fr. Dominador Duroy, Jr., was held to serve as a meaningful way of welcoming 37 new employees from 9 DICES schools, denoting their affiliation. The event was attended by DICES heads, school administrators, Subject Area Guides (SAG), and the new Gurong DICES.

The school principals and assistant principals placed the DICES pin on the collar of each of their newly hired employees as a formal and unique way of welcoming the latter to the institution's growing family.

"We gather together as DICES Community to ritualize our membership in this humble yet noble vocation of being stewards in the schools of Jesus, to remind us of our philosophy, mission and vision, and core values as DICES, and to pin into our hearts our DICES Pledge of Commitment," Fr. Jun Duroy, Jr. said in his opening remarks.

The 'ritual' was marked by the respective school principals and assistant principals presenting and placing the DICES pins on the collars of their newly hired employees as a symbolic way of formally 'welcoming' the latter.

The Pledge of Commitment was led by Ms. Maria Aileen B. Marges, DICES Program Officer for Guidance Services. Taking the pledge to heart, the newly hired employees recited the Pledge of Commitment, which summarized the primary



commitment of DICES schools to provide quality Catholic education to its learners. The recital of the pledge symbolized the choice and dedication of newly hired employees to unite themselves with the DICES vision and mission as new members of DICES community of educators. The recital of the Pledge of Commitment was led by Ms. Maria Aileen "Sugus" Marges, Program Officer for Guidance Services.

Fr. Alain P. Manalo, prior to leading the Rites of Commissioning, gave a welcome message: "Magpakatotoo tayo. Huwag tayong magpanggap. We have to accept the truth in the existential reality...Dahil sa pandemya, maaring naririto tayo dahil sa mahirap nag mawalan ng trabaho, pero nag mahalaga ay naririto tayo sa DICES ngayon."

Fr. Alain also went on to impart

words of wisdom to those who were present, "Hindi natin alam kung hanggang kailan lamang tayo naririto....Kung tayo ay makararating nga ba sa twenty-five years of service. We don't really know. So, we have to make the most of our time and effort to contribute what we can while we are here because God gave us this purpose."

Fr. Alain then led the Rites of Commissioning for the newly hired DICES members, saying "You have been called as teacher in DICES schools—to teach, serve, support, tell the story and nurture the people of God in faith and witness. We surround you with prayer and encouragement on this day, praying that God's Spirit may bless and inspire your teaching and example to the praise of God's grace and for the work of ministry."

"With greater faith in God, we say "YES!" to be His Gurong DICES because this is our calling," Fr. Dominador Duroy, Jr. said.

The ceremony ended with the presentation of the 500 Years of Christianity music performed by the selected and talented teachers and students of DICES.





DICES celebrates Mass of the Holy Spirit to grace SY 2021-2022

DICES (Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES))

By: Cristy S. Arienda

Last August 15, 2021, DICES celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit, presided over by Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista, at the Parish of the Holy Family in Lancaster New City, Imus, at 9:00 AM.

As a Catholic educational institution, prayer is vitally important to the life of DICES Schools, and perhaps even more so this year, considering what is happening in our country and in the world. Accordingly, the Mass of the Holy Spirit was joined in by the whole DICES Family. It was also live streamed via Batang DICES Facebook page so that DICES community could also watch and attend the Mass at home.

In his message, Bishop Rey underscored that the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit, especially



amidst pandemic, is essential to our academic year and that we cannot just open the school year without the inspiration, guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit that directs and strengthens us so that everything that we will do throughout this new year will be according to God's will. As high-

lighted in the First Reading, he reassured the DICES community of the unique gifts of the Holy Spirit and urged us all to use those gifts and talents for the growth of the church.

DICES community continues to uphold solidarity, commitment, and faith, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit despite these challenging times.

Bishop Rey also emphasized the significance of unity especially in the mandate to effectively provide Catholic education.

“Thank God we are united as one DICES family! Let us maintain unity in DICES, for it is only by our united efforts through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we will grow,” Bishop Rey said. He ended his message by urging us all to “pray to the Holy Spirit always - for strength, inspiration, for our unity and deep love for one another, and for forgiveness that we all need.”

The awarding of plaque for staff with 25 years of loyal and committed service was also held after the Holy Communion. These awardees were Mary Grace T. Banta and Linda E. Celestino from SMI, Gilbert M. Tongco from SJPS, Aurora C. Cunanan from SAS-T. and Leila D. Ancheta from SMMPS.

Toward the end of the celebration, DICES Assistant Superintendent Fr. Jun Duroy thanked Bishop Rey for

presiding over the Eucharistic celebration and for his fatherly presence, Fr. Reuel Castañeda for his support in making sure DICES is on the right path, Fr. Alain Manalo for guiding and inspiring DICES workforce and for leading DICES to greatness, and all priest-school directors and chaplains for allowing themselves to be humble instruments and faithful stewards of DICES schools.

Fr. Jun also extended his deep gratitude to all the matatag an GURONG DICES - the principals, assistant principals, members of the school administrative council, subject area guides, and newly hired teachers.

The celebration concluded with a photo session.



DICES remembers the legacy of Fr. Reddy Corpuz

DICES (Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES))

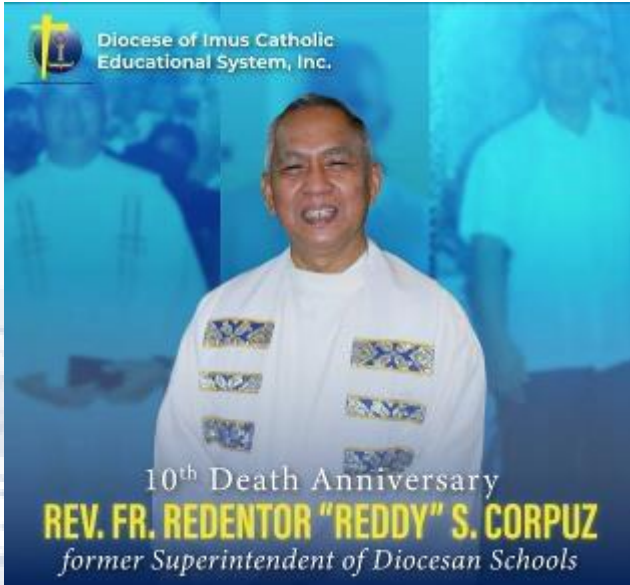
By: Cristy S. Arienda

Last August 15, 2021, during the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit, Fr. Redentor "Reddy" Corpuz, former Superintendent of Cavite Diocese Parochial Schools Association (CADIPSA, now DICES), was remembered on his 10th death anniversary and honored for his great legacy especially in the establishment of the diocesan educational system through a short video tribute. The audio-visual presentation was accompanied by the song "Kahangahanga", the lyrics of which Fr. Reddy himself composed.

Instrumental in the establishment of the diocesan schools in Imus, Reverend Fr. Redentor Corpuz, also more commonly known as "Fr. Reddy," was the former Superintendent and Director of CADIPSA - Cavite Diocese Parochial Schools Association.

Born on the 1st of August 1946, Fr. Reddy lived a truly meaningful and fruitful 65 years and had begun his final journey back to the Fr. while in a clergy basketball game during a sports fest at Tahanan ng Mabuting Pastol in Tagaytay City





This eventually led to the establishment of CADIPSA as a school system, now known as DICES.

Fr. Alain P. Manalo presided over and led the blessing of Fr. Reddy's final resting place at the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of the Pillar – Imus Cathedral.

Through his leadership, school directors and priests were sent to CEAP

on the 5th of August, 2011. He may no longer be here with us today, but his legacy lives.

As a lover of music, Fr. Reddy made a great contribution to the Catholic Hymns by writing the lyrics of the song Kahanga-hanga based on Psalm 8.

As a man of sports who was into basketball himself, he initiated "getting together" of the diocesan schools for a sports fest to foster camaraderie amongst school heads and students, hence the founding of the CADIPSA Sports Fest, which developed into a simple organization of common projects to the formation of higher goals including pursuing expertise in school management, financial management, curriculum development, and so on.

conferences and De La Salle University for professional advancement. He was Director for CEAP Region IV for years.

Fr. Reddy believed that success lies first and foremost in building relationships. As a Superintendent, he was very consultative and he valued good relationship more than anything. He prioritized the building of gyms and covered courts in all schools where the friendly sports games were held. He encouraged the programs on school helping school by pulling out resources from big schools to share with those that were struggling financially.

Most people remember him for his ability to foster a collaborative positive working environment, maintaining his low profile and down-to-



role in the lives of many altar boys serving in the parish, but most particularly in the young life and the entry into the priesthood of Cardinal Chito Tagle, who was then an altar boy .

He was mostly admired for being good-humored, and those he came in touch with could attest to his naturally cool personality expressed in his favorite expression, "Bawal nag magagalitin!"

earth image. He was also known to be very fatherly. He helped many poor students finish their college, allowed them to take any courses as they desired, through a scholarship program that he had launched with the help of school directors and some benefactors, and even from his own pocket.

In his sermons and sharing with staff, he would always mention, "walang lugar sa langit nag taong magagalitin". He always encouraged everyone to smile, even when it hurts.

During his time, Fr. Reddy took on several posts in the diocese. He was the parish priest at St. Nepomucene Parish in Alfonso, Cavite for 12 years,

He was also a former head of KALIKASAN, a Laudato Si program heeding the call to care for our common home through the church. Having been an Assistant Parish Priest at the Our Lady of the Pillar (now Cathedral of Imus), he played a very important



Committed to Christian

DICES' 6th Amoris Laetitia conference highlights role of parents, teachers in family

DICES (Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES))

By: Juan Miguel A. Tolentino

Last August 20, 2021, the sixth in the series of online spiritual conferences on Pope Francis' exhortation Amoris Laetitia, was held via Facebook Live. The webinar was held, from 8.00 to 9.30 AM.

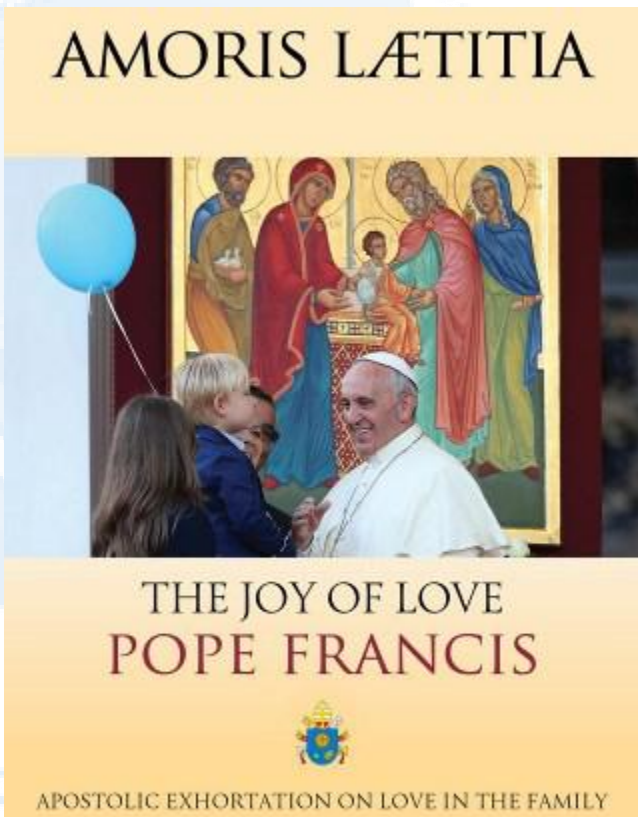
The conference was organized by

the Diocese of Imus and DICES, in partnership with the Religious Education Department of De La Salle University - Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).

The first conference in the series began last March 19, 2021, and the

remaining four conferences to be held every third Friday of the month until December 17, 2021.

The series of conferences discuss Amoris Laetitia, translated as "The Joy of Love," written by Pope Francis, and was published five years ago as part of the Pope's affirmation of Church teachings on family life and marriage. Last Friday's conference featured resource speaker Ms. Geamph A. Hate, a professor from DLSU-D. Ms. Hate



Spiritual Conference on *Amoris Laetitia*

August 20, 2021 (8:00-9:30 a.m.)

AMORIS LAETITIA CHAPTER 5: “LOVE MADE FRUITFUL”

Resource Speaker:
Ms. Geamph A. Hate



LIVE via Batang DICES and Diocese of Imus Facebook Pages

discussed the fifth chapter of Pope Francis' exhortation, "Love Made Fruitful."

According to Ms. Hate, Pope Francis believes in the importance of family in *Amoris Laetitia*, referencing the Holy Father's words, "The joy of love experienced by families is also the joy of the Church."

For parents and students struggling during the pandemic, Ms. Hate emphasized that they need "to be more open to dialogue," especially as they face the challenges of distance learning together as families. "Magandang mag-

usap nag mga magulang at anak, ilatag nag mga damdamin at karanasan. Dapat isama nag mga anak sa pagdedesisyon pagdating sa pamilya," said Ms. Hate.


Parents and students also need to "remember and be reminded where God (is) leading them" and ask themselves, "Ano nag mensahe at gustong ipagawa ng Diyos sa kasalukuyang sitwasyon?" she added.

Ms. Hate also reminded parents, "Children do not listen to what we say; they follow what we do," and encouraged them to lead by ex-

ample, especially through prayer, reflection, and action through God's will.


Ms. Hate also emphasized the role of teachers as loco parentis or as "second parents of their students," and encouraged them to

teach with love. "Since we are in difficult times, it is a must in teaching to incorporate love. Ang simpleng 'kumusta' an may malasakit sa estudyante ay napakalaking bagay na," said Ms. Hate.



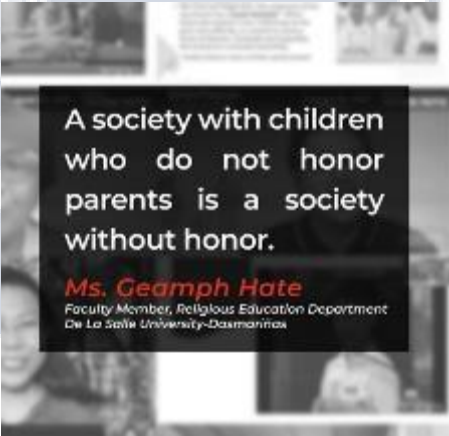
Children don't listen to what you say, but they follow what you do.

Ms. Geamph Hate
Faculty Member, Religious Education Department
De La Salle University-Dasmariñas



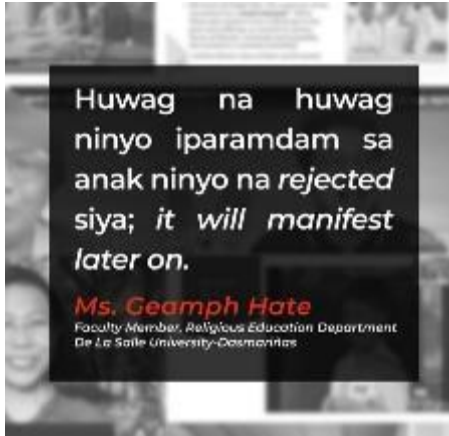
"Thank you." "Please." "Sorry." Make these words a milieu in your family.

Ms. Geamph Hate
Faculty Member, Religious Education Department
De La Salle University-Dasmariñas



A society with children who do not honor parents is a society without honor.

Ms. Geamph Hate
Faculty Member, Religious Education Department
De La Salle University-Dasmariñas



Huwag na huwag ninyo iparamdam sa anak ninyo na *rejected* siya; *it will manifest later on.*

Ms. Geamph Hate
Faculty Member, Religious Education Department
De La Salle University-Dasmariñas

Ask DICES!

"During the pandemic, we as parents didn't stop working or doing sideline jobs just to cope up with our daily needs. We made sure that we didn't stop our daily lives. We kept in mind that we should work hard for our family and adjust to what is happening around us."

*Mylene P. Argente
SAS-M, parent*

*"How have you
been coping
during the
COVID-19
pandemic?"*

"As of now, I still find ways to cope with this pandemic, because everyday it feels like I struggle a lot. The pandemic leads me to feel stress and sadness, but I have faith in God that everything will be okay."

*Joel D. Fernandez
SRCS, teacher*

"At first, it use to be difficult for me. Now, I have just been trying to look at the situation with a more optimistic mindset."

*Angeli S. Cillo
JESOMA, grade 7 student*

"Bonding with family. Cooking. Studying with my children."

*Ma. Kharisma H. Saputil
OLPCS, parent*

“By making sure that my mental health is fine, and also by looking for the bright side.”

Jean Christen A Caisip
SJPSC, grade 11 student

“I’m like a bird in a cage..”

Jureese Ashia C. Morales
JESOMA, grade 4 student

“I focus on other things that could help lessen my boredom, like biking and swimming.”

Shaira S. Umandap
FMDMS, grade 6 student

“Being the last line of defense is difficult. I have to be strong for my family away from home, show encouragement to my co-workers, and be compassionate to our patients. Prayers and emotional support from my family push me to continue to work during these trying times.”

Abbigail D. Dancel
SAS-M, parent, registered nurse

“I’ve taken a break from social media and focused more on myself..”

Justine N. Jomoc
HCCSN, grade 11 student

“During this pandemic, though there’s a lot of things to think about, such as the safety of my family and having work that could sustain their needs. There’s one thing that keep on pushing me to move forward, and that’s my faith in God. I know that He will be always there for me and will hear all my prayers...”

Encarnacion A Tiston
OLPCS, teacher

“I am coping through doing my hobbies, spending my time with my family, and talking to my friends through video call and chat.”

Xhyriz Hilary Lazarte
OLPCS, grade 10 student

“For me, DICES is a big help for our dear children. It helps mold our students holistically to be the best that they can be for their future.”

*Encarnacion A. Tiston
OLPCS, teacher*

“Yes, I am coping very well with the pandemic with the guidance of my family and mentors.”

*Luisa Martina P. Lejarde
SAS-M, grade 6 student*

We do physical activities at home like exercises and zumba. We stay calm and always follow the health protocols towards this pandemic. We keep ourselves more productive even at home.

*Vaneza S. Sta Clara
SJPSC, parent*

The DICES family helps me in coping this COVID-19 pandemic. DICES inspires me to be a better student, daughter, and member of the society we are living in.”

*Ryza Denise M. de Villa
SAS-M, grade 11 student*

I just pray and pray and ask help from our Lord. It's really hard for me to study because of COVID-19, but I will do my best to survive school and learn new things.

*Princess Ann D. Reyes
SAS-M, grade 11 student*

“I'm with coping this pandemic, by reminding myself that no matter how hard it is now, it is only for now, and will not be forever. I also seek inspiration from reading everyday Bible verses. Through these motivational words, God reminds me of His love to keep on going. It might be difficult for some other people to understand this, but the true comfort I seek is in Christ presence.”

*Jan Hazel F. To
SRCS, grade 10 student*

“Remembering the good experiences in the past.”

*Fe S. Cuevas
SMMS, parent, housewife*

“Yes, I am coping very well with the pandemic with the guidance of my family and mentors.”

*Sophia Karlean J Bael
SAS-M, grade 4 student*

Narra

By: Ana Teresa L. Octa

Yabag ng mga paa at boses nila,
Tinig an musika sa aking tainga,
Nagbibigay ng sigla sa bawat umaga,
Nagbibigay ngiti at galak sa tuwina

Mananatili akong nakabantay,
Buong araw sa inyo ay nakasubay-
bay,
Sa bawat oras ako ay maghihintay,
Mag-aabang sa inyong mga ingay.

Isang araw ako ay nabigla,
Ang mga tinig ninyo bigla ay nawala,
Ako ay di makapaniwala,
Patuloy an naghihintay kahit parang
wala an

May alingawngaw an nagbigay sa
akin ng balita,
Isang salita an lumamon sa aking
sigla,
Lungkot ay binalot ako bigla,
...“PANDEMYA”

Pandemya an nakapagpabago sa
buhay ng bawat isa,
Mga ingay sa paligid ay tila napipi an,
Naisip ko nag batang minamasdan
ko, “Kumusta an kaya sila?”
Nais ko silang puntahan isa-isa.

Kayanin ninyo mga bata,
Kapit-kamay tayo sa pandemya,
Wala man ako para alagaan kayo,
Panalangin ko naman ay makakarating
sa inyo

Darating nag panahon an lahat ay
magiging normal,
Sa lilim ko kayo ay makakapaghabu-
lan an,
Muling magbabalik nag nawalang
sigla,
At mananatili nag mga ngiti sa
mukha ng bawat-isa

Sa bawat unos at suliranin sa buhay
natin,
Kumapit kagaya ng ugat an nasa
aking ilalim,
Maging isang puno an nanatiling
nakatayo,
Bumabangon sa bawat hagupit ng
bagyo.



Bacoor Assembly 1898: *A Forgotten History*

By: Donna Mae D. Lintag

"Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana

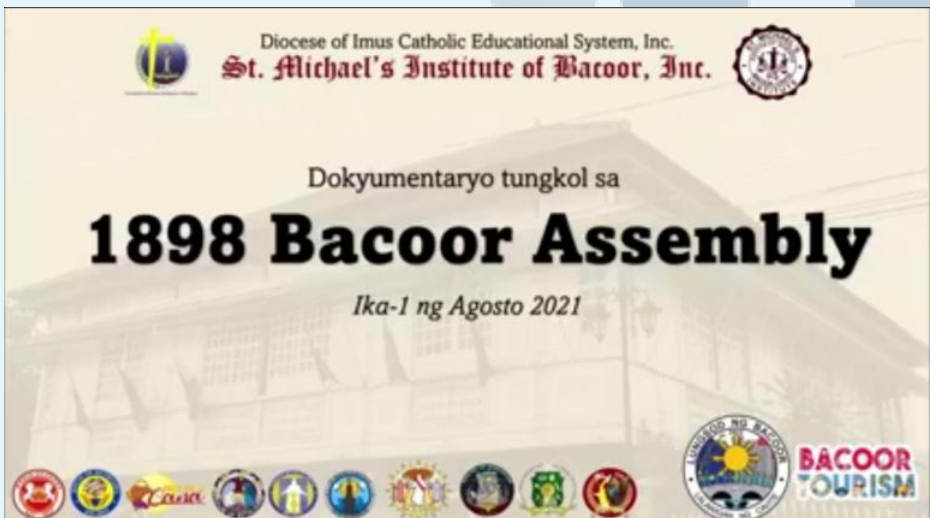
A long-forgotten part of our country's history was discovered last year in 2017 in the form of an old mansion in Bacoor, Cavite.

The old mansion, also known as "Ang Bahay an Tisa", is similar to the more popular Malacañang Palace, a place for the first leader of the Philippines to hold office and

finalize the document for the freedom of our country.

Previously, we thought that the Philippines' Independence Day was on June 12, 1898. However, it is arguable that the actual date of our country's independence is August 1, 1898, the date of the Bacoor Assembly.

In August 1, 1898, known as the Bacoor Assembly, 190 mayors or municipal presidents from differ-





ent cities in the Philippines gathered, under the orders of the first President of the Philippines, General Emilio Aguinaldo. They gathered in Bacoor, Cavite to personally read and approve the Acta de la Proclamacion de la Independencia del Pueblo, presented by Apolinario Mabini.

While the Act of the Declaration of Independence was not signed nor approved at the time, it was later ratified by the Malolos Congress on September 29, 1898.

SMI celebrated the commemoration of the Bacoor Assembly 1898 through the presentation of a video provided by the City of Bacoor about the event. SMI students also participated in an online quiz about the event.

IJA publishes online testimonies from alumni

Infant Jesus Academy (IJA)

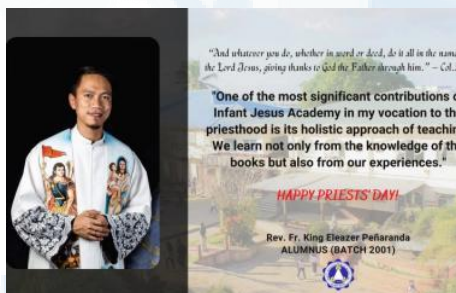
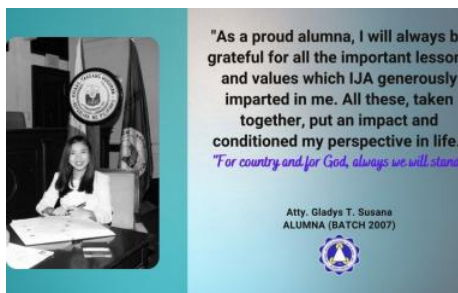
By: Julius Toledo-Pasumbal

Last August 1, 2021, IJA collated its album of alumni testimonials as part of its online series on the IJA Facebook page. The first testimonial in the series was published last July 17, 2021.

The IJA Testimony Facebook Series, which aims to motivate and inspire IJA learners to excel, was began last June 4, 2021, as part of the school's 76th founding anniversary. The admimistration and communications team of IJA in Silang,

Cavite suggested the activity to promote the school and inspire learners who want to be part of the IJA family.

The activity was spearheaded by Christian Sanchez, head of the IJA communication team. Sanchez collected testimonials from former IJA teachers and staff, as well as IJA alumni who became successful professionals.





SMI blesses Mariano Gomes bust, celebrates end of Buwan ng Wika

St. Michael's Institute (SMI)

By: Donna Mae D. Lintag and Ronald Allan G. Laguardia

Last August 2, 2021, SMI celebrated the 222nd birthday of Fr. Mariano Gomes, member of the GOMBURZA. Last August 31, 2021, SMI also celebrated the end of Buwan ng Wika.

Fr. Gomes was one of the three priests of the GOMBURZA who were executed in 1872 in Bagumbayan by Spanish authorities.

The celebration featured the blessing of the bust of Fr. Gomes and the ringing of the gong of San Caralampio, which was returned to the parish last June 2, 2021.

The event was attended by relatives and descendants of Fr. Gomes. According to a message by them, "Sa bawat tunog ng kampa-na, nag mga tao ay tinatawagang manalangin at magpasalamat." The

event also featured a Holy Mass led by Fr. Calixto Lumandas and Fr. Ildefonso B. Diente.

At the end of the month, SMI also celebrated the end of Buwan ng Wika, with the theme "Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika sa Dekolonisasyon ng Pag-iisip ng mga Pilipino", via Zoom.

As part of the celebration, SMI students joined activities, which included "Michaelians Game Ka Na Ba (GKNB)?: Tagisan ng Talino 2021," "Talento Mo, Ipakita Mo! TikTok Competition", and Tinig ng Wika: Musika at Kultura 2021".

The activities involved translation contests ("WiKaalaman"), charades ("WiKaaliwan"), OPM song contests ("WiKantahan"), and other talent and social media contests.



SGA hold special virtual mass for Fr. Reddy Corpuz

St. Gregory Academy (SGA)

By: Ma. Glyzza De Villa

Last August 5, 2021, SGA held a special virtual mass for the 10th death anniversary of Fr. Redentor "Reddy" Corpuz, who was the school director and principal for SGA for 31 years.

The celebration of the Holy Mass was held at the parish of St. Gregory the Great at Indang, Cavite. The commemoration held by SGA for Fr. Corpuz was done in parallel with the DICES celebration of the Holy Spirit Mass during the same day. The SGA celebration was organized and joined by the students,

employees, alumni, former SGA employees, and the family of Fr. Corpuz.

Fr. Corpuz was known his generosity and kindness. He helped SGA students finish their education by assisting them in getting college scholarships from reputable universities in Manila and in other provinces. In fact, he even supported the college education of some SGA alumni.

According to former SGA assistant principal Frederic Bael, "Fr. Reddy was always ready."

SRCS conducts “Balik-Tanaw” activity

Santo Rosario Catholic School (SRCS)

By: Lovely Camille Raqueño

Last August 6 and 12, 2021, SRCS held its "Balik-Tanaw" activity, which aimed to help the SRCS community share meaningful experiences and memories.

During the activity, students participated in a contest, wherein they were asked to post pictures that showed their meaningful experience during school activities.

New students also joined “Ang Paglulukob”, which was an initiation rite for them and for their parents to promote filial devotion to Mary

The event also aimed to develop the culture of praying together as a family, to provide opportunities to grow in holiness, and to continue the tradition of bringing the SRCS community closer to the Blessed Mother.

The activity was open to all SRCS students, parents, alumni, former teachers, and school personnel.





PPCDC teachers conduct house-to-house enrollment

Padre Pio Child Development Center (PPCDC)

By: Vhia Alcantara

Last August 9 to 13, 2021, PPCDC teachers conducted house-to-house enrollment in Metro San Jose, GMA, Cavite.

Due to the pandemic, PPCDC was uncertain of its operation this upcoming school year.

In order to increase the number of enrollments, PPCDC teachers scheduled house-to-house enroll-

ment activities in Metro San Jose, GMA, Cavite, to reach out to potential enrollees during the pandemic.

PPCDC teachers brought along enrollment flyers and registration forms during the house-to-house enrollment.

SAST-SHS "8.9" surprise event gives free wi-fi to enrollees

St. Augustine School Tanza-Senior High School (SAST-SHS)

By: Marc Arvie D. Santos

Last August 9, 2021, SAST-SHS and its cluster schools held the "8.9" surprise event, wherein enrollees were given free prepaid wi-fi.

The give-away, held via Facebook Live, was held for students who enrolled that day. Due to the event, 47 new enrollments were recorded, SAST-SHS' highest number of enrollments in a single day for SY 2021-2022. Most of the enrollees were completers from public schools.

"Malaking tulong para sa pag-aaral ng kapatid ko nag prepaid wi-fi. Sa pamamagitan nito, magiging secure nag internet connection ni Missy habang nasa online class at wala siyang magiging kaagaw dahil masosolo niya ito," said Wilmar

Sayson, an SHS teacher who chose to enroll his sister to SAST-SHS despite living 1.5 hours away from the school, in Dasmariñas.

Angelica Bautista, a new enrollee from Rosario, affirmed that the free prepaid wi-fi will help her establish a more stable internet connection compared to mobile data. "Mas magiging maayos an po nag Internet connection dahil hindi ko an po kailangang mag-data sa cellphone," she said.

With the record-breaking impact of the event, SAST-SHS school director Fr. Dominador C. Duroy Jr. decided to extend the promo for another day, which reaped 22 more enrollees for the school last August 10, 2021.





MPS celebrates 35th Foundation Anniversary

Maragondon Parochial School (MPS)

By: Jennifer Santos Lopez

Last August 15, 2021, MPS celebrated its 35th Foundation Anniversary.

The celebration of the MPS foundation anniversary was held at the same time as the celebration of Our the Lady of Assumption's feast day.

In previous years, MPS celebrated the event with a parade, together

with MPS faculty members, parents, and pupils. However, due to the pandemic, MPS alumni were instead asked to post their graduation pictures on social media, as well as share their experiences as "MPS babies".

At the same day, MPS also celebrated the birthday of Fr. Jerry C. Belen, the current MPS school director.

DGA celebrates Buwan ng Wika, blessing of facilities, orientation

De Guia Academy (DGA)

By: Armando G. Gallard

Last August 16, 2021, DGA launched activities for its celebration of Buwan ng Wika. Last August 23, 2021, DGA conducted the blessing of its facilities. Last August 26, 2021, DGA began orientation activities for parents and students.

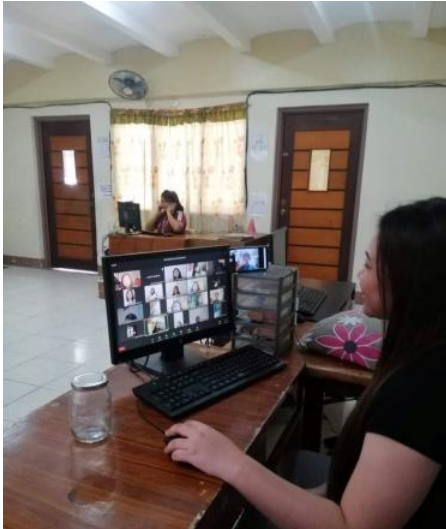


DGA's celebration of Buwan ng Wika for the month of August gave students the opportunity to experience the sense and pride of being a Filipino. DGA students and parents participated in the program by wearing Filipino costumes and doing Filipino traditions at home.

The blessing of DGA facilities was facilitated by Fr. Efren Araracap Jr., DGA school chaplain and parish priest of Nuestra Señora de Guia.

The blessing was done after the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit, as part of the activities for the launch of the school year.

For the opening of DGA's classes, the general orientation for parents was facilitated by school administrators, who explained school policies. Defreezing activities were also handled by class advisers. Orientation on the Aralinks learning management system (LMS) for students and parents was also done.



HCCSN conducts parents' and students' de-freezing orientation

Holy Cross Catholic School (HCCSN)

By: Kathreen P. Cruz

Last August 16 to 20, 2021, HCCSN faculty and admin council members held a week-long orientation, as well as de-freezing activities, for parents and students via Zoom.

During the first day of the event, academic, student, and Christian formation activities were discussed by Joannah Gabriel, OCI Coordinator-Elementary Department, and Hazel Joy Cordero, OCI Coordinator-Junior High and Senior High School Department.

The second day was dedicated to

the spiritual activity and orientation of sections and batch saints of the students.

During the third day, Jennifer Guimbaolibot, Guidance Counselor, conducted an orientation about HCCSN's guidance services.

During the fourth and fifth days, Mariestrell Cruz, CVIO/OSA Coordinator, discussed the rules and regulations of the school, the Student Handbook, and the health protocols that the students must follow during the pandemic.

SAS-T holds contests for Tata Usteng, virtual orientation

St. Augustine School Tanza (SAS-T)

By: Allyza Joy R. Venzon

Last August 18, 2021, SAS-T launched art contests for its students. Last August 23 to 28, 2021, SAS-T parents and students also joined a virtual orientation for the upcoming school year.

The contest, named “Galing at Husay Mo: Ipakita Mo, Agustino”, aimed to encourage SAS-T students to showcase their God-given gifts in honor of St. Augustine, known as “Tata Usteng”.

The contest involved the following activities: Tata Usteng Look-A-Like, Poster Making, Painting, Drawing,

and Essay Writing. The theme of the contest was “San Agustin: Gabay sa Pag-ahon sa Dusa at Pighati ng Sambayanan.”

Prepaid wi-fi kits were given to 5 winners per category.

The virtual orientation for parents and students, held 5 days later, aimed to walk them through Microsoft Teams and Aralinks with their advisers and subject teachers.

The orientation was also attended by parents and students from SRCS, a cluster school of SAS-T.



SJPSC holds first virtual campus onboarding

St. Joseph Parochial School of Cavite (SJPSC)

By: Ronald Allan G. Laguardia

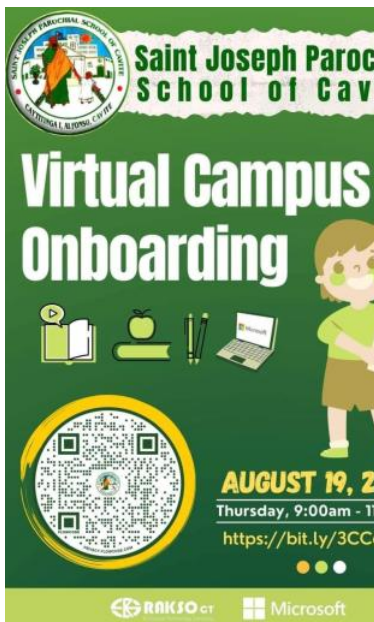
Last August 19, 2021, SJPSC held its first virtual campus onboarding activity, via Microsoft Teams, for parents and students.

The live virtual event, which was conducted by SJPSC together with the Rakso CT company. was attended by SJPSC parents and students.

The event was begun by messages from newly appointed SJPSC school director Fr. Jerry C. Belen and

SJPSC school principal Edengrace B. Austria. Jose Lorenzo Ingan, trainer from Rakso CT, discussed the features of Microsoft 365 and introduced Microsoft Teams as the school's platform for conducting synchronous learning.

The event was concluded with a closing prayer led by Sarah Jane A. Olaso, SJPSC teacher and subject area guide.



SFAA orients parents for Aralinks, holds Bible Sharing event

St. Francis of Assisi Academy (SFAA)

By: Jeanette NUESTRO

Last August 20, 2021, SFAA held its Parents' General Orientation, as well as its Bible Sharing event, via Zoom.

The orientation aimed to inform SFAA parents about the upcoming school year's guidelines on DICES FLEX 2.0, school policies, among other concerns that might contribute to the academic success of pupils.

The orientation also discussed the features of the Aralinks Learning Management System (LMS), which

will be used by the school in the upcoming school year.

The SFAA community also conducted its Bible Sharing event.

The event was a dedicated weekly time for SFAA students to be reminded of the goodness of God, to have their relationship with God deepened, and to help them love and take care of themselves.

The event aimed to help students refresh, relax and loosen up minds





FMDMS holds orientation for parents, discusses MDL and ODL

Fr. Michael Donohue Memorial School (FMDMS)

By: Lecel C. Omas-as

Last August 21, 2021, FMDMS school personnel initiated a Parents' Orientation for MDL and ODL via Zoom.

During the orientation, presenters discussed and compared modular distance learning (MDL) and online distance learning (ODL).

The meetings were scheduled separately per grade level: 1:00-2:00 PM for pre-elementary levels; 2:30-3:30 PM for primary levels; and 4:00-5:00 PM for intermediate levels.

The orientation explained relevant information regarding sectioning, class schedules, class advisory, and mode of learnings to be used. Parents were also guided with a school calendar for SY 2021-2022.

FMDMS aims to conduct more programs to ensure full preparation for the upcoming opening of classes. Two weeks are planned to be dedicated to the full back-to-school orientation programs for FMDMS students, parents, and teachers.

JESOMA holds pinning ceremony, virtual campus onboarding

Jesus Son of Mary Academy (JESOMA)

By: Joyfe Serrano

Last August 23, 2021, JESOMA held its first ever pinning ceremony. Last August 27 to 28, 2021, JESOMA also held orientations for Microsoft Teams and Aralinks.

The pinning ceremony was organized by the JESOMA Administrative Council. JESOMA personnel recited the pledge of commitment, and then received the DICES pin on their uniform to remind them of their duties and responsibilities, not just as employees but also as Christ's missionaries. The pin was a symbolic token for personnel for

them to start SY 2021-2022 with positive mindsets and enthusiasm.

During the orientations, Jose Ingan of Rakso discussed how students can use Microsoft Teams during asynchronous classes, while John Lemuel Santos, Aralinks Ed Tech Specialist, explained how Aralinks CLE can be used for the same purpose.

The Aralinks orientation was attended by parents of Grade 4 to 12 students from JESOMA, OLPCS, and SHJA.



HFA holds orientation, “sacred time” with teachers, Buwan ng Wika

Holy Family Academy (HFA)

By: Vhia Alcantara

Last August 23 to 24, 2021, HFA students and parents had their orientation. Last 25, HFA students had their first "sacred time" with advisers. Last August 28, HFA celebrates Buwan ng Wika.

During the orientation, held via Google Meet, students were gathered per section, and parents met with class advisers.

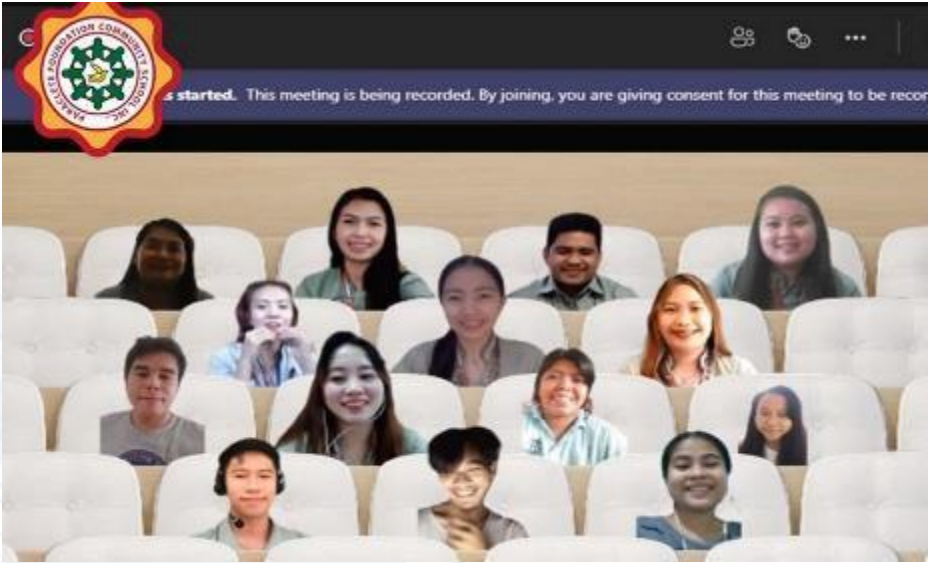
HFA teachers discussed house rules, online consultations, active participation in school activities, proper behavior during online classes, the grading system for the new learning system, class schedules, and class offers.

The orientation aimed to inform students about what they can expect during the upcoming school year.

During the HFA students' first “sacred time” with their class advisers, they shared personal experiences and stories as part of the faith sharing .

During the Buwan ng Wika celebration, students held simple activities per section to honor and celebrate the Filipino language. The activities gave students a chance to show their love for the Philippines.





PFCSI conducts virtual orientation, virtual “meet and greet”

Paraclete Foundation Community School (PFCSI)

By: Jenessa Silvela

Last August 23 to 25, 2021, PFCSI conducted its virtual orientation for parents, as well as virtual “meet and greet” events.

The orientation program, facilitated by the PFCSI administrative council, together with PFCSI teachers, discussed the various aspects of the student’s schooling to enlighten parents and guardians about the implementation of learning processes at home. PFCSI aims to ensure that students still continue their learning despite the pandemic.

The program also aims to strengthen the connection between learning partners (teacher and parents).

After the orientation, PFCSI welcomed its students back to their virtual classes.

From August 24 to 25, virtual “meet and greet” events were held for students to meet their class advisers and the PFCSI guidance advocate.

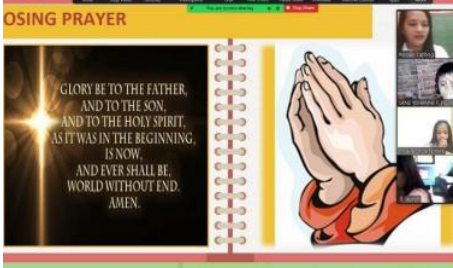
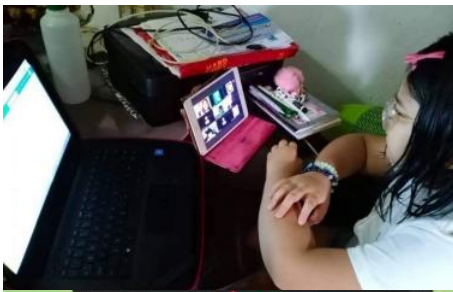
SMMPS teachers and students have virtual “meet and greet”

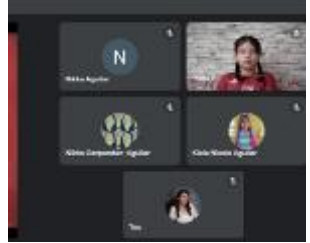
St. Mary Magdalene Parochial School-Amadeo (SMMPS)

By: Richelle M. Ferrera

Last August 23 to 26, 2021, SMMPS teachers and students had their virtual "meet and greet" event. During the meet and greet, SMMPS students met their teachers and other staff online.

The SMMPS teachers and other staff included Richelle M. Ferrera, Virginia D. Enriquez, Rossan D. Catibog, Lara Euline Tibayan (substitute teacher for Leah B. Parale), Janet P. Jamon (finance and school registrar), Ronal Dagal (security guard), and Ma. Fe M. Santos (SMMPS school principal).





SAS-M holds two-week orientation for parents and students

St. Augustine School Mendez (SAS-M)

By: Ma. Irish Anne P. Gatpandan

Last August 23 to 27, and August 31 to September 3, 2021, SAS-M held its two-week non-academic orientation.

More than 300 parents and even more students attended the event. The first flag raising ceremony for the school year, via Facebook Live, launched the orientation.

The event included the following: "kumustahan" with class advisers; Microsoft Teams and Aralinks by Veronica M. Alegre and Rachelle V. Tarang; DICES and SAS-M histories, rules, and regulations by Bryan M. Fijer; guidance services by Irish

Anne P. Gatpandan; presentation of SAS-M council members, teaching and non-teaching staff; OSA activities, honors, and awards by coordinator Nikka G. Aguilar; CVIO and JEEPGY programs by Alyssa Nicole Roxas; DICES FLEX 2.0 and grading system by Charito D. Leopardo; club orientation and registration; homeroom elections and proclamation of officers; the SAS-M virtual acquaintance party; among others.

These activities were facilitated by class advisers and student government officers.



NSGA celebrates Mass of the Holy Spirit, first week of online meetings

Nazareth School of Gen. Aguinaldo (NSGA)

By: Rosemarie Pangan, Kimberly Leguardia, and Gian Carla Mojica

Last August 24, 2021, NSGA held the first week of online meetings for teachers and students.

Before the online classes, the week was begun by the NSGA community with a celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit.

After the celebration of the Mass, during the first period of online classes, students got to know each other, and teachers oriented the stu-

dents about their subjects for the school year.

NSGA, as a new Microsoft Partner School, previously prepared for the first week of classes through its virtual campus onboarding last August 18, 2021. NSGA will be using Microsoft Teams as the platform for video conferencing for the school year.

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STCS brings back students' de-freezing and orientation

St. Therese Catholic School (STCS)

By: Jan Michael C. Brier

Last August 25 to 27, 2021, STCS brought back its Virtual De-freezing Activity and Orientation event for this school year.

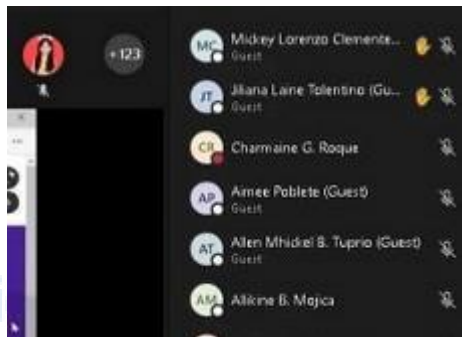
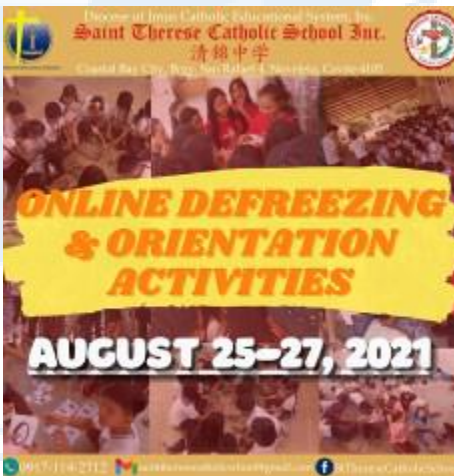
Headed by the STCS Office of Student Affairs, alongside the Theresian Student Government, the event aimed to back how school years were usually commenced way back pre-pandemic times.

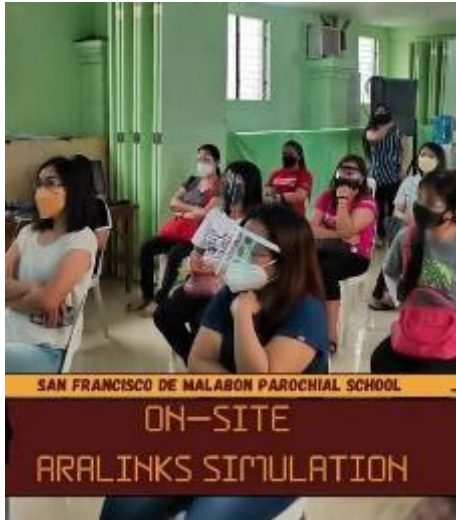
During the event, STCS students participated in different activities which aimed to build confidence and camaraderie among themselves.

"The event was effective because it

conditioned the students for them to be ready for the upcoming academic classes", said Fideliz Mae Magno, Grade 8 and 9 adviser.

"Orientations are important for students to be refreshed for the harmonious school year ahead of them", added Raina May Agellon, Grade 11 adviser.





SFDMP5 holds on-site and virtual simulation for Aralinks

San Francisco de Malabon Parochial School (SFDMP5)

By: Shierney Ann P. Retarta

Last August 26, 2021, SFDMP5 held its virtual simulation for Aralinks, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM.

Preparation for the event was begun by orientation activities held last July 18 and 25, 2021.

SFDMP5 principal Darlene J. Reyes, along with administrators and teachers, guided parents and students in using the Aralinks Learning Management System (LMS), which was to be used by the school for the upcoming school year.

The on-site Aralinks simulation was attended by parents while the virtual Aralinks simulation was attended by students. The simulations were held concurrently.

SFDMP5 teachers discussed online distance learning (ODL), the modality intended for Grade 4 to 12 students, and hybrid modular distance learning (HMDL), the modality for kindergarten to Grade 3 students. Using their own devices, parents and students were guided into exploring the Aralinks system.

MPPS parents and pupils attend Microsoft Virtual Campus Onboarding

Mabuting Pastol Parochial School (MPPS)

By: Joyfe Serrano

Last August 27, 2021, MPPS parents and pupils collaborated with JESOMA during the Microsoft Virtual Campus Onboarding.

The event was held via Microsoft Teams, from 9:00-11:00 AM. Jose Ingan from Rasko facilitated the virtual onboarding, which focused on the features of Microsoft Teams that MPPS students can use for this school year.

MPPS aims to use Microsoft Teams as the platform that teachers and students would use during their synchronous classes, as well as the platform that they would use as the channel of communication for students' queries during asynchronous classes.



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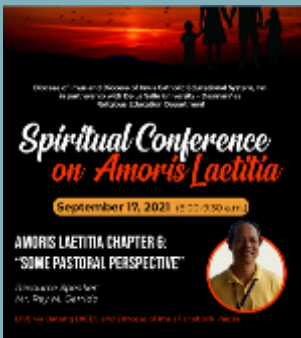
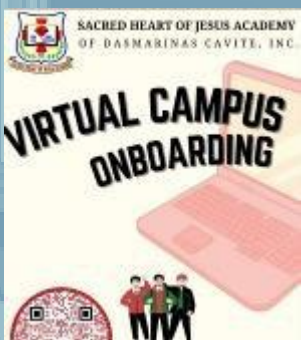
A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid showing multiple participants in a virtual training session.

RED HEART OF JESUS ACAI

Great job, SHJAians!

Congratulations on your amazing first week of classes!

A graphic with a red heart logo and celebratory text for the start of classes.



DICES conducts suicide awareness and prevention webinar

Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES)

By: Juan Miguel A. Tolentino

Last September 10, 2021, from 1.00 to 4.00 PM, The latest webinar in the DICES FLEX-ABLE Webinar Series was held.

The webinar, organized as part of the World Suicide Prevention Day, was entitled “You Matter: Suicide Awareness and Prevention Webinar and Responding to Self-Harm and Suicidal Ideation and Behavior in Young People”. An estimated 1400 viewers watched the webinar via the Batang DICES Facebook Live.

The FLEX-ABLE series of webinars aims to support and nurture the mental health and well-being of DICES stakeholders. The latest webinar was organized by the DIC-



ES Office for Guidance Services in partnership with UGAT Foundation, Inc., an Ateneo de Manila University apostolate that conducts psychological interventions for families.

The latest webinar featured resource speakers Fr. Nilo E. Tanalega, SJ, D. Min. and Ms. Kim Regine Lim, MP, RPM. Fr. Tanalega is a family and marital psychotherapist, a professor and lecturer at Ateneo de Manila University and other institu-

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tions, and the founder of UGAT Foundation, Inc. On the other hand, Ms. Lim is a registered psychometrician and a center counselor for UGAT Foundation, Inc.

According to Fr. Tanalega, suicidal thoughts do not necessarily mean that the person wants to die. Instead, these may simply indicate that “the person’s pain exceeds their pain-coping resources”. He emphasized that telling a person with suicidal thoughts to “cheer up” is “useless” since that person would if they could. Instead, he encourages understanding of peoples’ “different pain thresholds” in order to help them move “from crisis to recovery”.

Regarding the issue of confidentiality and privacy in matters related to suicide and harm, Fr. Tanalega argues that in most cases, “not keep-

ing things secret helps because we need help from others, and we need others to help those in need”. He also said that while signs of suicidal thoughts are sometimes public and observable, sometimes there may not be apparent causes. “Confidentiality ends when harm is an issue, either in cases of harm to self or harm to others,” said Fr. Tanalega.

Fr. Tanalega also encouraged parents to not just talk about their children’s “performance” but also about what they are actually going through. “Don’t belittle them. Talk to them about what they feel,” he said.

According to Ms. Lim, there is a “perceived lack of parental interest in mental health”, especially during recent times when children are more knowledgeable in mat-



to avoid minimizing the actual suffering that people with such thoughts undergo.

According to both Fr. Tanalega and Ms. Lim, it is imperative to develop a safety plan

with persons at risk. They recommend asking the person about their warning signs, personal coping skills, and social support systems. They also recommend linking them to professional help, citing UGAT Foundation Inc., as well as DICES and their schools' guidance offices, as possible resources.

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As warning signs are sometimes difficult to identify, "it is better to respond to false alarms than to ignore them," Ms. Lim said. She addressed the difficulty of knowing what to do when faced with another person's problems, wherein in most cases, Ms. Lim recommended that "listening without judgment can be enough". She also encouraged not avoiding the word "suicide" in the conversation to mitigate the stigma associated with suicidal thoughts and

with persons at risk. They recommend asking the person about their warning signs, personal coping skills, and social support systems. They also recommend linking them to professional help, citing UGAT Foundation Inc., as well as DICES and their schools' guidance offices, as possible resources.

The next webinar in the FLEX-ABLE series will be held on October 8, 2021.



Fr. Alain Manalo tackles Catholic education challenges in CEAP-NCR General Assembly

DICES (Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System)(DICES)

By: Juan Miguel A. Tolentino

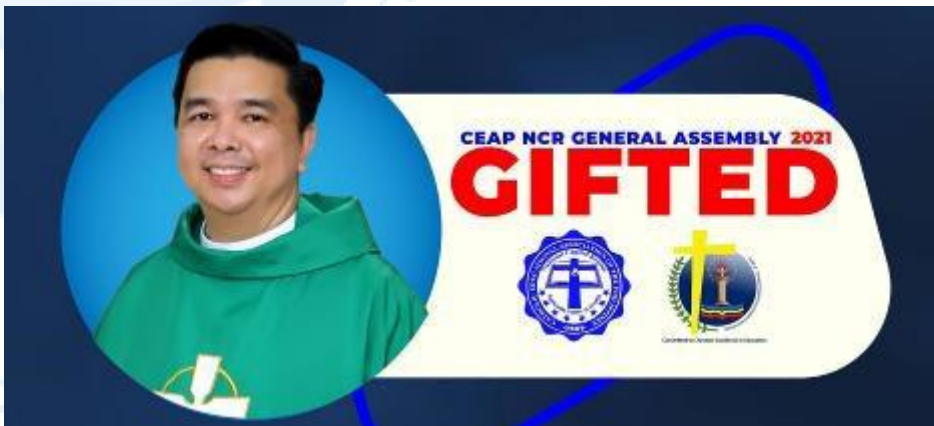
Last September 17, 2021, Fr. Alain P. Manalo, DICES superintendent, was featured as the resource speaker for the sixth learning session of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines-National Capital Region (CEAP-NCR) General Assembly 2021. The session was held via Facebook Live, from 3.30 to 5.00 PM.

The session, which was focused on the role of student affairs practitioners, was entitled "Engaging Catholic Schools, Moving Forward Together".

According to Fr. Manalo, student affairs practitioners need to em-

power students "for life", considering the constant and unchanging goals of Catholic education amid the changes, adjustments, and adaptations due to the pandemic.

"With the pandemic, with the 'new normal', we anticipate changes and adjustments," said Fr. Manalo. However, he expressed discomfort with the notion that the pandemic is the only reason that Catholic education has changed. "The Catholic faith, our mission—this is always set in tune and in harmony with the changes taking place around us. There is always the call to remain relevant," Fr. Manalo said.



Nevertheless, alongside this call to relevance is "the call to fidelity, to go back to the roots" of the Catholic faith.

According to Fr. Manalo, Catholic education is built upon a "spiritual" foundation. However, he encouraged student affairs practitioners to not neglect the "ecclesial" and "humanistic" aspects of Catholic education, which he argues is a "continuum". "These three (aspects) are not separate nor independent, nor do they compete with each other," he said.

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Fr. Manalo also encouraged Catholic educators to "level up" and "not regress", especially considering the many social challenges that are happening worldwide. These challenges are "an opportunity for us to take another look at how we understand ourselves as schools and how we understand our mission in terms of Catholic education," he said.



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AMORIS LAETITIA CHAPTER 6: “SOME PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE”

Resource Speaker:
Mr. Rey M. Garrido



DICES' 7th Amoris Laetitia conference reiterates challenge for married couples

Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES)

By: Juan Miguel A. Tolentino

Last September 17, 2021, via Facebook Live, from 8.00 to 9.30 AM, the seventh in the series of online spiritual conferences on Pope Francis' exhortation Amoris Laetitia was held.

The conference was organized by the Diocese of Imus and DICES, in partnership with the Religious Education Department of De La Salle University - Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).

Last Friday's conference featured resource speaker Mr. Rey M. Garrido, a professor of Religious Education from DLSU-D. Mr. Garrido discussed the sixth chapter of Pope Francis' exhortation, "Some

Pastoral Perspectives".

According to Mr. Garrido, Pope Francis believes in the important role of pastoral ministers in helping married couples, referencing the Holy Father's words, "Our most important pastoral task with regard to families is to strengthen their love, helping to heal wounds." Through Amoris Laetitia, Mr. Garrido said that the Catholic Church encourages the proclamation of the Gospel of the family today, the preparation and accompaniment of engaged couples for marriage, and the acknowledgment of crises that affect married life.

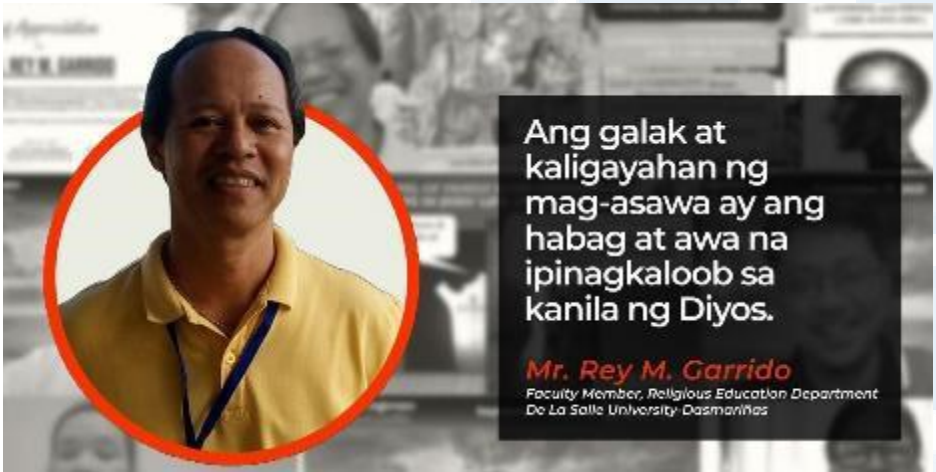
Mr. Garrido said that “marriage is both God’s gift and a human task”, and that married couples who remain loyal and loving to each other become “symbols of contradiction” to other people who do not believe in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

The role of God in marriage, said Mr. Garrido, is important to remember. He said that “the experience of the love of Jesus” leads married couples to profess their love and commitment before the Church. Moreover, he said that the celebration of marriage within the Church and in the name of Christ acknowledges the strength and the nature of marriage, beyond the

mere signing of the marriage contract.

The responsibility of pastoral ministers in marriage, according to Mr. Garrido, is to care for and help heal broken relationships. The “Good News” of marriage is made manifest in the couple’s life, love, and faithfulness to each other, “empowered with the life of spirit, over the works of the flesh”.

The remaining three conferences in the series will be held every third Friday of the month until December 17, 2021.



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DICES concludes #HappyBirthday MamaMary poster-making contest

Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System (DICES)

By: Juan Miguel A. Tolentino

Last September 20, 2021, DICES concluded its #HappyBirthdayMamaMary Poster-Making Contest.

A total of 117 students from different DICES member schools participated in the event.



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The contest was held as part of DICES' celebration of Mary's Nativity last September 8, 2021. September was designated as Mary's birthday month.

The contest was announced at September 5, 2021, and ended on September 15, 2021.

A formal invitation letter for the contest was sent to school directors and principals of DICES member schools.

The contest was open to all cur-

rently-enrolled DICES students from all grade levels.

Each participant was limited to one entry. All entries were required to be original works.

Entries were judged according to the following criteria: 20 percent for interesting first impression; 30 percent for relevance to the theme; and 50 percent for originality and creativity.

The overall winner of the contest was Aerick Daniel H. Dicay, a



Grade 10 student from SAS-Mendez. Dicay's artwork was entitled "Queen of Heaven".

According to Dicay, the concept of the artwork was to depict Mary as a Filipino woman,

"I wanted this piece to not only be beautiful but also to be accurate and meaningful," Dicay said.

The artwork depicted Mary with twelve stars above her head, the moon at her feet, the sun as her clothing, and "her Immaculate heart pierced with a dagger of sorrow". "With her many titles, she is still Mary, our Queen, our Mother," said Dicay.

Dicay also shared his experiences as a "devotee of Mama Mary" and how it inspired his work.

"I remember, during my childhood, I was already a devotee of Mama Mary. I would always draw her, and I truly believe that she became my mentor in art," Dicay said.

When he was creating the artwork, Dicay said, "I felt that she was guiding me when I was drawing. She led me to create this masterpiece."



"No matter the outcome, I am so happy because I never felt even once that she left my side," Dicay said. "Mama Mary, I offer this art to you," he concluded.

Dicay's full artwork, as well as other contest entries, can be viewed at page XX of this magazine.

Ask DICES!

"I am looking forward to an exciting, productive, meaningful and a fun school year."

*Edel Jean J. Tierra
HCCSN, teacher*

"I am hoping for a more suitable, well-planned, and well-thought program for my children's education."

*Mary Ann A. Santarin
FMDMS, parent*

"Sana ay maraming matutunan at maraming maka-bonding an classmate at teacher, kahit virtual lang."

*John Lloyd I. Mabutas
JESOMA, grade 7 student*

"What are you looking forward to the most this upcoming school year?"

"An exciting school year for my children is what I look forward to the most. Hoping that this school year will be organized. Hoping that the teachers, students and parents will be consistent."

*Ann Kristine Joy C. Aycardo
JESOMA, parent*

"I hope that my child develops a sense of eagerness to learn and explore even in an online class environment."

*Eunice Marie D. Juco
MPPS, parent*

"I am looking forward to the new learning approaches that DICES and the school will develop for the students to learn their lessons more effectively, efficiently, and safely."

Mary Jean G. Ibañez
JESOMA, grandparent

"That my child will learn to be more adaptive, resilient, and will be more ready for the normal school setting."

Suzanne Chrielle L. Batu
MPPS, parent

"Unforgettable learning experiences that will be useful for my next journey in junior high school."

Elijah Sam S. Lopez
MPS, grade 6 student

"What I'm looking forward to this upcoming school year is that I can still be an effective teacher for my students despite not having face-to-face classes and not yet being used to the teaching technology."

Encarnacion A. Tison
OLPCS, teacher

"I am looking forward to more online activities instead of modules. I hope the Aralinks (learning management system) will be implemented so that there'll be less contact with the distribution and retrieval of the modules. Less contact, lesser chance of transmitting the virus."

Erika Mae L. Lucerna-Mendoza
MPS, guardian

"Being a newly appointed school principal this school year, I pray to pass this school year with flying colors, especially since this is also our re-certification year for PEAC."

Florenciana M. Cero
SMI, principal

"I'm looking forward for more effective strategies in teaching, so that the students will be more motivated in studying and be better in adapting to the new learning environment."

Bennett S. Lepardo
SAS-M, parent

"I am looking forward to overcoming my setbacks and helping my students."

*Joel D. Hernandez
SRCS, teacher, OSA coordinator*

"I am looking forward to learn more from my students as well as my students learn from me because I believe that learning is always a two-way process."

*Mary Grace A. Grospe, teacher
OLPCS, teacher*

"For this coming school year, I am hoping that my children will continue to grow their knowledge, learn more things in life, discover more of God's love, and grow their faith in Him further."

*Rodemar Jude D. Federipe
JESOMA, parent*

"I hope to see my classmates and teachers again."

*Annika Sophia S. Diño
MPS, grade 5 student*

"May this upcoming school year be a blessed and memorable for all. Let us smile despite our struggles. Let us prove that life still goes on. May all teachers and all students work towards good achievements. Let us hope for better days."

*Jan Hazel F. To
SRCS, grade 10 student*

"As a transferee, I am looking forward to have a memorable moments with my classmates and teachers, I am also looking forward to learn new things."

*Faye Micalyle G. Andrade
STCS, grade 11 student*

"I am looking forward to the day when we can go back again to our special room in our school, have a regular discussion with our teachers, and play our chosen sports with my classmates in our playground. I am looking forward to when we are able to go outside and go anywhere we want to go."

*Niña Faith R. Rodriguez
MPS, grade 5 student*

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"I believe it will be better than before. But, of course, I'm not going to get used to it now. I'm looking forward to the activities we did in a face-to-face class, such as the competitions."

Yuan C. Shimamura
JESOMA, grade 9 student

"There is so much optimism for this school year. Offering online classes makes me excited for the students, for they will experience the innovation of the new learning system. For me, the new system of learning will alleviate the anxiety that students obtain from the sudden change of the learning set-up. Although face-to-face classes are still not feasible and possible, offering online classes will make them feel that they are really studying. It will also make them socialize and interact more compared to last year that they were studying independently."

Cristine B. Samson
SMMS, teacher,
guidance advocate

"More challenges and more things to learn."

Angela Franchesca M. Oliza
SAS-M, grade 7 student

"What I am looking forward to the most is to be able to teach again face-to-face just like the old days, talking and spending time with my pupils."

Arlene C. Zamora
SHJA, teacher, CVIO coordinator

"I believe it will be better than before. But, of course, I'm not going to get used to it now. I'm looking forward to the activities we did in a face-to-face class, such as the competitions."

Yuan C. Shimamura
JESOMA, grade 9 student

"I'm looking forward to success and good grades. I'm looking forward to having a better learning experience, especially now that our school grading system is different."

Jhonrick J. Cosa
SIPSC, grade 12 student

OLPCS conducts community prayer and faith sharing activity for personnel

Our Lady Of The Pillar Catholic School (OLPCS)

By: Shionie Gregs Tabada

Last September 1, 2021, at 8:00 AM, OLPCS held its personnel faith sharing activity. The activity is a tradition that the school continued even throughout the pandemic.

OLPCS held its community prayer and faith sharing activity for its personnel, which aimed to strengthen their bond of relationship with God and among themselves. The activity was an OLPCS tradition which was held weekly, and was attended by OLPCS teachers and other staff.

OLPCS school chaplain and Vicar General of the Diocese of Imus, Fr. Reuel Castañeda, attended the

community prayer and faith sharing activity, and gave an inspirational message for the OLPCS personnel. According to Fr. Castañeda, community prayer and good relationships are important, especially during the time of the pandemic. Fr. Ted Bawalan, OLPCS school director, also attended the activity.

The community prayer and faith sharing activity is also part of OLPCS' efforts to have a fruitful and meaningful collaborative partnership with the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of the Pillar-Imus, the parish community of OLPCS.



SMMPS begins SY 2021-2022 online classes, Bible sharing for students

St. Mary Magdalene Parochial School-Amadeo (SMMPS)

By: Richelle M. Ferrera

Last September 1, 2021, SMMPS began its online classes. Last September 3, 2021, SMMPS held its Bible sharing activity for students.

The beginning of SMMPS' online classes was graced by the flag ceremony. The flag ceremony aimed to remind students about the importance of love for their country and the value of the sacrifices of the people who died protecting and defending their country.

The online classes were begun by opening prayers, motivational activities, pre-tests, discussions of the lessons for every particular days, evaluations, and post tests. SMMPS students expressed enjoy-

ment for their online classes, including their interactions with their classmates and teachers.

The Bible sharing activity is a weekly activity for SMMPS students that the school conducts every Friday. The activity aims to remind students of the goodness of God, as well as help deepen their relationship with and faith in God.

During the Bible sharing, teachers guided students in self-care activities which help them know and realize the importance of loving and caring of oneself. The activities give SMMPS the opportunity to refresh themselves in preparation for their academic tasks.





SMMS teachers begin online warm-up classes for SY 2021-2022

St. Mary Magdalene School-Kawit (SMMS)

By: Neil Eric M. Eullo

Last September 1 to 3, 2021, SMMS faculty delivered their first lectures during the warm-up classes conducted via Google Meet.

Each subject teacher hosted their own virtual meeting room with the students. Students were able to access the meeting rooms created by their teacher using their official school accounts.

According to Jerico Enriquez, SMMS principal, the SMMS community expressed excitement over the first day of warm-up classes. "We were excited and nervous at the same time in conducting the warm-up

classes. However, we are also hopeful because of the positive feedback that we received from the students who were excited to attend their classes, even though it is through online means," he stated.

After the warm-up classes, the regular online distance learning (ODL) and modular distance learning (MDL) classes for K-12 students formally began on September 6, 2021.

Oath Taking of Newly Elected Officers of Student Government for S.Y. 2021 – 2022



PFCSI' student body organization conducts oath-taking ceremony

Paraclete Foundation Community School (PFCSI)

By: Jenessa Silvela

Last September 2, 2021, the PFCSI Student Body Organization (SBO) conducts its oath-taking ceremony via Facebook Live.

Lara Gzel A. Borja, PFCSI Student Affairs coordinator, introduced the appointed SBO members, from the elementary to the senior high school departments. The SBO officers presented their unique platforms, aligned with the school's mission and vision.

The PFCSI SBO aims to give students an opportunity to develop

leadership skills by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects which contribute to school spirit and community welfare.

Helen B. Terrado, PFCSI principal, congratulated the newly appointed PFCSI SBO and class representatives. "We appreciate your commitment to making PFCSI the best school for our students! Keep in mind that the best leaders have a heart for service. God truly calls each of us to servant leadership in some way," she said.

FMDMS celebrates JEEPGY month

Fr. Michael Donoher Memorial School (FMDMS)

By: Lecel C. Omas-as

Last September 3, 2021, FMDMS began its month-long celebration of the JEEPGY pillar programs.

JEEPGY is the acronym for the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP)'s principles of justice and peace, ecological integrity, engaged citizenship, poverty reduction, gender equality, and youth empowerment.

Weekly events were held for the celebration. Last September 10, 2021, FMDMS conducted a quiz bee and "Pupils' Pakulo" for students. Last September 17, 2021, a Slogan Contest was held, themed around students' chosen advocacies for the JEEPGY pillars.

Last September 20, 2021, FMDMS attended and witnessed Fr. Ariel De los Reyes' 27th sacerdotal anni-



versary, as well as installation as parish priest of the St. Joseph Parish-Carmona. Fr. Reyes is the school director of the IJA cluster, made up of FMDMS, IJA, SFAA, and SMMPS, represented by the school principals. The Holy Mass for Fr. Reyes was presided by Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista.

Last September 24, 2021, awards were given to participants who won the contests for the JEEPGY celebration.



NSGA begins Microsoft Teams orientation and exercises

Nazareth School of Gen. Aguinaldo (NSGA)

By: Jake C. Anico, Lydia Dimapilis, Gian Carla Mojica, and Rosemarie Pangan

Last September 3, 2021, NSGA teachers began orientation and hands-on exercises for their students for Microsoft Teams.

NSGA teachers begin their orientation for the Microsoft Teams learning platform, as well as hands-on exercises for using the platform in online classes.

Before the exercises, NSGA subject teachers previously conducted orientation activities with their students last August 31 and September 1 and 2, 2021.

Concurrently, NSGA teachers delivered learning modules to students' homes.



DGA begins use of modules, Microsoft Teams, Aralinks for classes

De Guia Academy (DGA)

By: Armando G. Gallard

Last September 6 to 7, 2021, DGA students began their classes using printed modules, as well as the Aralinks and Microsoft Teams learning management systems (LMS).

DGA students began their use of modules in their online classes, which are guided by the DICES FLEX 2.0 program.

Synchronous classes were held through Microsoft Teams, while asynchronous classes were held through Aralinks and printed modules.

As online classes began, DGA teachers were able to discuss their lessons with their students, after clarifying instructions about the LMS that will be used.





MPS celebrates Mass, “Pampamilyang Pananalangin at Pagsisisi”

Maragondon Parochial School (MPS)

By: Jennifer Santos Lopez

Last September 8, 2021, at 7:00 AM, the MPS community celebrated Mama Mary’s birthday by celebrating the Holy Mass.

The MPS community joined the Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Asuncion de Maragondon in a Holy Mass for our dear Mother Mary via livestream. Grade III to VI students also joined the #HappyBirthday-

MamaMary Poster-Making Contest, under the supervision of the CVIO and the OSA coordinators.

Last September 14, each class had a virtual “Pampamilyang Pananalangin at Pagsisisi” via Zoom before the first consultation of the day. Parents, guardians, and pupils were requested to join the activity.



HFA community offers prayers for Mary

Holy Family Academy (HFA)

By: Vhia Alcantara

Last September 8, 2021, the HFA community celebrated Mama Mary's birthday by offering prayers to honor her unconditional love and sacrifice for all of us.

Despite the pandemic, the HFA community still found a way to celebrate Mama Mary's Birthday. The HFA community prepared a place in their respective homes to solemnly reflect and offer prayers for Mama Mary

HFA also presented Marian prayers and celebrations on YouTube, which was watched by members of the HFA community.

HFA students, parents, and teachers prayed the Holy Rosary and shared photos of their prayers, reflections, and other spiritual activities with their loved ones on social media.

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JESOMA prays rosary, novena, Holy Mass for Mama Mary

Jesus Son of Mary Academy (JESOMA)

By: Joyfe M. Serrano

Last September 8, 2021, JESOMA teachers, students, and families prayed the Holy Rosary together via Facebook Live.

The prayer was led by selected JESOMA teachers. Despite the inclement weather due to typhoon Jolina, JESOMA's planned activities still pushed through.

The Rosary was followed by a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, via livestream at the JESOMA Facebook page. The JESOMA community also participated in the cel-

ebration of the Holy Mass at 6:00 PM, held at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Brgy. San Simon, Dbb-C, Dasmarinas. The Holy Mass was presided by Fr. Elorde T. Gomez.

JESOMA kindergarten to Grade 4 students also created birthday cards for Mama Mary as part of the event.

"Nakakatuwa nag mga bata at kanilang mga pamilya, gumising sila ng maaga para sumama sa ating pagdarasal," said Marilou Cabigayan, JESOMA CVIO coordinator.

"Kung ako nga natutuwa, lalo an siguro si Inang Maria an makitang ganito an nagkakatipon tayo. Harinawa ay tulungan niya tayo," she said.





SHJA community celebrates Nativity of Mary

Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy (SHJA)

By: Arlene C. Zamora

Last September 8, 2021, the SHJA community celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SHJA's celebration began with an introduction and a video presentation for students about the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Afterwards, SHJA teachers led their students in praying the Holy Rosary. Despite the virtual set-up, the teachers reported that the students listened and responded attentively. The students were also

asked to draw birthday posters and short prayers for Mary as part of the event.

While synchronous classes were supposed to be postponed for the day to give way to the said celebration, the governor unexpectedly suspended classes in Cavite because of Typhoon Jolina. Despite the suspension of classes, the SHJA celebration for Mary's Nativity still pushed through.

IJA personnel attend virtual fire and safety training

Infant Jesus Academy (IJA)

By: Julius Toledo-Pasumbal

Last September 9, 2021, IJA personnel participated in the virtual Fire and Safety Training, spearheaded by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

The aim of the training was to ensure the safety of IJA personnel and IJA school properties.

During the training event, FO3 Jenella D. Sanchez from BFP-Silang explained the fire protection systems and procedures which need to be put in place in buildings and



which employees need to be aware of in the event of a fire.

FO1 Aibell A. Digma also explained the importance of earthquake preparedness and security, emphasizing the measures that should be taken at the individual, organizational and societal level to minimize adverse effects during emergencies.

STCS holds guidance formation, begins Mandarin classes

St. Therese Catholic School (STCS)

By: Jan Michael C. Brier and Lovely Camille Raqueño

Last September 15, 2021, STCS' Guidance Services conducted its first Students' Formation for Independent Learning via Microsoft Teams.

According to the organizers, the formation aims to remind student about the importance of independent learning. The event featured guest speaker Maria Aileen Marges, who promoted ways such as the Independent Learning Cycle. Through these ways, STCS students can be responsible for their tasks.

"This event is very timely because we are now at our second year of us still using distance learning. Stu-

dents need to become independent learners, as they are away from the physical presence and guidance of their teachers," said Laidel Rosete, STCS Guidance Advocate.

Chester Philip Wong Anastacio, or Huang Zhuren, also formally opened STCS' Mandarin class. Upon launch, Zhuren had 18 enrolled students divided into 4 sections. "The main goal of our Mandarin class is to improve the ability of the students to listen, speak, read, and write using their third language", he said.

Students in the Mandarin class also participate in the local and international activities and competitions headed by the Philippine Chinese Education Research Center (PCRC) and other Chinese organizations that cater to Filipino-Chinese education worldwide.





SRCS personnel participate in NDRRMC's nationwide earthquake drill

Santo Rosario Catholic School (SRCS)

By: Lovely Camille Raqueño

Last September 16, 2021, SRCS participated in the 3rd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill.

The virtual earthquake drill was organized by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). Communities throughout the country participated in the event.

The drill went through possible scenarios based on the possible effects of a strong earthquake.

During the drill, the SRCS community's readiness, responsiveness, and capacity to assess and respond to various situations was tested.

During the event, SRCS practiced Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA), Incident Command System (ICS), Search Rescue and Retrieval (SRR), Emergency Medical Response, Emergency Communications, among others.

SGA alumni association celebrates "Araw ng Alumni"

St. Gregory Academy (SGA)

By: Ma. Glyzza De Villa

Last September 18, 2021, the SGA Alumni Association celebrated the 4th year of its "Araw ng Alumni" event.

The event, which has been celebrated annually since 2017, aims to celebrate the feast day of St. Gregory the Great, foster camaraderie among fellow Gregorians, and launch the various projects of the SGA Alumni Association.

The celebration was broadcast live on YouTube through a special episode of "Our Perspective", themed: "The Church, the School and the Alumni in the Midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic". The live broadcast featured Fr. Paul D. De Leon, D.D, SGA school director, Jose R. Mojica,

SGA school principal, and Marc Marero, SGA alumnus. The featured speakers shared their perspectives about the church, the school and the alumni in the midst of the pandemic.

SGA's Teatro San Gregorio entertained the attendees during the celebration with a dance number.

The Tatak Gregorian Awards was also launched during the event. The awards were conceptualized by Allan M. Rosarda, SGA Alumni Association's Assistant Treasurer.

The closing remarks for the celebration were given by Susan R. Mojica, SGA's External Relations.



#HappyBirthdayMamaMary Poster-Making Contest 2021

This first issue of GUNITÁ is dedicated to Mama Mary!

As part of the celebration, DICES launched its #HappyBirthdayMamaMary Post-er-Making Contest. The overall winner, Aerick Daniel H. Dicay, was announced last September 20, 2021.

Overall Winner



Aerick Daniel H. Dicay
Age 16, Grade 10, SAS-M



Shawne Brainell B. Estrada
Age 8, Grade 5, HCCSN



Rianne N. Fajutagana
Age 16, Grade 10, OLPCS



Jonel C. Pillerva
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Ivory Faigane
Age 18, Grade 12, DGA



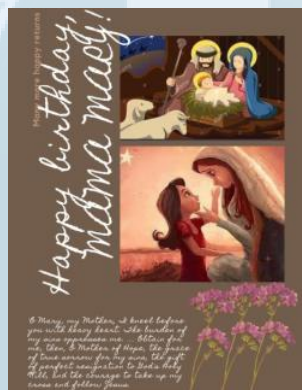
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Jasmine Marie A. Chica
Age 16, Grade 11, OLPCS



Jaira D. Malicsi
Age 15, Grade 9, OLPCS



Ashtar Lalaine Evangelista
Age 13, Grade 8, JESOMA



Maria Lana Leigh M. Supetran
Age 14, Grade 9, IJA



Zachari P. Almazan
Age 7, Grade 2, SFAA



Christian A. Develos
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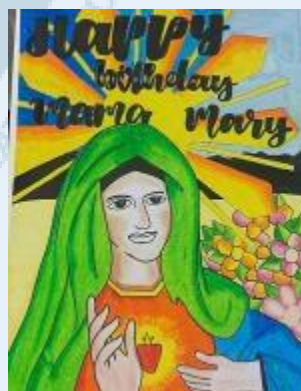
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Lance Isaac Venner P. Pobre
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Princess Ericka P. Castro
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Johanna Marie M. Perocho
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Micaela Marie P. Ong
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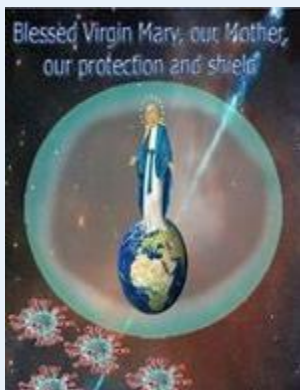
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Age 7, Grade 1, SAS-M



Blane Justine T. Labita
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Louise Sofia N. Cabrigas
Age 15, Grade 10, OLPCS



Jelica Hyeori M. Gamit
Age 15, Grade 8, SJPC



Daniel Luis G. Masangkay
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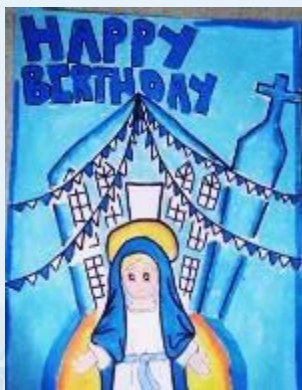
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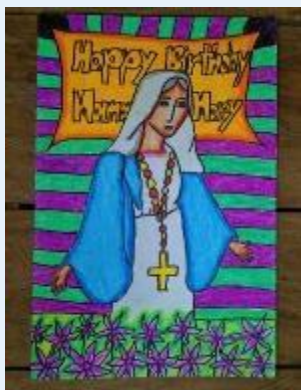
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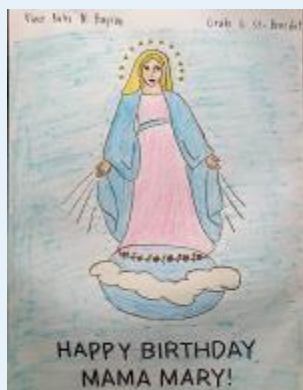
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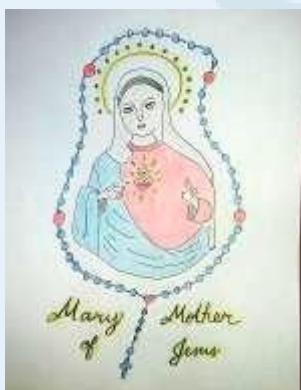
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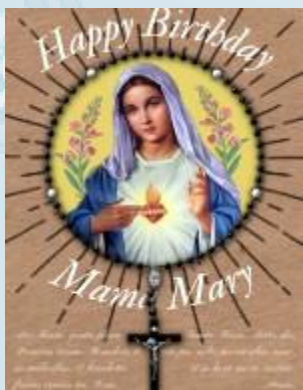
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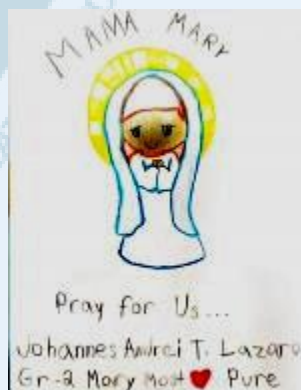
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mation of children to become Gospel witnesses of communion and mission. Towards this end, DICES is unrelenting in developing its pool of teachers and support staff who show commitment to Christian faith and dedication to grow in their fields of specialization.



DICES Member Schools

ASVF

DGA

FMDMS

HCCSN

HFA

IJA

JESOMA

MPPS

MPS

NSGA

OLPCS

PFCSI

PPCDC

SAS-M

SAS-T

SAST-SHS

SFAA



The Academia de San Vicente Ferrer (**ASVF**) was founded in January 23, 2005 in honor of St. Vincent Ferrer, the patron St. of the parish in Lumampong Halayhay, Indang, Cavite. ASVF's High School Department was recognized by the Department of Education in 2007. ASVF was certified by the Fund for Assis-

tance to Private Education (FAPE) in 2008, and turned over to DICES in April 2019.

The De Guia Academy (**DGA**) began in 1984 when the parish held formal classes with 25 pupils. At present, DGA offers K-12 Basic Education to the community of Magallanes, Cavite.

Through patroness Nuestra Señora de Guia, DGA is committed to providing Christian and relevant Catholic education, and to honing its students to responsible, Christ-centered individuals and servant-leaders.





The Fr. Michael Donoher Memorial School, Inc. (**FMDMS**), formerly called Silang Parish Catholic School (SPCS) is a private Catholic non-profit-non-stock institution, established in 1984.

FMDMS offers pre-elementary and elementary courses, focused on Christian excellence in education. The school's motto is "to be for Christ and not for ourselves".

The Holy Cross Catholic School of Noveleta (**HCCSN**) was founded on 2015. HCCSN offers recognized courses from pre-elementary to senior high school.



In April 2020, under the supervision of DICES, HCCSN developed its Learning Continuity Plan as required by the Department of Education to continue providing Catholic education amidst the pandemic.



The Holy Family Academy of GMA Inc. (**HFA**) was founded by Fr. Nonilon B. Tibayan. Guided by the school's mission and vision, the school has successfully served its students for years.

HFA offers programs for pre-elementary up to senior high school levels, inspired by school

tagline: "The school where your child finds a Home."

The Infant Jesus Academy of Silang Inc. (**IJA**) has, for almost 75 years. IJA was originally founded by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (ICM) in Tondo, Manila.



IJA in Silang, at present, continues to provide learning dedicated to the education of high school boys and girls. IJA aims to prepare students who seek admission to recognized centers of learning.

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The Jesus Son of Mary Academy (**JESOMA**) is a parochial established by Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. JESOMA was founded in 1997 by Fr. Marty A. Dimaranan. JESOMA aims to be a sanctuary for educating young minds. JESOMA envisions compassionate children of God who discern His will, adapt to multi-cultural values, and respond to the challenges of the times.



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The Mabuting Pastol Parochial School (**MPPS**) is located at Palapala, Dasmariñas, Cavite. MPPS is a small school which caters to pre-elementary students (nursery and kindergarten).

Inspired by the Good Shepherd, MPPS guides its pupils through

fun and interactive learning. As part of the DICES community, MPPS aims to provide quality Catholic education.

The Maragondon Parochial School, Inc. (**MPS**), formerly known as the Assumption Convent School, was established in 1986 and founded by former parish priest Fr. Corsie S. Legaspi.



As of today, MPS is still the only Catholic institute in the town of Maragondon. MPS has 10 teachers and staff, offering excellent Christian quality education for pre-school and elementary levels.



The Nazareth School of General Aguinaldo, Cavite Inc. (**NSGA**) is a Catholic institution, currently on its 27th year of operations

NSGA offers government recognized courses in pre-elementary, elementary, and senior high school. NSGA is currently working

towards recognition in the Department of Education for its junior high school department

The Our Lady Of The Pillar Catholic School (**OLPCS**) is a parochial school in Imus. OLPCS was granted a permit for nursery to preparatory education with socialized tuition fees in 2000.

OLPCS aimed to address the absence of a Catholic School that could offer affordable quality education to low-income families.



The Paraclete Foundation Community School, Inc. (**PFCSI**) was founded by the Missionary-Sister Servant of the Holy Spirit in 1989. PFCSI is located at Bulihan, Silang, Cavite.

PFCSI is a member of the Catholic Education Association of the Philippines (CEAP).

PFCSI is accredited by the Department of Education (DepEd) to offer pre-elementary to senior high school courses.

The Padre Pio Child Development Center, Inc. (**PPCDC**) is located at Brgy. Nicolasa Virata, GMA, Cavite. PPCDC offers programs for the pre-school level.

At the moment, PPCDC has one teacher and one registrar. By staying committed to the mission and vision of the school, PPCDC aims to continue building the simple dreams of the young hearts.



The St. Augustine School of Mendez (**SAS-M**) is an active member of Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) and other prominent educational organizations in Cavite. SAS-M is an integral part of the St. Augustine Parish, founded in 1965. It is the first Catholic School in upland Cavite. At the

moment, SAS-M is currently celebrating its 56th year as a Catholic institution.

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The St. Augustine School-Tanza (**SAS-T**) and its Senior High School Department (**SAST-SHS**) aim to be a Christ-centered community with empowered, responsible, and disciplined students who uphold truthfulness and excellence. SAS-T is located at the back of San

Agustin Tanza Church. SAST-SHS, located in Daang Amaya III, Tanza, is the only parochial senior high school in Tanza, Cavite.

The St. Francis of Assisi Academy, Inc. (**SFAA**) has been headed since March 29, 2016 by Bishop Reynaldo G. Evangelista. SFAA is located at San Luis Village, Silang Crossing West, Tagaytay.



Responding to the need for Catholic education in Tagaytay, the Secular Franciscans Order (SFO) in the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tagaytay, founded SFAA in 1986.



The San Francisco de Malabon Parochial School (**SFDMPs**) was founded by Fr. Pedro D. Arigo in General Trias, Cavite in 1994. SFDMPs, named in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, was the very first parochial school in General Trias at the time.

SFDMPs continues its efforts to provide quality Catholic Education to the youth, embracing St. Francis' virtues of simplicity, humility, and purity.

The St. Gregory Academy (**SGA**) was founded in 1965, located in Indang, Cavite, adjacent to the parish church. Through the years, SGA has tried to make education relevant and responsive to the needs of the times.



The SGA spirit of academic excellence, service and values formation, aims to mold and guide SGA students to be productive citizen and responsible Christians.

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The **Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy** (SHJA) is located at SHJP San Simon, DBB-C, Dasmariñas City, Cavite. SHJA offers education for students in kindergarten and Grades 1 to 6.

SHJA's academic program is integrated with Christian Values Formation.

The St. Jude Parish School (**SJPS**) is an educational institution that aims to form graduates who are output of holistic development imbued with necessary knowledge, skills, habits, values such that become pious, ethical, independent, adoptive, creative, critical thinkers, globally competitive, able to use modern technology and can be counted upon as wealth of the church and hope of the nation.



The St. Joseph Parochial School of Cavite (**SJPSC**) is also known as the Parokya ni San Jose Educational Foundation Inc., located in Caytitinga I, Alfonso, Cavite.

SJPSC has been the only Catholic parochial school in the municipality of Alfonso since 2001. As a Catholic school, SJPSC also prioritizes Christian character formation.



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The St. Michael's Institute of Bacoor, Inc. (**SMI**) is the only Catholic school in Bacoor since it was founded in 1956 by Fr. Espiritu Hizon. SMI's vision is to have a community of transformative citizens who are profoundly Christ-centered, socially-oriented, promoters of justice and peace, and stewards of God's gifts and resources following its mission, inspired and guided by Christ's example.



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The St. Mary Magdalene Parochial School of Amadeo, Cavite, Inc. (**SMMPs**) started in 1988. It was borne out of the aspiration of Catholic parents in Amadeo to have their children be schooled in a Catholic institution. This aspiration was brought up to the attention of Fr. Orlando Santos who was the Parish Priest that time.



The St. Mary Magdalene School (**SMMS**) is a diocesan school situated in Poblacion, Kawit, Cavite, established on 1961



SMMS is referred to by the school community as ‘Esmeri’, coming from the name ‘St. Mary’. The school’s tagline, ‘Experience Alagang Esmeri’ emphasizes the

commitment of SMMS to quality Catholic education for its students.

The Santo Rosario Catholic School, Inc. (**SRCS**) is a Catholic institution located at the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church, Rosario, Cavite.



SRCS was founded in 2015. SRCS is on its 7th year of operation. SRCS offers government recognized courses from pre–elementary to senior high school. SRCS is the first and only Catholic school in Rosario, Cavite.

The St. Therese Catholic School, Inc. (**STCS**), formerly known as Hermano Miguel Integrated School, Inc., was founded in 2007.



STCS is the only Chinese-Catholic school in Cavite. To provide quality Catholic education, STCS practices enhanced K-12 Curriculum, with Christian values integration programs and engaging student activities.

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Welcome to SY 2021-2022!



By: Fr. Alain P. Manalo

A pleasant day to everybody, and a very warm special welcome to our Batang DICES. To our old students, we're happy that you're back, and to our new students, welcome to your new home. We are very happy indeed to be welcoming this new school year 2021-2022.

We praise and thank the Lord for the gift of the new year, but we also thank and bless the Lord for the gift of the past school year. We started 2020-2021 with so much anxiety, because there were a lot of uncertainties awaiting us then.

Well, we prepared ourselves to the best that we could, but we were not sure, would we be successful? But after a year, I thank and bless the Lord, for the past school year was indeed blessings-filled, and obviously, there were hitches, there were limitations, there were difficulties, but I want to look still at 2020-2021 to be a huge success for DICES, for all of us, because my eyes have seen how everybody had cooperated, how each one had given the best of themselves to one another. Our DICES administrators, teachers, and staff, our parents,

our students, our partners, and even the general public. Nagtulungan tayo, nagpasensyahan tayo, nagpatawaran tayo, nagtiyaga tayo.

Hindi tayo sumuko. Patuloy tayong nangarap ng mataas at matayog, at kala-kip ng ating mataas at matayog an pang





rap ay nag ating hindi matutum-basang pagsisikap. Hindi lang kayong mga estudyante nag umiyak: pati nag inyong mga magulang, at pati an din nag inyong mga teachers, kami, tayong lahat. Ngunit nag diwa ng malalim an pananampalataya sa Diyos, at pagtatalaga ng sarili sa kagalingan nag siyang naging ating sangkap para malampasan nag lahat ng ito. I must say that we ended the last school year with flying colors. Mai-pagmamalaki ko nag DICES at nag bawat isang miyembro, kayo, an bumubuo sa ating pamilya.

We welcome this school year with the same hope, the same faith, in God and in one another. Pinaghandang mabuti ng ating mga tagapangasiwa, guro, at kawani nag pag-aaral at pagkatuto ninyo, mga Batang DICES. At hindi lang sila: I'm pretty sure your parents, and you, Batang DICES, and also our part-

ners, they also prepared much for this 2021-2022. We are bringing along so many lessons from last year's experiences, and indeed we have learned. And so we look forward to the present school year, not just with the same hope and with the same faith. We also look forward to this new school year with much excitement. Nakaka-excite! There will be lots of surprises from the Lord and from one another, because Batang DICES deserves only the excellent Christian formation that marks our quality Catholic education. We remain steadfast to this commitment and mission from our Lord and from the Church, to form you, Batang DICES, and to provide opportunities for growth and development to every individual in our DICES community, that we may all become faithful Christians, responsible citizens, and good family members, each one of us, gifts to one



happen offline.

Same standards. Hindi pwede nag pwede na. We only want the best for you, and we want you to become whole persons, buo. That is why I enjoin you to antici-

another, now and in the future.

Wala naman sigurong bago sa mga activities natin. I mean, academics and extra-curricular activities. Magaganda an kasi nag ating mga nasimulan, at dapat lamang an ito ay ipagpatuloy an lahat. But one thing that I want to highlight is that, this year, we are levelling up, in all aspects: quality, means, programs, even the people that will become vehicles of our educational and learning experiences. We have partnered with Aralinks, Microsoft, and Google for our classroom instruction. Now, you will see each other more regularly online, and there will be lots of wonderful, fun-filled, and enjoyable activities that will

pate and invest a lot of yourselves in our academic programs and also in our many co-curricular activities, DICES-wide or organized by your school. And to our dear parents and teachers, we are part of the learning experiences, not just as facilitators or guides for learning. DICES is here, also for you, for all of us, to learn and to grow.

Salamat sa Diyos. Salamat din sa inyo. Salamat sa isn't isa. God bless us all.



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