

Puso Sa Puso Learners with their Million Dreams

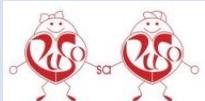


**Accreditation and Equivalency Test 2018 has come!
110 Puso test takers!
Aiming for their dreams!**

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Monthly Mass at Payatas center

January 25, 2019



Another month of Eucharistic celebration was held at Payatas center, last January 25, 2019. It was attended by the BLP learners, elementary, and secondary learners. They gathered as one, listened to the words of God, and prayed for their A&E examination which is fast approaching.

Fr. Ralph Vera Mestosamente, Parish Priest of San Pedro Calungsod Mission area spearheaded the said mass. In his homily, he gave words of enlightenment, encouragement, and hope to each learners. He emphasized also that God knows who the needy are and He knows the right people He will send to serve as an instrument to help them. All of us face different challenges, but don't be discouraged, instead stand, continue to live and serve the Lord.

"Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"
Mathew 28:19



Fr. Ralph's homily

Thanksgiving Mass at Parola center

January 25, 2019



Last January 25, 2019, Parola center held their thanksgiving mass at Nuestra Señora dela Soledad Parish, Camba Binondo Manila. It was presided by Rev. Fr. Beniz Gomez, a Pallottine priest. The mass was attended by the combined learners of ALSA BUHAY Program from elementary to secondary, and the parents of Mother and Child Nutrition Program (MCNP).

Fr. Ben reflected his homily on the gospel and shared insights to the importance of conversion as St. Paul was converted from Christian conqueror to a disciple of Christ. Fr. Ben compared our life to a flower trampled on the ground, "our life is also trampled by sins and wrong doings, like how the petals of the flower detached from its buds, it cannot be put back again. The only way for the flower to bloom again it should be put in the altar together with Jesus. Like Paul surrendered himself to Christ, despite of what he did to Him. He was forgiven and chosen to be one of His disciples."

After the liturgy, the mass proceeded to its second part, the Eucharist. Everyone joined and partook the body and blood of Jesus.

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Fr. Ben's homily



Mock Test (Parola and Payatas center)

January 30-31, 2019



Accreditation and Equivalency Test is fast approaching, every learner feels excited and quite nervous to their exam. In preparation for the said exam, both centers Parola and Payatas conducted their first mock test last January 30 and 31, 2019. The objectives of their mock test was to prepare and experience the A&E itself at the same time to measure and test the learning capacity of each learners in the previous lessons discussed and their preparedness to take the A&E. no one should be left behind, no one will stop, and no one should feel discourage and give up in challenges in life ----- soon their dreams will come true.

Parola and Payatas staff prepared a set of questionnaire for elementary and secondary learners from the lessons discussed. It will help the learners to refresh and to think creatively and critically. Their Instructional Managers will continue conducting an intensive review for them to be familiarized in each lessons and questions, and to prepare them to their battle on February 24, 2019.

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Parola and Payatas learners during their mock test



Art in Trauma: An Annual Partners Meeting at CEFAM

February 12, 2019



The Ruben M. Tanseco, S.J. – Center for Family Ministries (RMT-CEFAM), is a pastoral counseling based on a psycho-spiritual approach that integrates knowledge and expertise from the behavioral sciences, aligns with the Filipino ethos, and is inspired by purposeful reflection on the transformative power of authentic love, justice, and peace. Together with the other partnered organization, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. staff were invited for their annual partners meeting. It was held at RMT-CEFAM office, Ateneo de Manila University, last February 12, 2019.

Ms. Pinky Lumayno, former CEFAM student, acted as a resource speaker on that day, talked about the Art in Trauma. Different activities and therapies discussed that might help the victim to overcome the trauma she/he experienced. The speaker shares her own experiences in handling traumatic and painful memories. There are lots of ways to overcome trauma, it may be in the form of arts, meditation/silence, sports, gardening etc., it depends on the person on how he/she will divert his attention to a more purposeful activity. The person must see once again the beauty and importance of life. Ms. Pinky overcame her trauma through arts and that what was she shared to the participants. She showed how she was able to overcome her painful experience step by step by doing simple arts that give her satisfaction and motivation.

The event was a meaningful experience for every participants which make them see the other face of the person who's facing unfavorable situation. It was also the time to mingle to others who can be their partner in their respective organization. Towards the end, the participants were asked to create their own book mark made of cards and old magazines. Indeed, it was a fruitful and informative seminar for all.

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Ms. Pinky, the resource speaker



The participants doing their own design of book mark



The staff's output



The New Learning Center of Parola

February 20, 2019



The long awaited container van is over! After months of waiting, the new container van of Parola center came and started to convert into a new learning center. It will occupy and maximize the huge number of learners. The situation of having limited venue gives difficulties to the staff and learners in executing their activities and lessons.

At 11 o'clock in the evening of February 20, 2019, the new container van that will serve as a new learning center for ALSA BUHAY arrived and facilitated by the two Instructional Managers, Mr. Eljohn Isagunde and Mr. Darren Ilarina. It was placed opposite to the existing learning center and its conversion to a more conducive ambiance of a learning center start right away on the next day. It will become the avenue of learnings and a second home for the learners seeking family and love through education.

A special thanks to SALVATORIANER WELTWEIT, METRO INFANTA FOUNDATION, and other individuals who had been part and contributed in realizing this dream and making a better future for the learners. The organization, staff, and learners are very grateful and thankful for your unceasingly supporting Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., let help each other to make this mission continue serving youth thru education from slum areas. This new learning center will not be possible without your generosity and trust from the organization. May our good Lord bless you abundantly!

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The new container van was delivered in Parola



The renovation of the new container van into a conducive learning center





Thanksgiving Mass for the month of February 2019

February 22, 2019



A simultaneously thanksgiving mass happened in both centers P Arola and P Ayatas, last February 22, 2019. Payatas staff and learners celebrated their mass at ALSA BUHAY center, while Parola staff and learners held their mass at Nuestra Seniora Dela Soledad Parish, Camba Binondo Manila. Fr. Roland Jaluag, Parish Priest of Kristong Hari, officiated the mass at Payatas center, while Fr. Beniz Ramos, a Pallotine Priest from Rome spearheaded the mass in Parola. It was a thanksgiving mass for the month of February and a blessing for the learners who will take the A&E test (Accreditation and Equivalency).

During the homily of Fr. Roland, he gave the characteristics of a strong ROCK that has a connection to our lives. Always be strong in every challenges we are facing, because God wants us to become a ROCK and the care taker of His church. Fr. Roland also emphasized and inspired the learners with the meaning of ROCK, like Jesus trusted Peter to watch over His church,

R – responsible for your future

O – open for feedback

C – care for others

K – keep following Christ

Be His follower in any circumstances.

In the liturgy of Fr. Beniz, he reflects on the Gospel which also celebration of the Chair of St. Peter, he shows the combination of two objects as Jesus chose St. Peter as care taker of His church. "In addition process we use plus (+) a symbol to combine two variables. That symbol is the symbol of Christ, let us always remember that in everything we do, we must always put Jesus in the middle. In addition to his liturgy, he shared his experiences and learnings from being a student, his bitter experience and precious learning from it. There is always this teacher that will let you experience pain and failure but will give a golden lesson that you will carry for your entire life.

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Accreditation and Equivalency Test 2018
February 24, 2019



Accreditation and Equivalency test for ALS learners are nationwide paper and pencil test designed to measure the competencies of those who have neither attended nor finished elementary or secondary education in the formal school system. ALS learners in different parts of the Philippines waited the A&E test to come, and last February 24, 2019, Luzon area and March 03, 2019, Visayas and Mindanao area, they gathered in different testing centers to take the said exam. Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. learners' from Payatas and Parola centers were very excited to take the test in their designated testing centers.

Different testing centers for different organizations and schools were organized and set for the ALS learners. Payatas learners held their exam at Commonwealth Elementary School for both elementary and secondary, a total of 53 test takers took the test. Meanwhile, Parola learners took their test at Ramon Magsaysay High School (Manila) for secondary and Padre Mariano Gomez for elementary, a total of 57 learners took the test.

The organization made sure that they were physically, mentally, and spiritually prepared before they take the test. Their Instructional Managers conducted an intensive review to refresh all the lessons discussed and to be remembered, and final coaching was also conducted. The staff of both centers prepared the things they needed during the test, packed lunch and snacks were also served.

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Payatas learners



Parola learners



Leadership and Team Building Seminar

February 27, 2019



In preparation for the Team Building of the learners, Parola ALSA BUHAY staff gathered their learners for a seminar regarding “LEADERSHIP”. This was held at Multipurpose Hall of Barangay 275 at 9:30 in the morning and attended by 38 learners from elementary and secondary level. The seminar was facilitated by Ms. Mylene E. Ballaran and Mr. Eljohn Isagunde both Parola Instructional Managers. The focus of the discussion was all about types and skills needed to become a good leader as well as the stages and functions of a team.

In a group activity learner actively shared their experiences in ALSA BUHAY as merging in different groups. The realization that the learners considered were themselves as different groups mingled to everyone and their Instructional Managers as their leader. At the end of the seminar, facilitators challenged the participants to implement all the learnings they gained to their teambuilding and even to their community.

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Selected learners reported their experiences as a group



**Beloved. Gifted. Empowered.
A Joint Team Building of Payatas and Parola Learners' 2019**
February 28, 2019



Everyone deserves to be loved and be loved. Everyone is a gift from the heaven's above. Everyone should be empowered by the learning they gain that will lead them to become a good leader in the future.

February 28, 2019 happened the joint team building of ALSA BUHAY learners from Parola and Payatas centers at Jo-nin's Garden Resort, San Jose Rodriguez Rizal. Learners in both centers underwent a seminar regarding what a good leader must possess. It was spearheaded by the resource speaker Ms. Kathrine Ramolete. She inspired the learners that each family members should be appreciated and considered all challenges in life as a gift to strengthen individual's life. About 90 participants joined and mingled to the said activities including the BLP learners, elementary and secondary learners, scholars, and even the staff in both centers.

The activity was guided with various objectives that they can bring as they went home: (1) to build a good and healthy relationship with other ALSA BUHAY learners, (2) to strengthen the essence of cooperation and sense of unity among themselves, and (3) to hone the learners' other skills, act of service, act of gratitude, responsibility, and commitment.

Learners definitely enjoyed the activities prepared for them they will treasure the bond they made together with the Parola and Payatas learners.

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Game time!



Suman, Siomai,
Siopao game for
their takeaways!



Learners color coded groups



Ms Katherine Ramolete together with the Payatas and Parola supervisors, Sr Frances Mangabat, SDS (left) and Sr Mila Singap, FLP (right)



Learners sharing their life's experiences



A boodle fight prepared in each team



Swimming time!



Enrollment Period 2019d

March - July 2019



As the year sets in, and the previous learners already took their A&E Test, it is time for other Out of School Youth (OSY) and adult learners to finish and continue their studies thru Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Let other OSY and adult learners grab the chances and opportunities waiting for them and privileges they can experience. Be part of a family getting bigger in number ---- Puso Sa Puso.

With the help of the previous learners, scholars, and presence of the staff, they went to the different areas of Payatas and Parola to disseminate information regarding to the on-going enrollment in both centers. It was a good opportunity for all to be exposed in the area and let the community have the knowledge in both centers. Posting flyers in big establishments, announcement in the churches, and giving flyers to everyone are the strategies done in both centers in dissemination of enrollment. Before the actual enrollment campaign, sending of request letters to the churches and barangays for the official posting of Puso posters. As of March 29, 2019 a total of 42 enrolled learners interviewed and took the FLT (Functional Literacy Test) at Payatas center, while in Parola center a total of 67 enrolled learners and conducted the same enrollment procedure.

The enrollment process is still on going for the new batch of learners in Payatas and Parola centers. Dissemination of enrollment information is still continuous as well as the interviewing and taking the FLT test for the enrollees.

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Preparation in the enrollment process



Enfant Du Mekong scholars: A School and Home Visitation

February 4 and March 4, 2019



The Regular consultation and Focus Group Discussion (FGD) sustains good relationship between the scholars and the service provider. The first meeting encountered between the scholars and the Enfant Du Mekong's coordinator, Mr. Joseph Monbon (one of the bamboos of EDM), happened last February 4, 2019, at Puso Sa Puso Eukasyon Inc., container van. Mr. Joseph, in his first visit was able to build rapport with the scholars, as he was able to connect with them through sharing of their experiences.

On the same day, the undersigned social worker accompanied Mr. Joseph to visit the houses of the scholars along the vicinity of Binondo, Manila. He visited first the house of Sergio Grana at Gate 62, Area H, Parola compound, Binondo Manila. The family warmly welcomed us to their home despite of limited space they have. Our second destination was in the shanty house of Romnick Tarrayo located at Batoahan area, Gate 56, Area H, Binondo Manila.

Last March 4, 2019, Scholars had a second meeting with Mr. Joseph, they were able to share their experiences and difficulties that they have been experiencing during their 3rd year in college. Undersigned social worker, Mr. Eljohn Isagunde, Instructional manager, and Mr. Joseph went in Don Bosco Youth Center, Tondo TVET and conducted school visit to Mr. Carlo Asuncion, a newly Enfant Du Mekong scholar. Mr. Joseph was able to meet one of the professors of Don Bosco, a Salesian Priest and he introduced the background of the school.

The purpose of home and school visitation was to meet their families, professors, to see their situation, and to have a depth understanding to each scholar.

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Carlo met Mr. Joseph Morbon, EDM coordinator during school visitation at Don Bosco Youth Center-Tondo

Second meeting of the scholars together with Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP Sharing activity with Mr. Joseph



First visit of Mr. Joseph Monbon in Puso sa Puso Parola center