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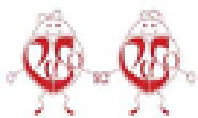
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# NEWSLETTER

## JULY 2025





## **PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.** **HOLYSPIRIT MASS**

**MASS PRESIDER:**

**REV. FR. CRISTOPHER B. OSARES, SDS**

**JULY 03, 2025**

**MASS PRESIDER:**

**REV. FR. FLORENCE OMPAD, SDS**

**JULY 10, 2025**

### **Holyspirit Mass**

July 03 and July10, 2025

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. (PSPEI) joyfully celebrated Holy Spirit Mass in both centers as a thanksgiving and a prayer for the Holy Spirit's guidance throughout the 2025–2026 school year. These celebration served as a spiritual start for learners, teachers, and staff, asking for wisdom, perseverance, and unity in their journey.

On July 3, 2025, the Payatas Center held its Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, gathering ALS learners to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance. Reflecting on John 20:24–29, Fr. Osares shared the story of Thomas, encouraging learners to face their own struggles—poverty, family challenges, and self-doubt—with faith and perseverance.

On July 10, 2025, the Parola Center celebrated its Holy Spirit Mass at Nuestra Señora de la Soledad in Camba, Binondo, Manila, led by Rev. Fr. Florence Ompad, SDS, and attended by Batch 15 junior high and elementary learners. His homily emphasized reconciliation, trust in God's providence, and loyalty to family as keys to overcoming life's challenges.

Both Masses concluded with a warm welcome to the new batch of learners, as PSPEI prays for the continuous blessings and guidance of the Holy Spirit for all learners, teachers, and families in the year ahead.

## Inside Photos:



*"Captured during Holyspirit Mass - Payatas Center"*



*"Captured during Holyspirit Mass - Parola Center"*





# Enfants du Mékong

## THE GOAL

The goal of this day is to get to know us, EDM members, and our programs better.

We will be able to discuss our projects, the challenges we face, and address various questions.

Ate Vida, a social worker from the Cebu headquarters, will be present to provide guidance.

A brief presentation of each program is requested from each Project Leader. This will help us better understand each other's challenges and allow us to connect and exchange ideas during discussions. Group and individual programs have much to share, and I hope this day will bring us all closer together!

Transportation costs and the Php 500 will have to be taken from each person's program budget.

## ADDRESS

Chemin Neuf Community  
2486 Legarda Street, Sampaloc, Metro Manila

## TO BE EXPECTED

Php 500 to cover tuition  
An introduction to your program  
Duration: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## PROJECT LEADERS MEETING

### JULY 12 2025

MANILA AND SOUTH MANILA

A meeting between all EDM project leaders to discuss how the programs work.

## EDM Project Leader Meeting

July 12, 2025

On Saturday, July 12, 2025, Ms. Jileen Marquez, Parola Community Social Worker, and Sir John Mark Acuin, Learning Facilitator from Payatas, represented Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. at the Enfants du Mekong (EDM) Project Leader Meeting held at the Chemin Neuf Community, Sampaloc, Manila, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The meeting focused on strengthening child and youth protection, highlighted by the discussion of the EDM Child and Youth Protection Policy led by Ms. Vida, EDM Social Worker from Cebu City. Ms. Marquez and Sir Acuin also shared updates and showcased the organization's programs for holistic education and community development, fostering collaboration and a renewed commitment among participants to create safe and nurturing environments for children and youth.

## Inside Photos:



*"Project leaders pose for a group photo after the EDM Project Leader Meeting."*



**1st Death Anniversary of Fr. Artur:  
Honoring His Legacy of Love and Service**  
July 13, 2025

On July 13, 2025, the Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. community gathered at the Mother of the Savior House in New Manila, Quezon City, to commemorate the 1st Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Artur, SDS. The solemn celebration began with a Holy Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, joined by Salvatorian priests, and attended by Puso Sa Puso staff, Austrian volunteers, SLI teachers, and the Salvatorian community. Reflections during the Mass and shared fellowship honored Fr. Artur's life of love, service, and deep compassion, remembering him as a father, mentor, and servant-leader whose legacy of faith and dedication to the poor and young continues to inspire the mission of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.

## Inside Photos:



*"Photos taken after the Mass with the PSPEI Family."*



## Recognition Ceremony 2025

### "Honoring Hard Work and Dedication: Pusong Puso Edukasyon Inc. -Parola Center"

July 14, 2025

The Parola Center of Pusong Puso Edukasyon Inc. celebrated its 2024-2025 Recognition Ceremony on July 14, 2025, at the ECJ Building, Intramuros, Manila, with the theme "Generation of Unity: Partners for the New Philippines." The event honored the learners' hard work and dedication, recognizing their exceptional academic performance, leadership, and active participation in co-curricular activities. Present were Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, Director/President; Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, Program Coordinator/Supervisor Payatas; and Cl. John Lourence P. Leaban, Supervisor Parola Center, along with guests from ICTSI, Ms. Cyrah Karmina Albat-Wenceslao, and the Local Government Unit, including Hon. Anthony Igus, Chairman of Barangay 20, and Mr. Anthony Flores Duico, Secretary of Barangay 275. Medals and certificates were awarded to the deserving learners, while Sr. Frances Mangabat and Chairman Igus delivered inspiring messages emphasizing the importance of education, community engagement, and Pusong Puso Edukasyon Inc.'s dedication to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment.

## Inside Photos:



*"Photos taken during recognition."*



### Graduation and Moving-up Ceremony 2025

Theme: "Generation of Unity: Partners for the New Philippines."

July 17, 2025

On July 17, 2025, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) joyfully celebrated the Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremony 2025 of its ALSA Buhay learners at St. Peter Parish Shrine of Leaders, Commonwealth, Quezon City. The event began with a solemn Baccalaureate Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Wilson Catabay, SDS, giving thanks for the achievements of the learners. With the theme "Generation of Unity: Partners for the New Philippines," the ceremony honored forty-two (42) graduates and completers—twenty-three (23) from the Payatas Center and nineteen (19) from the Parola Center. Parents, PSPEI staff, and the guest speaker, Mr. Dennis Maño, District 2 Quezon City Educational Program Specialist II (EPS II). The ceremony was filled with pride and joy as the learners' perseverance and commitment to education were recognized. PSPEI commends their remarkable efforts and dedication and looks forward to seeing them achieve greater milestones in the future, carrying the values they have learned on their journey toward a brighter tomorrow.

## Inside Photos:



*"Captured during Baccalaureate Mass."*



*"Graduates and completers of Payatas Center."*



*"Graduates and completers of Parola Center"*



*"Captured after the ceremony with PSPEI staff from Payatas and Parola."*



# NewsLetter

## August 2025





## **Payatas Eskwelahan ng Buhay Culminating Activity**

August 1, 2025

The Eskwelahan ng Buhay Program – Payatas successfully held its culminating activity on August 1, 2025, at the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center. This marked the conclusion of a year filled with learning, growth, and meaningful experiences for the children under the program. The event provided the learners with the opportunity to enjoy nature, explore the park, and see various animals, making the day both fun and educational.

The children's journey throughout the year was made more enriching through the guidance and dedication of the international volunteers Mr. Elias Rafael Willam and Ms. Erika Gunc from Austria, who faithfully served at the Center for one year. Their support and care played a vital role in creating a nurturing environment that allowed the learners to grow with joy and confidence. The activity was a celebration not only of the children's achievements but also of the invaluable contributions of the volunteers who helped make the year truly memorable.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Scenes from the culminating activity"*



*"Moments after the awarding of certificates."*



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.**

**ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM**



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.**



# *United Nation* **CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**

## **Parola Center**

Facilitated By:

Sr. Ruth Baguinon, SDS,

**August 4, 2025**

## **Payatas Center**

Facilitated By:

Sr. Mary Adeline Abamo, SDS

**August 27, 2025**

## **United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child**

August 4 and 27, 2025

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is a landmark international treaty that outlines the fundamental rights of children, including their right to protection, development, participation, and survival. It serves as a guiding framework to ensure that every child, regardless of background, is treated with dignity and given opportunities to thrive. In line with this vision, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPESI) continues its commitment to raising awareness and empowering communities to uphold and protect these rights.

On Monday, August 4, 2025, PSPESI hosted a UNCRC seminar at the Parola Center, led by Sr. Ruth Baguinon, SDS, Executive Director of the Salvatorian Pastoral Care for Children (SPCC). A staunch advocate for children's welfare, Sr. Ruth emphasized the significance of the UNCRC in safeguarding the well-being of every child.



Her discussion encouraged participants to actively engage in promoting children's rights within their communities, highlighting the shared responsibility of individuals and organizations to ensure that no child is left behind.

Meanwhile, on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, another UNCRC seminar was conducted at the Payatas Center, facilitated by Sr. Mary Adeline Abamo, SDS. The session focused on children's fundamental rights and featured an interactive group activity where learners shared real-life examples of happy and challenging experiences at home. Sr. Mary Adeline underscored the importance of open communication as a pathway to healing and mutual support, allowing participants to reflect deeply on their own situations. The event concluded with a strong reminder of the collective duty to uphold and protect children's rights for a brighter and more just future.

#### INSIDE PHOTOS:



*Photos captured during the UNCRC Seminar at Payatas Center.*



*Photos captured during the UNCRC Seminar at Payatas Center.*



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.**

**ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM**



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.**

**AUGUST 6, 2025**

# **13<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PAYATAS CENTER**

**THEME:  
"TOUCHING LIVES, LIVING  
HOPE, BLESSED TO BE A  
BLESSING"**



## **13th Anniversary of Payatas Center Theme: Touching Lives, Living Hope to Be a Blessing.**

**August 6, 2025**

The Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. – Payatas Center solemnly commemorated its 13th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Mass held on August 6, 2025, at the Payatas Center. The celebration was presided over by the Director, Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, together with Rev. Fr. Josef Wilfing, SDS.

Anchored on the theme "Touching Lives, Living Hope, Blessed to be a Blessing," the occasion highlighted the mission of the institution to remain steadfast in serving the community. In his homily, Rev. Fr. Osares emphasized the significance of the theme, underscoring the commitment to inspire hope and extend compassion as a way of life.

The Center likewise conveys its profound gratitude to Rev. Fr. Roland P. Jaluag, the Parish Priest of Kristong Hari Parish, Shrine for the Youth for his generous contribution to the anniversary celebration. His donation of rice and canned goods provided much-needed assistance to numerous families, embodying the very spirit of generosity and solidarity that the Center upholds. As the Payatas Center marks thirteen years of dedicated service, the celebration stands as a testament to its unwavering mission of touching lives, nurturing hope, and being a blessing to the community.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



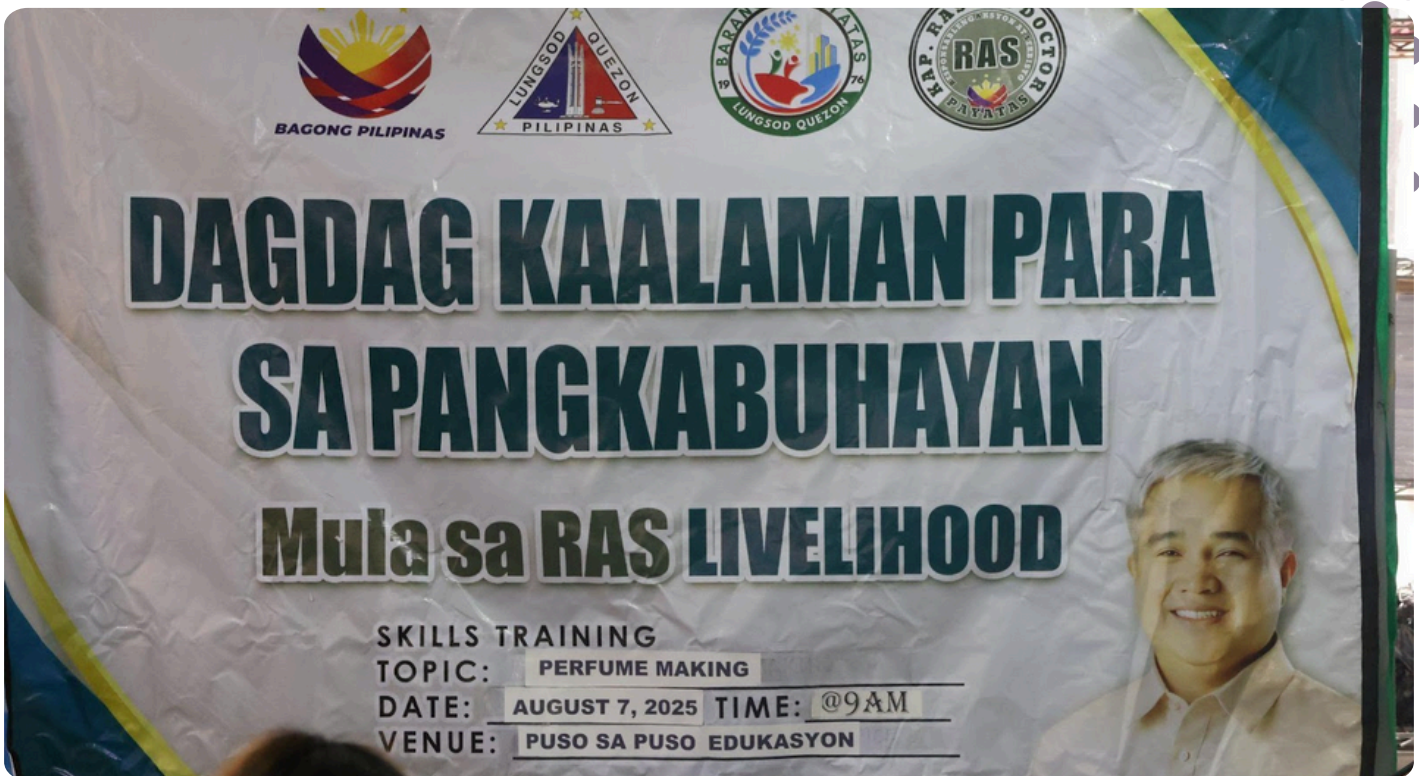
*"Captured during Thanks Giving Mass - Payatas Center."*



*"Beneficiaries receiving donations – Payatas Center's."*



*"Captured after the 13th Anniversary celebration of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.  
– Payatas Center."*



## **Livelihood Training: Perfume-Making Workshop**

August 7, 2025

The Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. – Payatas Center successfully conducted a perfume-making livelihood training on August 7, 2025, with the active participation of the ALSA BUHAY learners from the Basic Literacy Program (BLP), Elementary, and Junior High School levels. The activity was facilitated by the Livelihood Team of Barangay Payatas, headed by Ms. Lucia Ranola Rocha, Livelihood Operation Head, together with Ms. Rachel Rivera, Livelihood Secretary, and Ms. Ailyn Martinez, BCPC Head.

The training provided participants with comprehensive, hands-on experience in the fundamentals of perfume-making, including the accurate measurement and blending of essential oils, as well as proper labeling and bottling techniques. Through this initiative, the learners were equipped with practical livelihood skills that may serve as a foundation for future entrepreneurial endeavors. The Center conveys its profound gratitude to the facilitators for their invaluable contribution in sharing their time, knowledge, and expertise.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Hands-on activity: learners actively participating in the Perfume-Making."*

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the facilitators of the Perfume-Making Workshop."*



*"ALSA BUHAY learners with their Certificates of Participation."*



# SMART DECISIONS, HEALTHY FUTURE:

Understanding HIV/AIDS, STIs & Hygiene



## HIV/AIDS Awareness and Hygiene Formation Seminar

August 7, 8 and 20, 2025

The Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. successfully conducted an HIV/AIDS Awareness and Hygiene Formation Seminar across its learning centers, with sessions held on August 7 and 8, 2025, at the Parola Center and on August 20, 2025, at the Payatas Center. The activity aimed to promote health awareness and equip learners with essential knowledge on the disease prevention and proper hygiene practices.

The seminar was facilitated by a group of Polish medical students—Ms. Karolina Kubik, Ms. Maria Kubik, and Mr. Dominik Gajdzik—who shared their expertise and insights to the participants. Their engaging presentations helped learners gain a deeper understanding of HIV prevention, early detection, and the importance of eliminating stigma, as well as the role of personal hygiene in maintaining overall health and well-being.

The organization expresses its deep gratitude to the presenters for their valuable contribution. Their dedication not only enhanced the knowledge of the learners but also strengthened the Center's advocacy for community health education and responsible living.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Highlights from the HIV/AIDS Awareness Seminar – Payatas Center."*



*"Photos taken during the HIV/AIDS Formation – Parola Center."*



**PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.**

**ALSA BUHAY PROGRAM**



## **Polish Medical Students Community Exposure**

August 11-21, 2025

From August 11–15, 2025, Polish medical students Ms. Karolina Kubik, Ms. Maria Kubik, and Mr. Dominik Gajdzik did the exposure at the Daycare Center in Brgy. 20, Gate 1, Tondo Parola. With the assistance of the daycare staff and Bro. Patrisius Hendra Mau, they engaged young learners through interactive and creative activities that supported both learning and social development. On August 12, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., they also visited the Musmos Center at Barangay 275, Gate 46, where they were warmly welcomed by Ms. Marie Asuncion, the Musmos daycare teacher, and continued their interaction with children through fun and educational activities.

Their journey continued from August 18–21, 2025, at the Eskwelahan ng Buhay in Payatas, where they taught children ages 2–6. The students not only shared lessons but also created memorable experiences of joy, care, and cultural exchange. Their dedication, guided by Bro. Patrisius Hendra Mau, reflected a genuine commitment to serving children and left a lasting impact on the communities they visited.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Polish medical students teaching children in Parola."*



*"Polish medical students teaching children in Payatas."*



## **Livelihood Program: Skills Training on Housekeeping Update**

August 14 and 24, 2025

Thirteen Parola Livelihood beneficiaries successfully completed a 20-day Housekeeping Skills Training at the Manila Manpower Development Center in Tayuman. This program was funded by the lead agency ICTSI–International Container Terminal Services, Inc. and included free transportation, training materials, and assessment fees.

The training required participants to undergo a comprehensive program followed by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) assessment. All thirteen beneficiaries successfully passed and are now National Certificate II holders in Housekeeping, opening opportunities for them to seek employment in the field.

The participants celebrated their graduation on August 14, 2025, and formally received their National Certificate II (NC II) on August 23, 2025.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos taken during TESDA Assessment."*



*"Photos taken during Graduation."*



## Monthly Mass: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2025

On August 15, 2025, Batch 15 learners from the Parola Center, attended the monthly Mass in celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nuestra Señora de Soledad. The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS.

In his homily, he emphasized the Dogmas of the Blessed Virgin Mary as taught by the Catholic Church: her Divine Motherhood as the Mother of Jesus Christ, her perpetual virginity before, during, and after Christ's birth, her immaculate conception, being free from original sin from the moment of her existence, and finally, her assumption into heaven. The celebration was a meaningful opportunity for the learners to deepen their faith and strengthen their understanding of the Church's teachings on Mary. It was a day of reflection and learning that left the students spiritually enriched and inspired.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos taken during Monthly Mass."*



## **Strengthening Education: Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Seals Memorandum of Agreement with San Beda University.**

August 15, 2025

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) formally sealed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with San Beda University, through its Integrated Basic Education Department Office, at the Parola Center.

The MOA was signed by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, Director and President of PSPEI; Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, Program Coordinator; and Ms. Jileen S. Marquez, Parola Social Worker. Representing San Beda University were Mr. Christian Caro, RSW, MMSW, Coordinator of the Social Action Program, and Ms. Norielyn C. Tabag, RSW, together with other faculty members.

This partnership marks a significant step in advancing education and child development initiatives, reflecting the shared commitment of both institutions to serve the community.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Sr. Frances and Fr. Cris signing the MOA at Parola Center."*



# SAN BEDA UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES WITH ALSA BUHAY LEARNERS

AUGUST 20, 2025

PAROLA CENTER



## **SAN BEDA University Community Engagement activities with ALSA BUHAY Learners**

August 20, 2025

Following the formal signing, San Beda University immediately began its engagement with the learners of PSPEI. On August 20, 2025, two groups of Grade 11 Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS) students facilitated a media literacy training for 30 Alternative Learning System (ALS) Junior High School learners at the Parola Center.

The session equipped participants with practical skills to identify fake news, AI-generated videos, and altered images, and to effectively search for reliable information. It also highlighted the importance of using artificial intelligence responsibly and positively in everyday life.

The activity concluded with a simple fellowship, as San Beda students shared snacks with the ALS learners, fostering a sense of camaraderie and community spirit. This initiative marks the beginning of collaborative efforts between PSPEI and San Beda University toward promoting education, critical thinking, and responsible digital citizenship among out-of-school youth.



## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"San Beda University students delivering their lecture."*



*Group photo of San Beda University students with ALSA BUHAY learners after the event.*



## **17th National Congress of Parish-Based Child Rights Advocates**

August 21 - 23, 2025 - ILOILO CITY

The 17th National Congress of Parish-Based Child Rights Advocates convened 91 delegates from three archdioceses, seven dioceses, mission partners, and stakeholders at Punta Villa Resort, Iloilo City, with the theme: "Whoever receives this child receives me" (Mt. 18:5).

The congress celebrated its 24 years of child-centered initiatives—advocacy campaigns, emergency services, values formation, and partnerships—while also addressing pressing issues affecting Filipino children today. Delegates expressed deep concern over online sexual exploitation, child labor, violence in homes and institutions, and the increasing cases of depression and anxiety among the youth. They also firmly opposed proposals to lower the minimum age of criminal liability, stressing the importance of rehabilitation and community-based interventions over punitive measures.

Discussions further highlighted the climate and disaster risks confronting children, the weak implementation of protective laws, and the urgent call to widen access to education, healthcare, and mental health services. In their collective statement, participants pledged to:

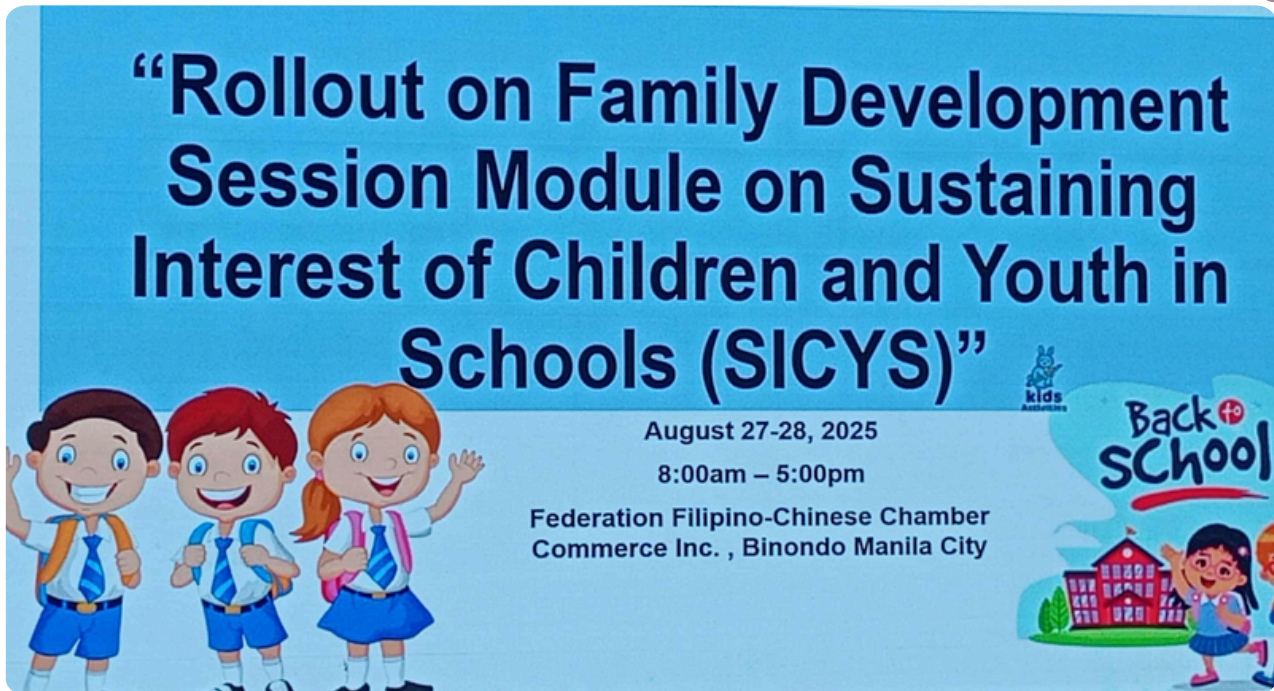
- Protect children in vulnerable situations,
- Strengthen parish-based child rights advocates and safeguarding ministries,
- Ensure children's participation in programs and decision-making, and
- Hold government accountable for responsive child-focused policies and services.

Organized by the Salvatorian Pastoral Care for Children, together with the Share Global Salvatorian Sisters Solidarity Office and Dreikönigsaktion Hilfswerk der Katholischen Jungschar (Three Kings Action aid organization of the Catholic Youth), the congress ended with a united commitment: to build safe spaces where children are protected, empowered, and nurtured within a just and humane society.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Group photos after the 17th National Congress."*



## **Roll out training on family development session Module: Sustain youth and children interest in school (SYCIS)**

August 21 - 23, 2025 - ILOILO CITY

On August 27–28, 2025, at the Federal Filipino Chinese Chamber Inc., Binondo, Manila, Pusong Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) staff and partner organizations participated in a two-day roll-out training aimed at advancing the cause of education and strengthening advocacy for children and youth.

Day One focused on collaborative learning and sharing of best practices. Key topics discussed included the situation of children and youth within the NCR context, addressing family and parental conflicts, and tackling issues related to bullying. The day concluded with an open forum that provided participants the opportunity to reflect, exchange insights, and deepen their understanding of these pressing concerns.

Day Two highlighted the urgent topic of abuse against children and youth. The session examined its various types and forms, its effects, and the available programs and services designed to help create safer environments for young people. The final discussion centered on stress management as a crucial component of mental health, emphasizing the importance of understanding stress, identifying its sources, recognizing its effects, and applying coping strategies and practical techniques for daily life.

The training concluded with a stronger collective understanding of the factors contributing to the abuse of children and youth, along with a renewed commitment to developing more effective prevention and intervention strategies.

### INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Active participation during the roll-out training."*



*"Group photo taken after the roll-out training".*



## **“BUWAN NG WIKA 2025: Paglinang sa Filipino at Katutubong Wika: Makasaysayan sa Pagkakaisa ng Bansa”**

August 29, 2025

In celebration of Buwan ng Wika 2025 (National Language Month 2025), Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. proudly organized a meaningful program with the theme “Paglinang sa Filipino at Katutubong Wika: Makasaysayan sa Pagkakaisa ng Bansa” (Cultivating Filipino and Native Languages: Historic in the Unity of the Nation). Spearheaded by Ms. Vicky-Jean G. Ogalinola, Filipino teacher, with the support of the staff, the event brought together learners and teachers to showcase talents and creativity that highlighted the importance of the Filipino language and heritage. Activities included Slogan and Poster Making, Debate, Choral Recitation, and Outstanding Costume.

The celebration not only promoted academic enrichment but also strengthened the values of pride, respect, and love for the Filipino language and native dialects. It reminded everyone that language is more than just a medium of communication—it is a unifying force that binds the nation together. Through this celebration, learners were empowered to embrace their cultural roots and uphold the Filipino spirit of unity.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos captured during the Buwan ng Wika celebration."*



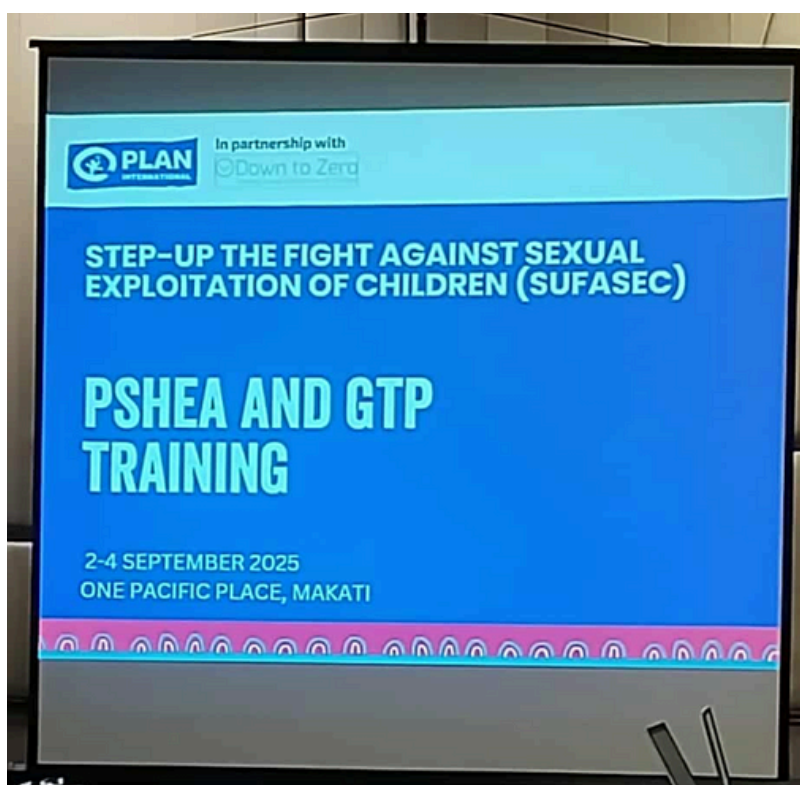
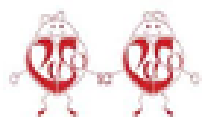
*"Group photo taken following the event."*



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## SEPTEMBER 2025





## **Training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Abuse (PSHEA) and Gender Transformative Programming**

September 2 - 4, 2025

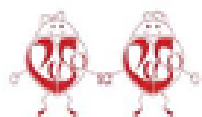
The Plan International Pilipinas conducted a three-day Training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Abuse (PSHEA) and Gender Transformative Programming on September 2–4, 2025, at One Place, Makati City. The activity was participated in by members of the Parola Inter-Agency Network (PIAN) and aimed to strengthen their capacity in promoting a safe and inclusive environment. The sessions on safeguarding and PSHEA were led by Ms. Renie Martin, Safeguarding and PSHEA Specialist, while the gender transformative programming was facilitated by Ms. Tyla Raros David, Program Portfolio Manager for Gender Equality and Inclusion (GEI) and Child and Youth Engagement (CYE). The training provided participants with essential knowledge and practical tools to enhance child protection, prevent sexual harassment and abuse, and promote gender-responsive and inclusive policies within their organizations.

It also served as a venue for sharing experiences, building partnerships, and reinforcing the collective commitment of Plan International Pilipinas and Parola Inter-Agency Network to uphold respect, equality, and protection for all individuals, especially women, children, and youth.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*" Photos taken during the PSHEA and Gender Transformative Programming training."*



## **Parola Eskwelahan ng Buhay Parent Orientation**

September 08, 2025

On Monday, September 8, 2025, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) held the Parola Eskwelahan ng Buhay Parent Orientation at Gate 54, Center For Community Transformation Office, 2nd Floor. The activity aimed to introduce parents to the history and programs of PSPEI, strengthening the partnership between the organization and the families it serves. It also helped parents understand the mission of Eskwelahan ng Buhay—to nurture holistic learning and promote strong family involvement in education.

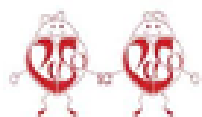
The event was attended by ten parents and PSPEI staff members, including Mr. John Laurence P. Leaban (Parola Supervisor), Ms. Elijah Echevarria (Learning Facilitator), Ms. Lucita Lachica (Livelihood Coordinator), and Ms. Jileen S. Marquez (Social Worker). Ms. Marquez led the orientation with an overview of PSPEI's programs and its commitment to empowering communities through education and values formation.

A highlight of the session was the introduction of new volunteer teachers, Teacher Georg Hatter, Teacher Moritz Bereuter, and Brother Patrisius Hendra Mau, who expressed their enthusiasm and commitment to the principles of Eskwelahan ng Buhay. Parents also met the appointed Parent Leaders, fostering cooperation and shared responsibility in supporting learners. The orientation concluded with words of encouragement from the staff, emphasizing that education is a shared journey built on partnership, compassion, and active involvement. To cap the event, an ocular visit followed, allowing volunteers to see the houses where Eskwelahan ng Buhay sessions will take place, helping them visualize the future learning environment.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos during the orientation."*



SEPTEMBER 8 and 9, 2025

## **PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON, INC.** **DRUG AWARENESS**



### **Drug Awareness Session at Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon Inc.**

September 8 and 9, 2025

Today's Drug Awareness program focused on one of the most pressing issues affecting individuals and communities—substance abuse. With the theme of promoting safety, health, and informed decision-making, the session provided valuable insights into the risks and consequences of drug use, as well as practical strategies to prevent addiction.

On September 5, 2025, officers from Delpan Police Station 12 conducted a Drug Awareness Session at the Pusong Sa Pusong Parola Center, followed by another session on September 9, 2025, led by the Payatas Bagong Silangan Police Station 13, Quezon City Police District, at the Payatas Center.

The highlight of the program was the presence of the guest speakers, who generously shared their expertise and real-life experiences. They emphasized the dangers of drug abuse—not only its personal effects but also its impact on families, relationships, and the wider community. Through meaningful discussions and relatable stories, participants gained a deeper understanding of the long-term consequences of substance use, including health risks, legal repercussions, and mental health challenges.

The talk served as a powerful reminder that awareness is the first step toward prevention. By working together, we can build a community that is informed, empowered, and supportive—a community that chooses a brighter, drug-free future for all.

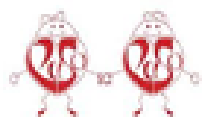
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*“Photos captured during the Payatas Drug Awareness Program.”*



*“Moments captured during the Parola Drug Awareness Session.”*



## **Ordination of Salvatorian Clergymen**

September 10, 2025- General Trias, Cavite

A spirit of joy and thanksgiving filled the St. Francis of Assisi Parish (San Francisco de Malabon) as the Society of the Divine Savior (SDS) celebrated the ordination of four of its members. His Excellency, Most Rev. Reynaldo G. Evangelista, DD, Bishop of the Diocese of Imus, solemnly presided over the Rite of Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priesthood and Diaconate.

The sacred celebration marked the priestly ordination of Rev. Jeremias Aparicio, SDS, and the diaconate ordination of Cl. Richard M. Eugenio, SDS; Cl. Joseph Pham Quang The, SDS; and Cl. Lorensius Kollo, SDS. Anchored on the words of Christ, "Abide in me, and I in you... As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, no more can you, unless you abide in me" (John 15:4), the liturgy became a profound reminder of the call to remain steadfast in Christ, the true source of fruitfulness in ministry. Following his ordination, Fr. Jeremias Aparicio, SDS will begin his priestly mission in East Timor, embracing his vocation to serve God's people in a foreign mission.

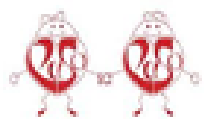
Meanwhile, the newly ordained deacons have been assigned to their respective ministries: Rev. Joseph Pham Quang The, SDS in Vietnam, and Rev. Lorensius Kollo, SDS together with Rev. Richard M. Eugenio, SDS in the Diocese of Imus. The ordination was graced by the presence of Salvatorian priests, religious, family members, friends, and parishioners who came together in prayer and thanksgiving. Among those who joined the celebration was the Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. (PSPEI) team, who expressed their solidarity and joy in welcoming new ministers of the Church.

The celebration concluded with a short program and a delicious lunch, highlighting the joy of the community as they welcomed new laborers in the Lord's vineyard.

### INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos captured during the ordination."*



### **Staff Development Activity 2025**

September 11–13, 2025 | Patungan Beach, Maragondon, Cavite

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) successfully held its Staff Development Activity on September 11–13, 2025, at Patungan Beach, Maragondon, Cavite. The three-day event aimed to strengthen teamwork, enhance professional growth, and promote continuous learning among staff members.

The first day began with a re-echoing session of key learnings from recent trainings attended by PSPEI staff. Ms. Jilleen Marquez and Mr. John Laurence Leaban shared insights from the 17th National Congress of Parish-Based Child Rights Advocates, while Mr. Sergio S. Grana, LPT and Ms. Robhie Lyn Castro presented highlights from the Training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Exploitation, and Abuse (PSHEA) and Gender Transformative Programming. The day concluded with a Holy Mass, allowing participants to reflect and give thanks.

The second day focused on team-building activities and games, which encouraged collaboration, communication, and stronger connections among the staff. Another Mass was celebrated afterward, fostering unity and gratitude among participants.

The third and final day marked the conclusion of the training, as the staff returned home with renewed energy, shared insights, and a deeper sense of teamwork and purpose.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos captured during the Staff Development."*



## **EDM AND PSPEI MEETING:**

**WELCOMING THE NEW  
EDM COORDINATOR AND  
DISCUSSING SCHOLAR  
UPDATES**

### **EDM and PSPEI Meeting: Welcoming the new EDM Coordinator and discussing scholar updates.**

September 13, 2025

The Enfants Du Mékong (EDM) held a meeting with Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) at The Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf in Tomas Morato, Quezon City, to formally welcome the new EDM Coordinator and discuss updates and concerns regarding the scholars under their joint programs. Present during the meeting were Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, President and Director of PSPEI; Sr. Frances R. Mangabat, SDS, Program Coordinator and Payatas Supervisor; Ms. Robhie Lyn Castro, Payatas Social Worker; Mr. John Laurence P. Leaban, Payatas Supervisor; and Ms. Jileen S. Marquez, Parola Social Worker.

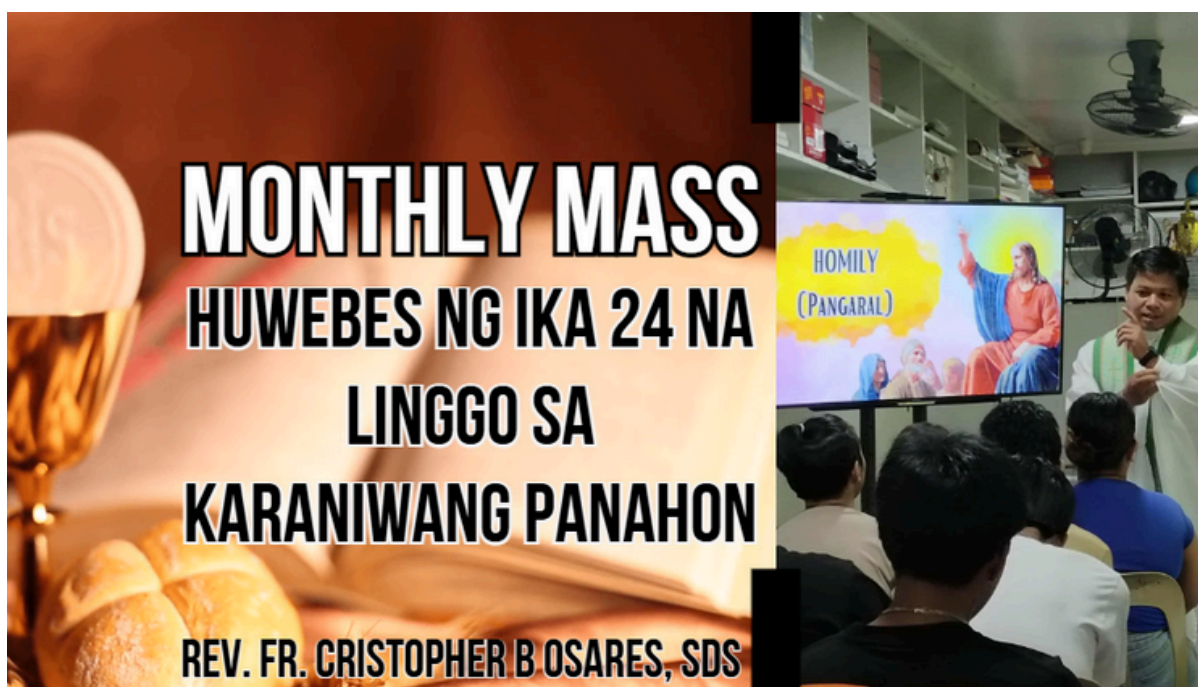
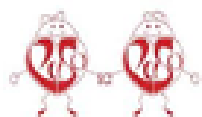
Representing EDM were outgoing coordinator Marie-Noelle Turpin and newly appointed coordinator Coralie Favreau. The meeting marked a smooth transition of leadership—honoring dedicated service and welcoming new beginnings. In addition to the turnover, the group discussed scholar-related updates and addressed ongoing concerns to ensure continuous support for the scholars.

The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of EDM and PSPEI to uphold their mission of nurturing the holistic growth and education of scholars and their respective families in the Payatas and Parola communities.

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*Photos captured during the EDM and PSPEI meeting.*



### **Parola center Monthly Mass**

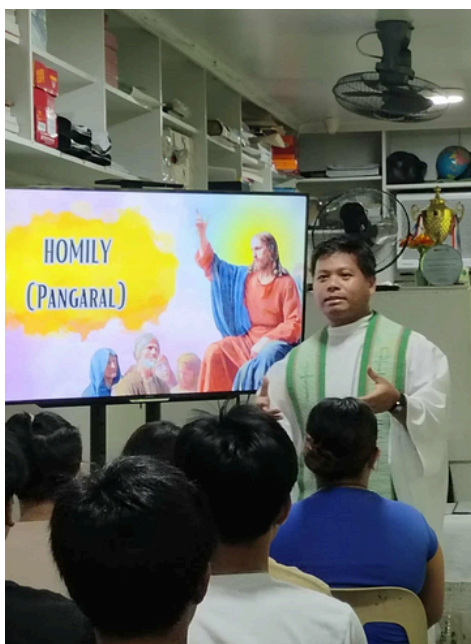
September 18, 2025

The ALSABUHAY learners, together with the staff, volunteers, and visitors, gathered at the Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. Learning Center in Parola, Binondo, Manila, for the monthly Mass celebration. The Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Niju Josey, SDS. The celebration brought together the PSPEI community in a meaningful moment of prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving.

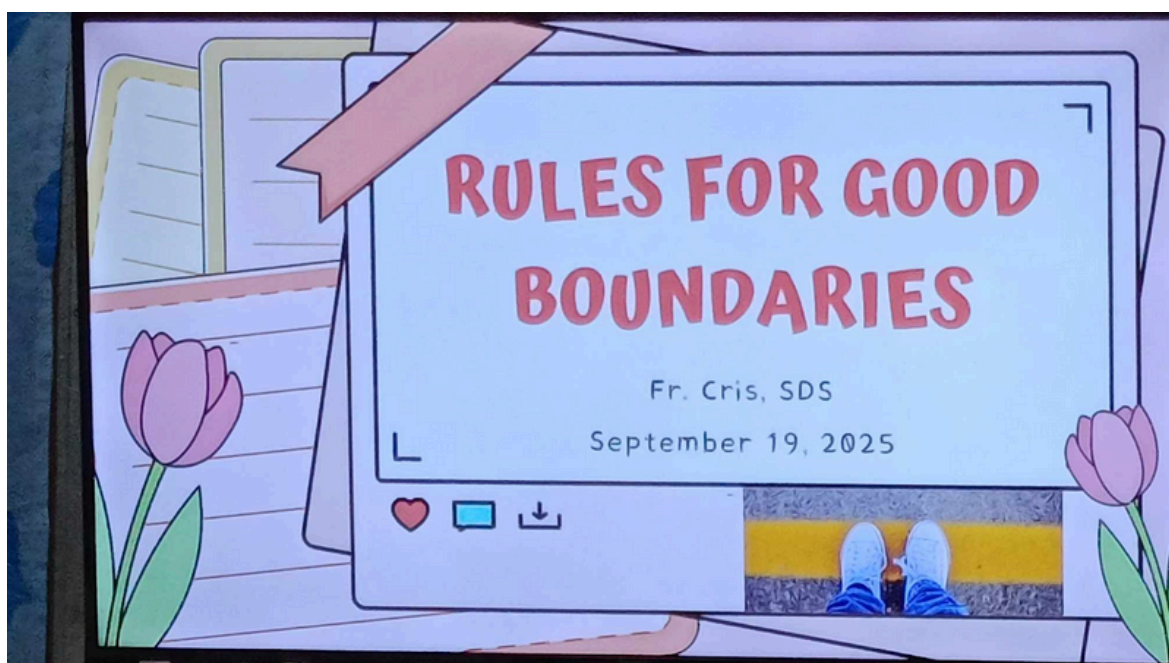
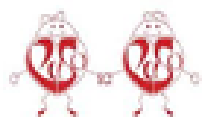
The Gospel for the day reflected on the story of Jesus' visit to the house of Simon the Pharisee, where He was received with courtesy but not sincerity. In contrast, a sinful woman approached Jesus with deep humility, washing His feet with her tears and anointing them with oil as a profound gesture of love, repentance, and faith. In their homily, Fr. Chris and Fr. Niju highlighted the importance of sincerity and compassion in one's faith journey. They reminded everyone that forgiveness and mercy are gifts granted to those who open their hearts with genuine love and humility. The message inspired the learners and attendees to reflect on their own actions and to live with kindness, gratitude, and honesty in their relationships with others.

The Mass concluded with a blessing for the learners and staff, encouraging them to continue nurturing both faith and service in their daily lives. It was a simple yet meaningful celebration that strengthened the spirit of unity and love within the PSPEI community.

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*Photos captured during the monthly Mass celebration*



## **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY: Rules for Good Boundaries**

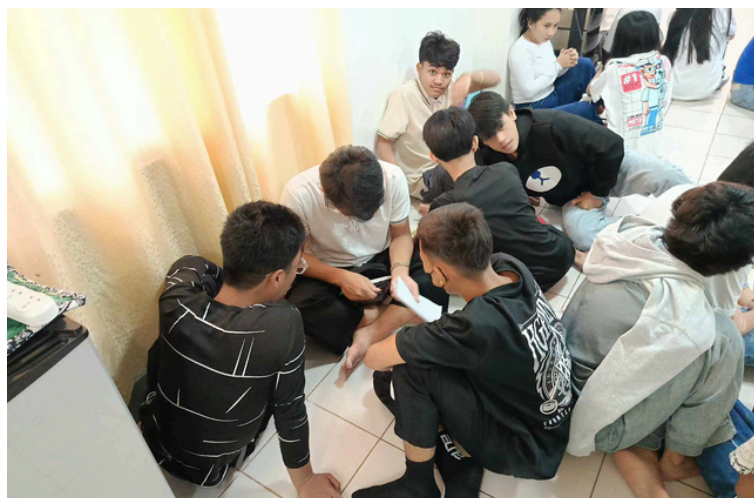
September 18 and 19, 2025

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. (PSPEI) conducted a formation session titled "Rules for Good Boundaries" under the Child Protection Policy, led by Rev. Fr. Christopher B. Osares, SDS. The session was held on September 18, 2025, at the Parola Center, and on September 19, 2025, at the Payatas Center. The formation focused on nine essential principles that guide healthy and respectful relationships: length of time, knowledge about the other person, sharing of experiences, amount of self-disclosure, number of different encounters, role appropriateness, age appropriateness, level of reciprocal trust, and level of commitment.

Fr. Osares emphasized that these rules are vital for children's growth and empowerment. They help learners build self-awareness, develop a sense of security, and understand how to set personal boundaries in their interactions with others and within themselves.

To conclude the session, Fr. Cris invited participants to reflect on what they had learned and to share which rule they felt was most relevant to their personal experience. The sharing allowed the learners to deepen their understanding and apply the lessons to real-life situations.

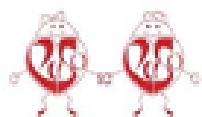
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*Photos captured during the “Rules of Good Boundaries” formation at Parola Center.*



*Learners actively participating during the formation at Parola Center.*



### **Monthly Mass at PSPEI Payatas Center**

September 19, 2025

The Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. (PSPEI) Payatas Learning Center held its Monthly Mass, presided over by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Niju Josey, SDS.

The Gospel reading from Luke 8:1–3 recounted how Jesus traveled through towns and villages proclaiming the Good News of God's Kingdom. Accompanying Him were His twelve disciples and several women whom He had healed—among them Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Susanna. Out of faith and gratitude, these women supported Jesus and His disciples with their own resources.

In his homily, Fr. Cristopher emphasized the values of gratitude, generosity, and service in living out one's faith. He reminded the congregation that true discipleship is not only about following Jesus but also about sharing one's blessings for the good of others. The Gospel served as a reminder that faith and generosity are deeply connected—mirroring the devotion of the women who wholeheartedly supported Christ's mission.

The celebration concluded with prayers of thanksgiving and unity, leaving the community inspired to continue growing in faith through acts of love, service, and shared mission.

## INSIDE PHOTOS:



*"Photos during the Monthly Mass"*