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# NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2025





## **“THANKSGIVING MASS”**

January 23, 2025

On January 23, 2025, in preparation for the A&E examination of 54 Elementary and Junior High School test-takers, Alsa Buhay Learners attended a blessing and Thanksgiving Mass with a special blessing for the coming Test. This is held at the Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon Center in Parola, Binondo, Manila. This was officiated by Rev. Fr. Florence Ompad, SDS. The homily is focused on prayer and trust—the power of prayer, how to pray and trust God during struggles, especially in this times of the A&E examination. The Mass concluded with the blessing of the pencils and registration forms to be used by the test-takers. Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc.



## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Captured during and after the event at PSPEI Center.*



### **“SPECIAL MASS BLESSES ALSA BUHAY TEST TAKERS WITH FAITH AND ENCOURAGEMENT”**

JANUARY 24, 2025

On January 24, Rev. Fr. Florencio Ompad, SDS, officiated a heartfelt Special Mass for the Alsa Buhay Payatas Center, delivering a powerful homily that underscored the values of discipline, dedication, and perseverance. This sacred gathering was attended by the Alsa Buhay test takers, who are set to take their examinations on January 26 at Batasan Hills National High School. During the Mass, Fr. Ompad imparted his blessings upon both the learners and the test kits they will use on exam day, reinforcing the significance of faith in their journey toward success. His inspiring words served as a reminder that hard work, determination, and unwavering focus are key to achieving their dreams. The experience was a true blessing, as receiving the Word of God not only strengthened our faith but also guided us toward a brighter future. With renewed spirit and confidence, the Alsa Buhay test takers are ready to face their exams, empowered by faith and perseverance.





## **“THE NATIONWIDE ACCREDITATION AND EQUIVALENCY TEST”**

January 26, 2025

Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) have sent off 93 learners to undergo the nationwide Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) Test on January 26, 2025. There were Thirty-nine (39) learners from the Payatas Alsa Buhay Learning Center who took the test at the Batasan Hills National High School. Simultaneously, fifty-four (54) learners from the Puso sa Puso-Parola Center successfully completed the A&E test at the Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School in Sampaloc, Manila. The Local Government Unit in the respective areas are a big support to this significant event in the life of the Learners.

The organization continue its commitment to providing accessible education and empowering individuals. Their participation in this nationwide exam represents a significant step towards achieving the educational goals and highlights the importance of community support and individual perseverance. PSPEI eagerly awaits the results and extends its best wishes to all participants.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



Photos taken during A&E Test at Dr. Alejandro Albert Elementary School  
& Batasan Hills National High School





### **“PAROLA INTER-AGENCY NETWORK'S 8TH ANNIVERSARY”**

January 28, 2025

Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSP) received well-deserved recognition at the recent 8th-anniversary celebration of the Parola Inter-Agency Network (PIAN). Held on January 28th, 2025, at Hotel Lucky Chinatown in Binondo, Manila, the event, co-hosted by PIAN and the Sustainability and Development Section of International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), celebrated the collective achievements of its member organizations. PSPEI consistent participation and impactful contributions to community development were specifically highlighted, showcasing the organization's dedication to its mission. The event's organizers praised PSPEI commitment to collaborative efforts within the PIAN network. Beyond the organizational recognition, individual achievements were also celebrated. Ms. Lucita Lachica, the dedicated Livelihood Program Coordinator of PSPEI, received a special commendation for her exceptional work. Her tireless efforts have significantly contributed to PSPEI success and its positive impact on the community. The event concluded with a symbolic gift for all attendees – a candlelight pot – representing the shared commitment to illuminating lives and fostering positive change. This thoughtful gesture underscored the collaborative spirit and shared dedication among the participants, making the 8th-anniversary celebration a memorable and impactful event for all involved.



## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Photos taken during and after the event at Hotel Lucky Chinatown in Binondo, Manila*





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# NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2025







**“CAREER ORIENTATION & MOCK INTERVIEW 2025 - PAROLA CENTER”**

February 10-11, 2025

Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Incorporated (PSPEI) organized a career orientation session: "Unlock Your Potential: Exploring Careers and Finding Your Passion," on February 10, 2025, at the ECJ Building in Intramuros, Manila. This was attended by the ALSA BUHAY Learners. The distinguished speakers aimed to expose participants to a wide range of career possibilities, empowering them to make informed choices about their future paths. The session provided valuable guidance to help shape the learners' professional aspirations. The following day, February 11, 2025, a mock interview was done for ALSA-BUHAY learners at the PSPEI Center. The Facilitators were Mr. Cleo Angelo Df. Guevarra (ICTSI Stakeholder Engagement Manager), Ms. Cyrah Karmina Albat-Wenceslao (ICTSI Sustainability and Development Officer II), Cl. Bro. John Laurence Leaban (PSPEI Supervisor), and CEU student-interns, the session provided learners with practical experience and valuable feedback to boost their confidence and interview skills, preparing them for future job opportunities.



## INSIDE PHOTOS:



Photos taken at ECJ Building in Intramuros, Manila





**MONTHLY MASS AT PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.  
PAROLA CENTER**

February 20, 2025

The Monthly Mass was done on February 20, 2025, at the PSPEI Center in Parola, Tondo, Manila, attended by ALSA-BUHAY learners, volunteers, and staff. This was officiated by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS. Cl. Bro. John Laurence Leaban, shared a moment of reflection and unity for the entire PSPEI community.

During the month from February 10 – 21, 2025, the Novices of the Society of the Divine Savior did a Mission Exposure at the PSPEI Parola and Payatas Center respectively. They immersed themselves in our community, experiencing our mission and values firsthand. Together, we served, learned, and grew in faith and solidarity. Their presence brought immense joy, wisdom, and a renewed sense of purpose. We're deeply grateful for the memories we shared and the time they spent with us!

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Photos taken at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.- Parola Center*





### **CAREER ORIENTATION 2025 - PAYATAS CENTER**

February 20, 2025

On February 20, 2025 the Quezon City Public Employment Service Office (PESO) inspired Payatas Learners after an insightful Career Orientation presentation. A heartfelt thanks to Ms. Janette Princess V. Hinate and Mr. Emerson Monteroso for sharing their expertise and empowering our students with valuable career guidance. Their words encouraged the learners to dream big, explore opportunities, and work toward a brighter future. With this newfound knowledge, our students are now more confident and excited about their career paths. Thank you, Quezon City PESO, for your dedication to shaping the future of young minds!

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Photos taken at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc.- Payatas Center.*





## **A BLESSED THANKSGIVING MASS FOR PAYATAS ALSA**

### **BUHAY LEARNERS**

February 21, 2025

On Friday, February 21st, Rev. Fr. Christopher Osares, SDS, officiated a Thanksgiving Mass at the Payatas Center. The special gathering was attended by the Learners, parents, and the SDS brothers, creating a moment of unity and gratitude. The Mass was a time for reflection, appreciation, and blessings as the community came together to celebrate the achievements and growth of the learners. It was a heartfelt reminder of the power of faith, education, and support in shaping young lives. Gratitude to Rev. Fr. Cristopher for his continuous spiritual support and guidance.



## **“ENFANTS DU MÉKONG GUIDES STUDENTS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE”**

February 22, 2025

On Saturday, February 22nd, Enfants du Mékong (EDM) organized a Career Guidance Orientation for Grade 10 and 12 students, aiming to help them choose the right academic and career paths. The event provided valuable insights into different fields of study, helping students make informed decisions about their future. Among the attendees were Payatas SHS scholars Ms. Bernadeth Meregildo and Mr. John Loyd Acuin, who eagerly participated in the discussions and activities. Through this initiative, EDM continues to support young learners in shaping their futures with confidence and direction. A heartfelt thanks to Enfants du Mékong for their dedication to empowering students!



## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Photos taken at ECJ Building in Intramuros, Manila*



### **FAREWELL CELEBRATION OF MS. ERIKA GUNC & MR. ELIAS WILLAM**

February 28, 2025

On February 28, 2025, Ms. Erika Gunc and Mr. Elias, foreign volunteer teachers from Austria, bid farewell to the Eskwelahan ng Buhay learners and teachers at the Musmos Daycare Center, marking the end of their 5-month volunteer work under the PSPEI Program. The celebration shared a mix of emotions, as both learners and teachers shared heartfelt goodbyes. As a token of appreciation, the learners presented Ms. Erika and Mr. Elias with heartfelt, handwritten farewell letters. These gesture encapsulated the profound impact they had on the learners' lives. At PSPEI Parola, we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside Ms. Erika and Mr. Elias. Their dedication and passion are greatly appreciated. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and hope that the memories and lessons shared will remain with them forever.



## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Photos taken at Musmos Daycare Center*



## **“A HEARTWARMING THANKSGIVING FOR TEACHER WERONIKA”**

February 28, 2025

The Eskwelahan ng Buhay community came together on February 28, 2025, to express their heartfelt gratitude to their beloved teacher, Weronika, fondly known as Teacher Vika. The children organized a heartwarming Thanksgiving event filled with joyful performances, heartfelt messages, and sweet surprises. They danced with beaming smiles, recited poems, and shared how Teacher Vika's guidance has positively impacted their lives. The celebration highlighted the deep appreciation and love the students have for their teacher, showcasing the strong bond between them. One of the most touching moments was a heartfelt message from a parent, expressing gratitude for Teacher Vika's dedication and impact on their child's growth, both in learning and in life. The event culminated with a special video tribute from the children, showcasing their love and appreciation for their teacher. The video, filled with messages, memories, and well wishes, reflected the profound impact Teacher Vika has had on their lives. Laughter, love, and joy filled the air as everyone celebrated this truly wonderful teacher, making it a day to remember.





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Photos taken at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc- Payatas Center



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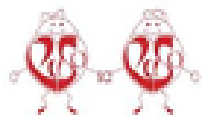


# NEWS LETTER

## MARCH 2025







**“ASH WEDNESDAY- PAYATAS CENTER”**

March 5, 2025

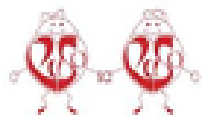
Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection on Christ's sacrifice, leading to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. On March 5, 2025, Fr. Cyrilus Eko, SDS, officiated the Ash Wednesday celebration for the ALSA BUHAY 11th batch Payatas Learners at the Payatas Center, attended by learners from all levels. Fr. Cyrilus focused on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Prayer deepens faith through reflection, worship, and scripture. Penance calls for fasting and self-denial as a path to repentance and spiritual growth. Almsgiving reflects love through charity and acts of kindness. These practices help Christians renew their faith and prepare for Easter.

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*Photos taken at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc- Payatas Center*



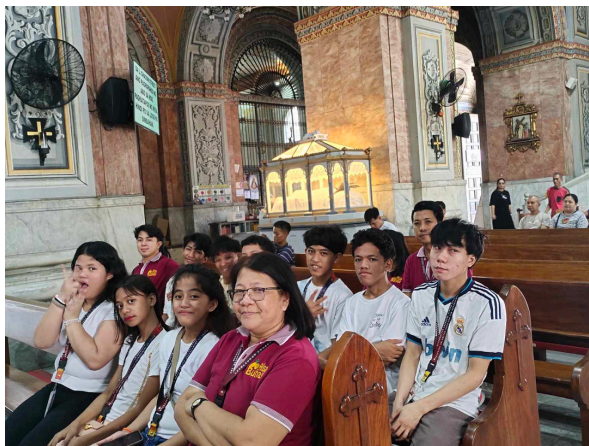


### **“ASH WEDNESDAY MASS- PAROLA CENTER”**

March 5, 2025

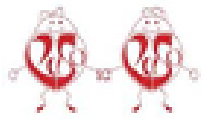
Staff and learners of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. attended Ash Wednesday Mass at the Archdiocesan Shrine of St. Niño in Tondo, Manila. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The homily reminded us of the importance of prayer, fasting, abstinence, and deepening our connection with God. This includes doing things we don't usually do, such as sharing what we have, making an effort to change, and being helpful to others. Spiritual reflection on ourselves is also crucial. After Mass, we received ashes on our foreheads, a reminder to turn away from sin and remain faithful to the Gospel.

## INSIDE PHOTOS



*Captured during and after the mass at Archdiocesan Shrine of St. Niño in Tondo, Manila*





## **“TEAM BUILDING 2025 - ALSA BUHAY PAROLA LEARNERS”**

March 6, 2025

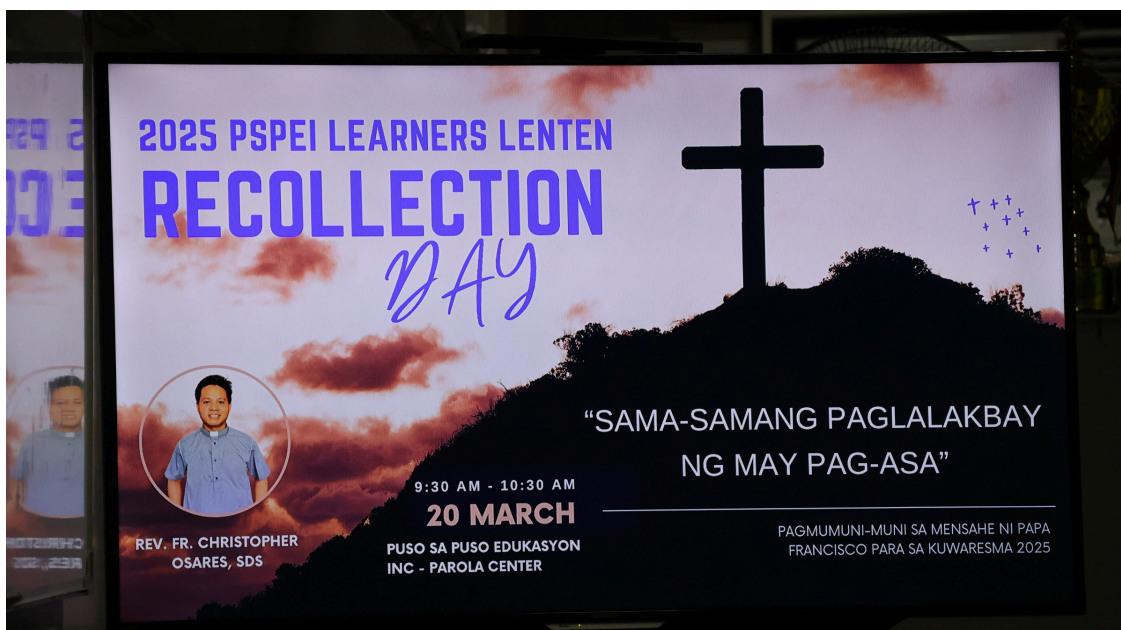
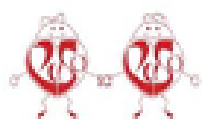
Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI)- Parola, recently conducted a Team Building program for our ALSA-BUHAY learners at the Esto Gaza Events Place and Resort on March 6, 2025. We're grateful for the presence of Rev Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS and Ms. Cyrah Karmina Albat-Wenceslao, Sustainability and Development Officer II-ICTSI. Through interactive activities and inspiring discussions, the learners discovered the value of teamwork, leadership, and unity that will help them in their future endeavors.

## INSIDE PHOTOS



*Captured during and after the event at Esto Gaza Events Place and Resort*





## **LENTEN RECOLLECTION: A JOURNEY OF HOPE TOGETHER**

March 20, 2025

On March 20, 2025, the junior high school and elementary learners of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. AlsaBuhay attended a Lenten recollection facilitated by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS at the PSPEI learning center. Fr. Crist began by asking the learners what Lent is and what it is all about. The learners participated actively. Fr. Chris divided the learners into three groups and asked them to answer three questions. Each group shared their answers, and one participant from each group represented their group. The questions were: 1. What is your dream? 2. To whom do you share it? 3. How will you do it?

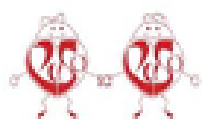
In summary, all the learners shared their dreams with their parents. Their dreams were to finish their studies and have a good life, and they would study hard to achieve this. The recollection ended with a Mass. The homily focused on the parable of the rich man and the poor man, where one goes to heaven and the other to hell after death.

## INSIDE PHOTOS



Photos taken at Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc- Parola Center





## **“ALSA BUHAY LEARNERS EMBRACE LEGENDARY LEADERSHIP AT TEAM-BUILDING EVENT”**

March 21, 2025

The Alsa Buhay learners of the 2024-2025 batch recently embarked on an inspiring team-building journey at CJ Private Resort in Montalban, Rizal, embracing the theme "Gawing Legendary ang Leadership Mo!" (Make Your Leadership Legendary!). The event was energetic, with participants engaging in dynamic activities designed to strengthen teamwork, spark creativity, and nurture leadership skills. Through collaborative games and reflective sessions, learners discovered the power of unity and shared vision. Sr. Frances R. Mangabat, SDS, and Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osare, SDS, guided the event, emphasizing the importance of servant leadership and community-driven values. Facilitators and learners celebrated breakthroughs, laughter, and newfound confidence, creating memories that will fuel their growth as future leaders. The event reinforced the spirit of Alsa Buhay (Rise to Life) and ignited a commitment to transforming leadership into a force for positive change.

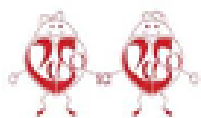


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*Photos taken at CJ Private Resort in Montalban, Rizal*





**“WOMEN’S RIGHTS AWARENESS SESSION CELEBRATES  
INCLUSION AND ADVOCACY”**

March 21, 2025

In honor of Women's Month, Payatas learners and Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. staff participated in a Women's Rights Awareness Session on March 21, 2025, at the Quezon City Protection Center (QCPC). The event highlighted critical issues affecting women and the LGBTQIA+ community and fostered dialogue on legal protections and support systems. Ms. Joceline Basconcillo, RSW, and Ms. Ana, RSW, facilitated the session, showcasing the programs and services of the Quezon City Government's Health Department (QCGH) and the QCPC—a flagship initiative dedicated to safeguarding women's rights. Key discussions included an overview of laws protecting women's safety, such as the Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act (VAWC), and the role of advocacy in advancing gender equality. QCPC staff detailed their mission to assist survivors of abuse through counseling, legal aid, and community education, emphasizing their commitment to inclusivity for all residents, including the LGBTQIA+ community. A highlight was the participation of a VAWC consultant and QCPC professionals, who provided insights into policy implementation and grassroots efforts to combat gender-based violence. The session reinforced that advocacy knows no gender boundaries, inspiring attendees to take active roles in promoting women's welfare. By bridging awareness with action, the event not only honored Women's Month but also ignited a collective resolve to build a safer, more equitable Quezon City.

## INSIDE PHOTOS



*Photos taken at Quezon City Protection Center (QCPC)*