



PUSO SA PUSO EDUKASYON INC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

ISSUE NO 23



The Department of Education has released an updated curriculum for the Alternative Learning System that aligned with the K to 12 basic education curriculum. A new ALS K to 12 curriculum was developed to provide the blueprint for the enhanced ALS.
(pg17)

Contributors:

Ma Rika Estabillo, Jeremie Cruz,

Eljohn Isagunde, Christine Maceda

Contents

Career Orientation -----	1
Eucharistic Celebration for the Month of October 2019 -----	4
Pastoral Orientation on Human Trafficking Forum -----	6
National Children's Month Celebration @ Quezon City Memorial Circle -----	8
2019 TFCF International Forum: From Promise to Practice: Equity and Equality of Education -----	11
A Thanksgiving Mass at Parola Center -----	13
Holy Eucharist at Payatas Center -----	15
Mass Training for Untrained ALS Implementers on the Alternative Learning System K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum ALS version 2.0 -----	17
11 th Year of Pusong Sa Pusong Charity Christmas Party ---	20



Career Orientation

October 9-10, 2019



"A career oriented student explicitly fosters awareness of task to be faced and decisions to make"- Savickas

The two-day career guidance was held at ICTSI Multi-Purpose Hall Intramuros, Manila last October 9-10, 2019. The Seminar was spearheaded by the education cluster of Parola Inter-Agency Network funded BY ICTSI (International Container Terminal Services Inc.).

The main purpose of the orientation; to equip the learners with the knowledge about career and labor market which will help them prepare after they pass the *Acceleration and Equivalency Test*. This will make sense if they were fully aware about themselves (their *interest, skill, and character*).

The theme "*Finding Your Niche*" was the focus of the lecture conducted. Participated by the Pusong Puso Edukasyon, Inc. secondary learners. The guest speaker of the two-day conference was Mr. Erick B. Atilano who formally discussed the Educational Awareness, Labor Market Information, and Career Decision Making. Thereafter, the assessment has been made to find out their work interest.

On the later part of the forum, a representative from the Department of Education, Ms. Lea V. Faa, an Education Program Specialist II, discussed all about alternative learning system, since the participants were the ALS learners and what awaits them after they pass the exam. In addition to this, a representative from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, Fr. Pierre Tritz Institute ERDA TECH, and DON BOSCO TVET (Technical-Vocational Education) were invited to promote and explain the different programs and services they offer.

On the third day of the activity, a mock interview was executed to fully complete the experience of the learners in getting a job. It was facilitated by the PSPEI staff spearheaded by the Supervisor of Parola, Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP with the special participation of Mr. Cleo Angelo D. Guevarra and Ms. Cyrah Albat from Sustainability Development Division ICTSI.

Inside Photos:



Mr. Roy Luntayao, as he oriented the learners about the importance of fulfilling future plans and dreams through education.



Prof. Jennifer Muyot from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila cheerfully invites the learners to enroll in PLM.



Ms. Lea Faa discussed the Alternative Learning System program



Benjamin Mendoza, ALS passer of Puso sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., now a scholar of Fr. Pierre Tritz Institute ERDA TECH. He shared his experienced he acquired in studying Electromechanical Technology



During the Mock Interview students preparing their Resume and application form



(From left to right) Sir Cleo Guevarra, Ms. Cyrah Albat and Sister Mila Singap while conducting an interview



Eucharistic Celebration for the Month of October 2019

"Blessed are they who hope in the Lord."

October 24 and 25, 2019



Parola and Payatas Centers held their thanksgiving mass at ALSA BUHAY Learning Center and was facilitated by Fr. Paul Ngoc, SDS, he was a former volunteer teacher in Payatas center, teaching the BLP learners. The staff in both centers were humbly to invite him as the mass presider on the said mass. The said event was attended by the combined learners from BLP, elementary and secondary level. Some of ALSA BUHAY parents also joined the said mass.

The Eucharistic celebration was offered as thanksgiving and prayers are intended to all the blessings and guidance received throughout the existence of Parola and Payatas centers. In Homily, Fr. Paul reflects on the Gospel where divisions and chaos were discussed. Fr. Paul relates his sharing on the situation that the learners facing in their everyday life, the struggles and difficulties, the challenges and hindrances. He let the learners realized the importance of education and everyone should know to give back to the community and church. At the end of his Homily, Fr. Paul encouraged the beneficiaries to strive and give their best to overcome the challenges and difficulties they are facing always rely on God's providence.

On the second part of the Eucharistic celebration, the people are invited and partakes the blessed sacraments as one community and Disciples of Christ.

Inside Photos:



Parola center mass



Payatas center mass



Pastoral Orientation on Human Trafficking Forum

October 29-30, 2019



In efforts of Talitha Kum Philippines, a timely and relevant forum took place at Fr. Mark Horan Hall, National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Broadway Ave., Quezon City. This 2-day forum is attended by various group coming from faith-based organizations, government representative, schools, and non-government organizations. This forum is a response to Pope Francis' call to end human trafficking in all forms.

The Philippine Commission on Human Rights, Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking, International Justice Mission, Urban Missionaries of AMRSP, and Dicastery on Migrants and Refugees (Vatican) headed the content whilst the participants shared their experiences and raised some questions on the action-based response to this matter.

As an institution who values and advocates child's right and human rights, staff of Pusong Pusong also engaged in this event. Various people from different field shared their time, knowledge, and experience in relation to the topic. The forum comprised of the topics ranging from the Philippines' response against Human Trafficking such as the governmental approach and role, and legalities to the bigger scope (world) of fighting this enormous injustices especially to the vulnerable ones, which are the poor. Understanding, acknowledging, and dynamics of Human Trafficking were also part of the discussion.

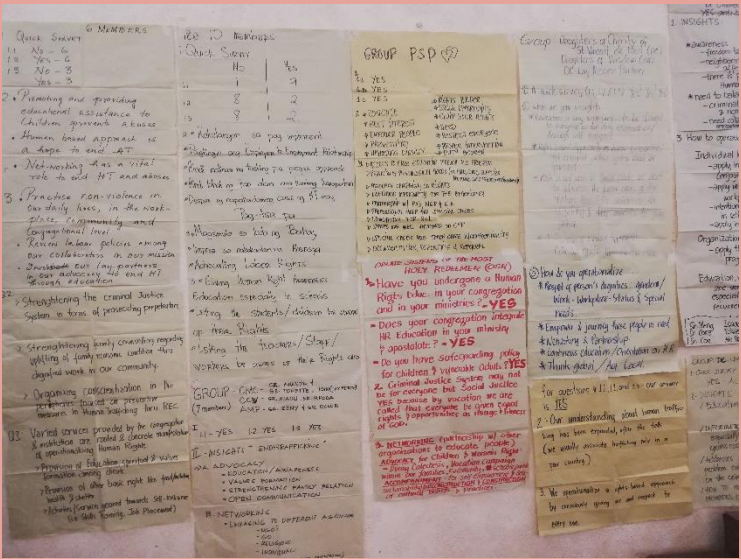
To make it more responsive and meaningful to the participants and their respective institution, reflections and group workshops were also included in this forum.

The conference ended with a closing ritual which all the participants signed a document as a partner in this mission.

Other Photos:



Staff of Puso Sa Puso in action during the workshop

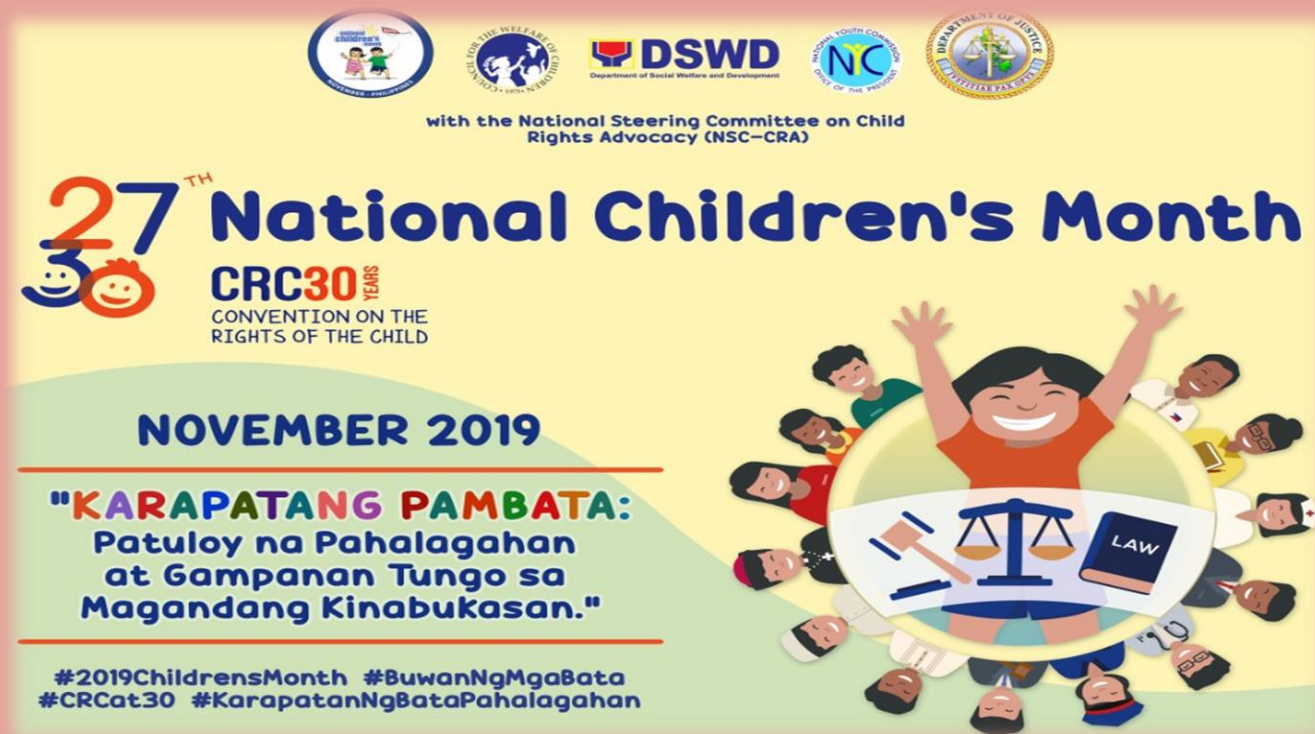


Reflection workshop output of all the groups





National Children's Month Celebration
@ Quezon City Memorial Circle
November 06, 2019



Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. catering children, protecting their rights, and an advocate of their welfare annually invited and joined the National Children's Month Celebration. Thousands of children participated in the said event and came from different organizations, schools, and nearby provinces with the guidance of their teachers and some parents. City officials, guests, and partnered agencies also came to support and witnessed the Kick-off of Children's Month Celebration.

This year's theme "Karapatang Pambata: Patuloy na Pahalagahan at Gampanan Tungo sa magandang Kinabukasan (Children's Right: Uphold, Respect, and Fulfill to a Better Future)", it also marks the 30th anniversary of the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and the 27th year of celebrating the National Children's Month. By the virtue of Republic Act 10661, the National Children's Month in the Philippines annually celebrates every November with its lead agencies Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and National Youth Commission (NYC).

Different activities and games prepared for the children by the CWC, NYC, Philippine Play Coalition, and UNILAB Foundation in a playful theme to enjoy their day, and fill their childhood memories – made the children play as one of their rights. They also prepared a lecture series for the adult participants to understand more the children; Mental health, Social Media Engagement of Children, Play, and Positive Discipline. Aside from different activities and games, sumptuous morning snacks, lunch, and afternoon snacks were served.

At the end, the event was unbelievably successful to everyone who organized it. Puso Sa Puso learners and other children definitely enjoyed their day!

Inside Photos:



Group photo of Payatas and Parola learners and with the other participants.





Different games prepared!



2019 TFCF International Forum:
From Promise to Practice: Equity and Equality of Education
November 14-15, 2019



TFCF or Taiwan Fund for Children and Families is an International Non-Governmental Organization that dictates itself to award needy children and their families with welfare and benefits. There have been lots of remarkable achievements in helping underprivileged children and families. They are self-independent organization whose mission and vision still remains on the consideration of needy children's benefits. They are helping children who are in dire need in Taiwan and worldwide through the contribution and donation from the public.

This International Forum was held at Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria and attended by the academes, government officials, Non-Government Practitioners, and other professionals. This forum discussed and shared programs on education. Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. was cordially invited to participate and share the impact of its education program provided by the NGO. Under the presence of the Program coordinator and Payatas Supervisor Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS represented Puso Sa Puso, as one of the discussants.

Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS was invited to share and discuss all about Puso Sa Puso, from how it started, its programs, and until this present. There were lots of children who changed their perspectives in life, became dreamers, and some were already successful and some still pursuing their dreams. Their success was made of effort, perseverance, trust for themselves, and with an endless support from donors, benefactors, and individuals.

Just like their theme: From Promise to Practice: Equity and Equality of Education, Puso Sa Puso continues to apply their mission and vision to the community.

Inside Photos:



Sr. frances, as she presented Puso Sa Puso.



A Thanksgiving Mass at Parola Center

November 21, 2019



Last November 21, 2019 Parola center held their thanksgiving mass at Nuestra Señora Dela Soledad Parish, Camba Binondo Manila. This Eucharistic celebration was initiated by Fr. Paul Ngoc, SDS and attended by the learners of ALSA BUHAY program and parents from Home Based Tutorial Program.

The liturgy focused on the works of Jesus as He prepared for His ministry. Fr. Paul shared in his Homily the message of the Gospel. "We have to prepare ourselves, for we do not know when Christ will come". But how are we going to prepare ourselves? It is to live with Christ. As student it is our responsibility to study hard, pass the exams and finish their studies. As parents it is our responsibility to take good care of our children and our family. As part of the community, it is our responsibility to be a good citizen and responsible with our neighbors. And as a child of God, it is our duty to love one another as Christ loves us." Fr. Paul shared.

As the celebration continues, all the attendees' shared with the communion as one community and Disciples of Christ.

Inside Photos:



Liturgy of the Word



Liturgy of the Eucharist



Holy Eucharist at Payatas Center

November 22, 201



The Holy Eucharist for the month of November took place at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center for 6th batch learners. Rev. Fr. Noel Bacasnot, of San Pedro Calungsod Mission Area, shared his time and officiated the Holy Mass for this event. It was attended by learners from all levels (BLP, elementary, and secondary) together with Pusong scholars, some Eskwelahan ng Buhay kids and parents, Polish volunteers, and staff of Pusong.

Fr. Noel was delighted to be invited again to facilitate this Holy celebration and engaged with the youth of Payatas. The Homily was based on the Holy gospel of Luke 19:45-48. Fr. Noel reflected that life on Earth is full of happiness. God always bring smiles to everyone, a smile that should come from everyone's heart. In that way, our body, which is the true temple of God, will be realized. God is within our body, residing, and waiting for us whenever we want to talk to Him or address our prayers and worries. Our task is to open our heart so that our Dear Lord can pour much blessings.

In addition, we must take care of our body not only physically but more of spiritually and be proud of it. It is because the temple is a place where we can meet our Lord, and celebrate the gift of life with Him.

The Holy Mass ended with a blessing and another spiritual learning took place.

Inside Photos:





**Mass Training for Untrained ALS Implementers on the
Alternative Learning System
K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum
ALS version 2.0**

November 25-29, 2019



The Department of Education has released an updated curriculum for the Alternative Learning System that aligned with the K to 12 basic education curriculum. A new ALS K to 12 curriculum was developed to provide the blueprint for the enhanced ALS. This new curriculum benchmarked on the DepEd K to 12 formal school curriculum and focuses on the 21st century skills of Information, Media and Technology Skills, Learning Innovation skills, communication skills, and life and career skills.

The five-day mass training held at Padre Mariano Gomez Elementary School, Manila and was attended by the different ALS implementers in public schools and from Non-Government Organizations. It was spearheaded by the Division of City Schools Manila. Pusong Buhay Edukasyon, Inc. staff are indeed grateful to be part in the said training as an ALS implementer organization.

Ms. Ma. Cristeta C. Blanco, Education Program Supervisor In-Charge of ALS from DepEd Manila, sincerely welcomed all the participants and guests as they arrived and participated in the mass training.

The training team committee discussed Inclusive Education, Policy Guidelines, Life and Facilitation skills, ALS forms, Portfolio, learners' pathway that will be beneficial to all ALS implementers. They also had a walk through per Learning Strands which has a new subject title; Learning Strand 1 – Communication Skills (English & Filipino), Learning Strand 2 – Scientific and Critical Thinking Skills, Learning Strand 3 – Mathematical and Problem Solving Skills, Learning Strand 4 – Life and Career Skills, Learning Strand 5 – Understanding the Self and Society, and the new Learning Strand 6 – Digital Citizenship. They also prepared different group activities as the learning strands supposed to be taught but depends on the needs of the learners.

On the 5th day of the mass training, some volunteers from the participants had a demonstration teaching on their chosen learning strand and awarded a certificate. This new program requires highly dedicated and multi-skilled teachers who have to deal with out-of-school youth and diverse types of adult learners to ensure delivery of quality teaching for quality learning outcomes. The last part of the training was the distribution of certificates to the participants as they finished the 5-day mass training.

This new program called Alternative Learning System version 2.0, definitely a big change and challenge for the ALS community. A lot of changes to make, from their Functional Literacy Test given to the enrollees to know their level, it is more comprehensive and detailed. They add more topics to be discussed and should be integrated to other Learning Strands. Four A's (Activity, Analysis, Abstraction and Application) should be used in teaching in ALS. Paper works and to teaching methodologies and strategies should work by the people involved.

Indeed, the 5-day mass training was definitely full of fun activities and learnings.

Inside Photos:





New changes and challenges in ALS version 2.0, We are ready and challenge accepted!



11th Year of Pusong Pusong Charity Christmas Party
November 30, 2019



"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."
-Pablo Picasso

This year, Pusong Pusong celebrated its 11th year of giving and sharing the blessings given by the Lord God to the thousands of in need kids. Everyone put effort, time, and their heart to come up with an unforgettable happiness and moments for the 1000 kids who came from different organizations and areas in Loyola.

In collaboration and teamwork with Barangay Loyola as they annually celebrated the Children's Month, Pusong Pusong merged and extended their hearts and hands warmly to give joy, compassionate, and kindness to these kids on their special day. The charity Christmas party was held at barangay Loyola Heights covered court, Quezon City last November 30, 2019. Hundreds of volunteers came to participate and give smiles to the kids. Different teams, individuals, parent leaders, and barangay officials united to serve for that very special event for the kids.

Barangay Loyola and Pusong Pusong prepared an exciting different games and shows that brought laughter and learnings to the kids and also to their parent leaders. Face painting, reading stories, physical games, rosary making, inflatable slides, puppet show, and film showing were some activities and games prepared. Meanwhile, in the covered court different performances showcased by the professional guests; Steps of Gold dancers showcased their undeniably moves in the dance floor, Mr. Abraham Velasco showed his intense acrobatic performances, and Mr. Handsome James the favorite magician presented his magic tricks. Pusong Pusong learners in both centers Parola and Payatas also exposed their talents in dancing and singing. 30 raffle draws took place with major and minor prizes.

All kids went home with a gift bag and a big smile on their faces. Everyone joined forces in making this Charity Christmas Party more meaningful for these children. The event may just be a brief moment of joy, but that memory would always be remembered and treasured as a once in a lifetime experience.

May the good Lord bless all the people who made this Charity Christmas party possible and successful.

Inside Photos:





Different games and activities for the kids!



Steps of Gold Dancers



Handsome Magician – Kuya James!



Acrobatic and Juggler – Kuya Abraham Velasco!



Parola and Payatas learners performed a song and dance presentation!



Lukaz and Alice led the opening prayer.



Raffle Time!



Fr. Vara Frasad, SDS and Fr. Adam Janus, SDS for their closing remarks.



Yey! Gift giving! ☺