



Newsletter

August 2024





“Balik Eskwela” Program Equips 200 Parola Students for Senior High School

February 7, 2024

The annual "Balik Eskwela" program, a collaborative initiative of the Parola Inter Agency Network (PIAN), brought a wave of optimism and support to the Parola community on August 1, 2024. This was led by ERDA Foundation supported by ICTSI. the objective of this program is to provide essential school supplies to Senior High School students residing in the area. This year, the distribution took place at the Puso sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. - Parola Center, a vital hub for educational support within the community. A total of 200 students received a range of essential school supplies. The 200 beneficiaries are from various organizations within the community, ensuring a wide reach. 30 slots were reserved for Alsa Buhay passers, who have successfully completed the program and are now pursuing their Senior High School education. The distribution of school supplies was done and beneficiaries were with smiles full of gratitude. Their enthusiasm and appreciation for the support highlighted the program's positive impact on the community.



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



“A Celebration of Faith and Hope: The Feast of The Assumption at Alsa Buhay Program, Payatas Center”

August 15, 2024

On August 15th, 2024, the Alsa Buhay community gathered to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary culminated in the Holy Mass. Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS was the Celebrant who eloquently highlighted the central tenets of the Marian Dogma within the Catholic Church.

Fr. Osares' homily focused on four key aspects of Mary's life: her perpetual virginity, her motherhood of God, her Immaculate Conception, and her Assumption into Heaven. These doctrines, deeply rooted in Catholic tradition, offer a powerful testament to Mary's unique role in the Christian faith.

The Gospel message deeply resonated with the Alsa Buhay learners, inspiring them to embrace faith and openness. Fr. Osares' powerful message, "Trust and be open; Trust, trust in yourself and in the Lord, ask the Holy Spirit to guide," served as a poignant reminder of the importance of trust and openness, both in oneself and in the divine.

The celebration was a testament to the unwavering faith of the Alsa Buhay beneficiaries. The community's commitment to their beliefs is a source of inspiration, reminding us of the enduring power of faith in the face of life's challenges.

As we move forward, may the spirit of Mary continue to guide and protect us all. May her example of unwavering faith and devotion inspire us to embrace hope and trust in the face of adversity.



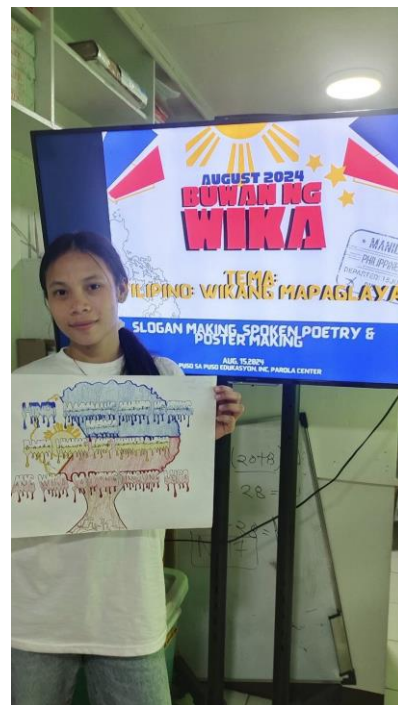
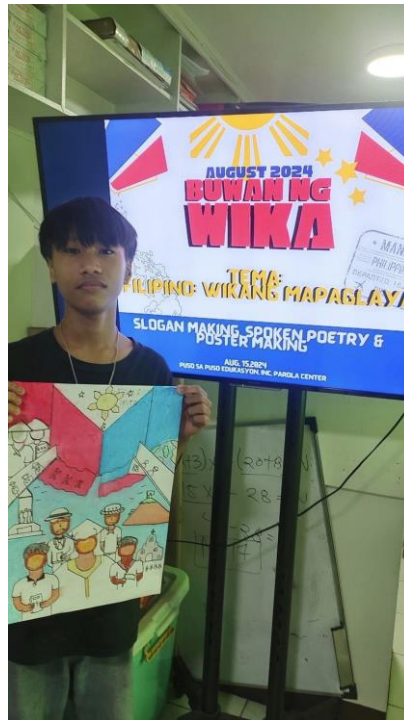
“Filipino: Language of Liberation”

August 15, 2024

The Philippines is a country brimming with traditions and cultures. "Buwan ng Wika" (Language Month) is a month-long celebration of Filipino culture and heritage. This event aims to highlight the Filipino language, showcasing the country's rich cultural and linguistic heritage. Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. did just that last August 15, 2024. The Parola Center hosted the event where learners showcased their artistic talents through spoken word poetry, creative writing, and drawing.

The event served as a reminder of the importance of language in shaping a sense of identity. By celebrating and promoting the Filipino language, we maintain our connection to our cultural heritage and roots. Buwan ng Wika provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the diversity of languages spoken in the Philippines and the importance of protecting them.

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“A Community Remembers: 40 Days Since Father Artur's Passing”

August 21, 2024

On August 21st, a special Mass was held at No. 71, 11th Street in New Manila to remember Rev. Fr. Arthur Chrzanowski, 40 days after his passing. The service brought together staff from Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc., teachers from the Salvatorian Learning Institute, and many others whose lives were touched by Father Artur's kindness.

Reverend Fr. Cristopher Osares, SDS, officiating the Mass, spoke warmly about Fr. Artur's life. He shared stories about Father Artur's strong faith, his dedication to helping others, his bright, friendly spirit that made everyone feel welcome. Fr. Cris recalled Fr. Artur's generous heart and the positive impact he had on so many people.

The Mass also included personal stories from those who knew Fr. Arthur well. They shared their memories of his warm smile, his helpful nature, and his ability to make everyone feel loved and cared for. These stories painted a picture of a man who truly lived a life of service and kindness, leaving a lasting impression on everyone he met.

The gathering was a powerful reminder of the impact one person can have on a community. Fr. Arthur's legacy of faith, compassion, and service will continue to inspire those who knew him. The event was a celebration of his life and a testament to the enduring power of kindness and generosity.







Batch 14 Learners Holy Spirit Mass Celebrates

August 22, 2024

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Holy Spirit Mass for Batch 14 learners, was held on August 22, 2024. The Celebrant was Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, P.S.P.E.I Director, accompanied by Asst. Director CL. Jeremias Aparicio and two brothers who sang during the Mass. Bro. Laurence Leaban, SDS, Parola supervisor, served as the Commentator.

Fr. Cristopher began his homily by welcoming all the learners of batch 2024-2025, expressing his gratitude for their acceptance of the invitation to attend the Holy Mass. He encouraged the learners to trust in themselves and be open to challenges, believing that with trust in those who guide them and a commitment to the process, their dreams would come true. He wished that all of Batch 14 would graduate.

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Photos taken at Nuestra Señora Dela Soledad De Manila



**“Empowering Young Voices:
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Seminar”**

August 23, 2024

At Pusong Buhay Edukasyon Inc., we are committed to empowering our beneficiaries with the knowledge and skills they need to become advocates for themselves and others. In line with this mission, we recently organized a seminar on "What You Need to Know About UNCRC? Understanding Your Rights: THE UNCRC Explained." The seminar was expertly facilitated by Ms. Joceline C. Basconcillo, RSW, from the Quezon City Protection Center, who also happens to be a former PSPEI Social Worker—a true testament to our strong community ties.

Guided by Rev. Fr. Cristopher B. Osares, SDS, our Enfants Du Mekong (EDM) scholars from Parola and Payatas delved into the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The seminar not only educated them about their fundamental rights as children but also empowered them to be role models and advocates for others. By sharing what they learned, these scholars are helping to spread awareness on child rights among ALSA Buhay learners, ensuring that the message reaches even more young minds. This initiative not only strengthens the scholars' understanding of their rights but also prepares them to be future leaders and defenders of children's rights.

We are incredibly proud of these young leaders, who are stepping up to be the voice of the voiceless and paving the way for a safer, more informed community!

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



“Lyla (Local Youth Leaders Assembly) 2024: Empowering the Youth: Advocating For Informed Choices And A Healthier Future”

August 24-26, 2024

The FPOP (Family Planning Organization of the Philippines) hosted a 3-day training for the Local Youth Leader Assembly on August 24-26 at Ciudad Christia 9 Waves in San Mateo, Rizal. This session was attended by Payatas Scholars Mickey Muedan, Camille Gutierrez, Bernadeth Meregildo, and John Lloyd Q. Acuin.

Mr. Nandy Senoc, Executive Director of FPOP, delivered the opening remarks. The topics discussed included FPOP introduction, PSEAH (Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment), Child and Youth Guidelines, Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health, Body Mapping and Sexuality, Bodily Autonomy, SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression), Adolescent Challenges and Issues, and Youth Mental Health. This session aimed to equip youth with knowledge to address Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) issues, raise awareness and prevent judgment of others.

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Captured during and after the Event at Ciudad Christia 9 Waves in San Mateo, Rizal.



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“Eskwelahan Ng Buhay (Payatas) Opens with a Heartwarming Welcome”

August 27, 2024

On August 27th, Eskwelahan Ng Buhay (Payatas) officially opened its doors, marking a significant milestone in the community's educational journey. This first day of the school year was particularly special, welcoming the second batch of International Volunteer Teachers from Poland. They are Justyna Nowak and Weronika Stacel. This program is relaunched by Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. for 2023-2024. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation as students eagerly participated in both morning and afternoon sessions, each with 10 enthusiastic kids.

The facilitation was dynamic with interactive activities, making learning an enjoyable experience. Laughter and curiosity filled the air as students, engaged in 1 1/2-hour sessions.

On the same day, in the afternoon, they visited the Barangay Payatas for a courtesy call, where they were graciously welcomed by Hon. Rascal Doctor, the Barangay Chairman. This visit further solidified the bond between Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc.'s Eskwelahan Ng Buhay program and the local community, laying the foundation for a strong and collaborative partnership in the future



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Photos taken at Barangay Payatas, Quezon City.



"MIKSKO: Children's Comics, Made by Children"

August 30- Sept 01, 2024

We are thrilled to announce that Pusong Sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. had the honor of participating in the three-day event titled "MIKSKO: Children's Comics, Made by Children," organized by the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) and the Consuelo Zobel Alger Foundation. Two of our talented Parola ALSA Buhay learners were invited to join this inspiring workshop, which aimed to enhance the artistic abilities of young participants. The workshop was a vibrant and creative space where the children not only honed their skills in comic art but also engaged with the powerful message of this year's National Children's Month theme, "Break the Prevalence, End the Violence: Protecting Children, Creating a Safe Philippines."

Throughout the event, the participants were immersed in a variety of activities designed to develop their storytelling and artistic expression. The workshop provided a unique platform for our learners to express their thoughts and emotions through the medium of comics, reflecting the crucial message of ending violence and protecting children. We are deeply grateful for this opportunity, and it was inspiring to see our learners channel their creativity into such a meaningful cause. As we celebrate National Children's Month, we stand committed to fostering a safe environment for all children, where their voices can be heard, and their rights fully protected.

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Captured during and After the event.