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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL..

NEW BATCH, NEW LEARNERS, NEW EXPERIENCE

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A Concluding Eucharistic Celebration for 2 days Lenten Recollection (April 6-7, 2017)



"Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes. They will condemn Him to death and will deliver Him to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. And on the third day He will be raised to life."

-Mt. 20:18-19

Lenten is the season of prayer, sacrifices, forgiveness, repentance, fasting, and recognizing the greatest love of God to us. As the preparation for the second coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of His promise, the learners of the ALASA BUHAY Program and their parents as well as the victims of fire disaster have undergone recollections.

On April 6, 2017 learners attended their recollection with the theme of "Kwaresma: Panahon ng Pananalangin, Pagsisisi at Pagpapatawad" or Lenten: Season of Prayer, Repentance and Forgiveness. Meanwhile, on April 7, 2017, the parents of the learners and the other beneficiaries held their recollection facilitated by Sr. Mila Singap, FLP with the theme of "Kwaresma: Panahon ng Pagninilay, Taimtim na Pananalangin at Paggunita sa Dakilang Pag-Ibig ng Ama."

At the end of the second day of the recollection, the learners and parents as well as the other beneficiaries gathered once again to conclude their activity. It is the holy Eucharistic celebration and it was celebrated by Fr. Wilson Catabay, SDS. The mass was held at Brgy. Covered Court of Brgy. 272, Zone 25, Binondo, Manila last April 7, 2017.

Fr. Wilson gave focus on the importance of prayer. Like how Jesus prayed on the garden on the night before he was betrayed, he is also asking the people to pray for their neighbor, for the peace of their hearts and for the clarity of their minds. "We died everyday" he added. "We died on the terrible situation of our society, to the misunderstanding of our family, to the insecurities and many others. But like how Jesus risen from the cross, He is always saving us from our death and give us chance to stand again and to walk back on His path." He continued.

The mass ended in a holy communion and blessings of the celebrant priest.



Fr. Wilson Catabay, SDS, spearhead the Holy Mass



Participants of the mass



The Eucharistic Celebration





Business Proposal Presentation at Payatas Center
(April 6, 2017)



It was a special day in ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center where all learners dressed up with their formal wear partnered with coat and tie, heels and black shoes, and some make-up transforming themselves into a more professional individuals.

One of the five strands, Learning Strand 3 (Sustainable Use of Resources and Productivity) of Alternative Learning System (ALS) Curriculum mainly focused on putting up business and livelihood activities. In line with this, and to make the learning more actualized and personal, learners were group into 4 from all levels and tasked to present a business proposal to the staff. The objective of this task is to introduce to learners on how to start a business with basic requirements, operational planning, setting clear goals, identifying strength and opportunities, and making business/marketing plan.

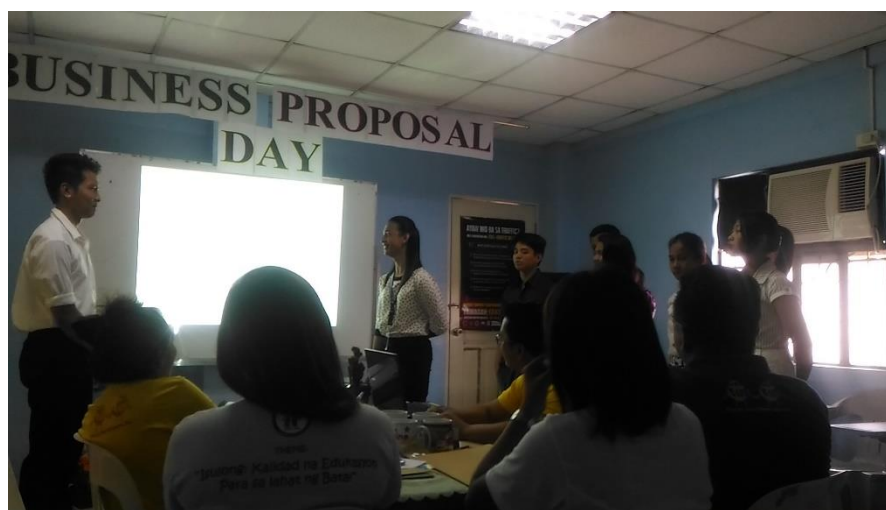
Mr. Edwin Guevarra, Instructional Manager, who handles the said strand spearhead the activity with the help of Payatas staff last April 6, 2017, at 1:00 pm. Four groups presented and defended their business plan that were being scrutinized by the staff. The business proposals that the groups presented have various concepts: Bread of Life (bakery business), Wow Nice Place (small restaurant), Tea Camp (milk tea business), and Kain Trop (canteen-type business).

Through PowerPoint presentation, learners tried their best to persuade the staff to approve their business and to receive a good grades based on the rubrics that the staff provided. With all the hard work and group efforts that they put in their presentation, staff were awe and proud of their simple but challenging outputs.

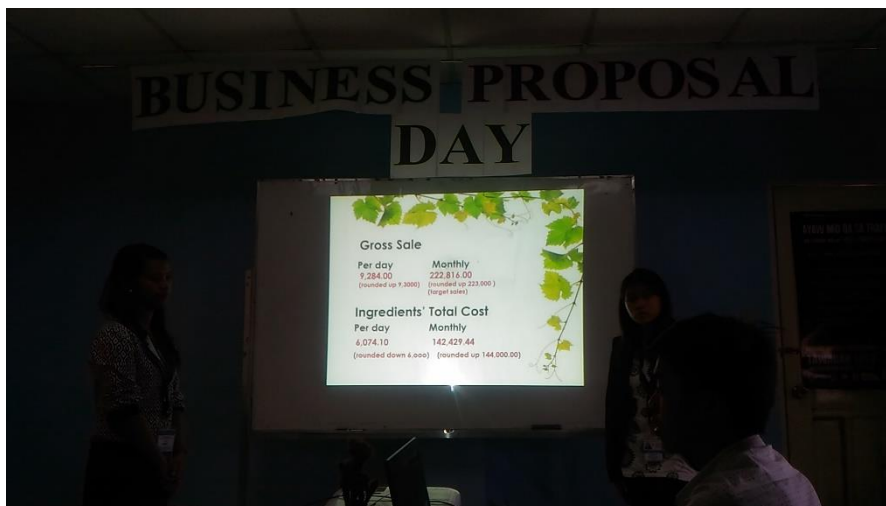
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Presentation: Bread of Life Group



Presentation: Kain Trops Group



Presentation: Wow! Nice Place Group



Group photo with Tea Camp Group



Our guest critic, Ms. Jackielyn Cruz, sharing her insights about business and entrepreneurship



And the activity ended productively with new learning and experience



Mango Production and Processing Seminar
(April 7, 2017)



Learners of ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center participated in a seminar organized by Agricultural Training Institute of Department of Agriculture entitled Mango Production and Processing last April 7, 2017 at Rural Development Education Center in Quezon City. It is a free seminar and attended by various individual from different social statuses, agencies, private organizations, farm owners, students, etc. across the whole country.

The seminar run from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Various video presentation were shown to the participants first pertaining to the importance of agriculture, the current situation of agricultural sector, and how we can help in the challenges and difficulties of this sector as a citizen.

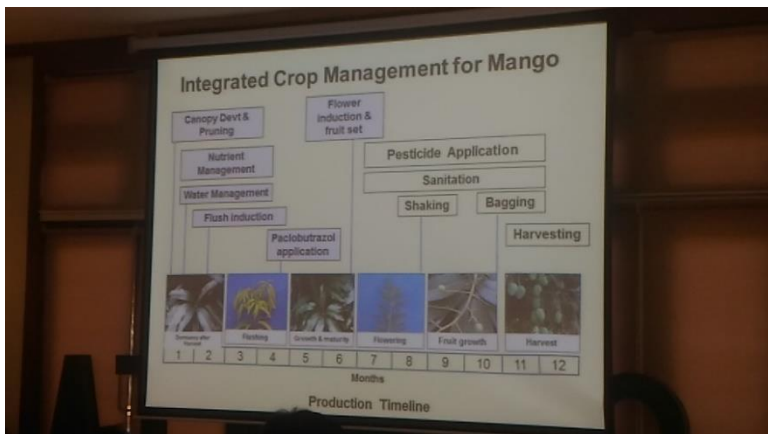
To make the seminar more interesting and informative, competent speakers help the attendees to understand more of the two aspects of the seminar: mango production and mango processing. Mr. Yojandre J. Yojander, Center Chief IV of Bureau of Plant Industry in Guimaras talks about the details on mango production. He site ways on how to increase production, several techniques and strategies to ensure quality mango produce, pest and disease and its control, prevention, and management and numerous fertilizer, insecticide and other chemicals and there usage, precautions.

On the second half of the seminar, Ms. Erlyn Billones, Agricultural Engineer of Guimaras shared ways to process mango. She demonstrated the processes in making Mango Atsara (pickled mango relish), Mango Preserve, and Dried Mango. Attendees also had the chance to taste these delicious dishes prepared by the speaker. With the learnings that participants got, they can used it as well for livelihood activities that can add up to their income.

Before the seminar ends, all participants were given certificates and free carabao mango seedling from Guimaras.



ALSA BUHAY Payatas Learners with other participants all over the Philippines



Lecture proper of Dr. Yojander



Ms. Erlin demonstrating the procedures in making pickled mango



Group photo in front of Rural Development Education Center building with Dr. Yojande



“Through Difficulties to Greatness”: Pusong Pusong Scholars’ Moving up Ceremony and Commencement Exercises

(April 7 & 8, 2017)



In April 2017, two (2) among sixteen (16) scholars under the program of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. (Parola) finished their studies; Renalyn Amplayo, graduated at Pedro Guevarra Elementary School last April 7 (Friday) and Noriel Moran Zabay from Don Bosco Youth Center-Tondo Manila last April 8, 2017. The Moving up Ceremony and Commencement Exercises was attended by the representative from ALSA BUHAY Parola Center.

Renalyn was included in individualized scholarship program under SOFIA since 2014. From then on, she was able to continue and pursue her study. Extended assistance were given to her including monthly transportation allowances, projects, school supplies, miscellaneous fees, and weekly rice supply for the family.

The 97th Commencement Exercises with the theme “Per Augusta, As Augusta” “Through Difficulties to Greatness” held at the Gym of Don Bosco Youth Center- Tondo on April 8 2017 and was participated by 400 students coming from different vocational courses including our very own *Noriel Moran Zabay*, a 4th batch ALSA BUHAY learner/ 2014 Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) passer, and also one of the scholars of *Enfant Du Mekong (EDM)* finally received his NC II Certificate in his course Domestic Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (DomRAC). The ceremony was attended by the undersigned social worker together with the Pusong Pusong Livelihood coordinator Lucita Lachica. Despite of the challenges that the scholars facing, the eagerness and determination to pursue and finished their studies was shown during the term.



Renalyn Amplayo posing with her moving-up certificate in elementary level



The photo was taken during the Graduation ceremony together with the undersigned Social worker & with Noriel's mother



Parola Learners' Field Trip in Planetarium and National Museum (April 17, 2017)



Like all travelers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen.

-Benjamin Disraeli-

A Field Trip is a journey by a group of people to a place away from their normal environment. Last April 17, 2017, the ALSA BUHAY learners had an educational tour at Planetarium and National Museum. Thirty five (35) learners from elementary and secondary level, together with the Instructional Managers of ALSA BUHAY- Ms. Mylene Ballaran, Mr. Darren Ilarina, Ma'am Lucita Lachicha- Livelihood Coordinator, Ms. Jennifer Basconsillo- Social Worker and Robert Bechina- Austrian volunteer teacher joined in this event.

Learners first visited the Planetarium where they learned about the Solar System. The National Planetarium offers free full dome shows as it launches its new projector that has an optical instrument by means of which an artificial night sky can be projected onto the interior of a fixed dome so that the position of the Sun, Moon, Planets, Stars, etc. may be shown and their motions, real or apparent demonstrated.

The National Museum is the next place where the learners explored together with the tour guide. The first building, the National Fine Arts, where learners learned the different collections of arts made by famous Filipino artist such as: easel paintings, sculptures, icons, sketches and mixed media. The 2nd building is the National Anthropologist area where the learners learned and enjoyed the photograph of historical relics used by early Filipinos in their daily living. The activity was ended at around 3:30 pm.

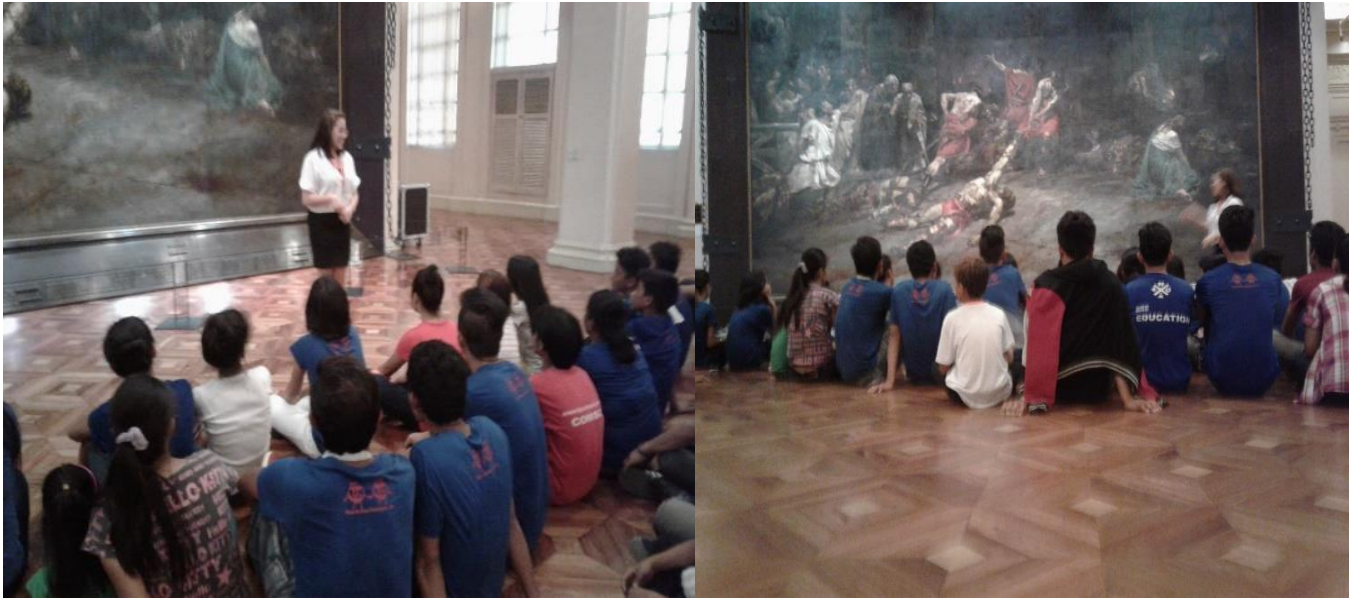
The whole-day activity ends with very interesting and interactive. After the activity, learners were given time to further discuss their experiences and ask questions regarding the field trip in National Museum and Planetarium. We think that, this is one of the unforgettable experience of the learners together with the staff of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. Truly a "Beautiful, Interesting, Educational" day!



Mr. Romelito Garcia-Museum Guide explaining about an **“Ancient and traditional Scripts of the Philippines” (BAYBAYIN)**



The ALSA BUHAY learners paying attention to Ms. Ariella Crystel San Antonio when she was giving information for some of the paintings made by Juan Luna.



The SPOLIARIUM painting by Filipino artist Juan Luna



The ALSA- BUHAY learners Parola, writing feedbacks and ratings for the National Museum.



Anti-Drug Abuse Advocacy and Information Campaign (April 21, 2017)



On the 21st of April, 2017 a campaign seminar on Anti-Drug Abuse and Information occurred. It was spearheaded by Mr. Paulo Victor Daculla, Chief of Preventive Education and Community Involvement Section under Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency. It was attended by 33 learners and Payatas Staff. It was held at ALSA-BUHAY Center. The main objective of the said seminar is to discourage users and impending abusers from experimenting with illicit substances or continuing to abuse them.

The activity started with a prayer led by Mr. Edwin Guevarra, followed by an opening introduction to the guest speaker by Ms. Ma. Rika Estabillo. Mr. Daculla discussed the country's drug abuse problem, the definition of drugs, the ill effects of drug abuse, the different classifications of dangerous drugs, and the legal consequences of being involved in illegal drugs activities.

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., in partnership with the PDEA was successfully empowered the ALSA-BUHAY learners to become a catalyst in battling the widespread of dangerous drugs by way of gaining information in line with the societal vision of **Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency: "A Drug-Resistant and Eventually a Drug-Free Philippines"**.

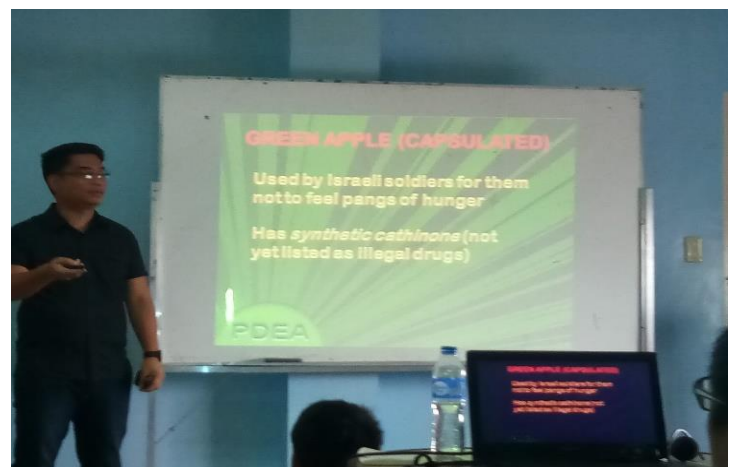
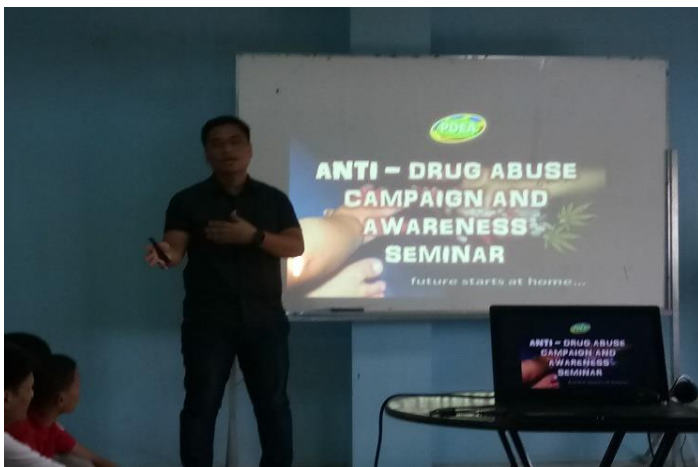
OTHER PHOTOS:



Opening prayer led by Mr. Edwin Guevarra



Opening Remarks and Introduction to the speaker



Mr. Daculla while discussing his topic on Drug Awareness



Livelihood Activity: Financial Education
(April 21, 2017)



Last April 21, 2017, parents of Basic Home-based Tutorial Program were taught about Financial Education at the Livelihood Center in Delpan, Tondo, Manila. The activity started with a prayer by one parent leader of Gate 1. There were 22 parents attended the said activity and they had a group workshop about their dreams for their family, what are their plans when they get old, and how to achieve it. Aside on that, the Livelihood coordinator – Mrs. Lachica tackled also budgeting and savings, and shown some video clips of how to save money.

The half day activity end up by sharing of some parents of how they save money and how saving become helpful to their family in times of emergencies and other expenses. They also encourage some parents to save by budgeting their money carefully.





Livelihood Session and Training at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center (April 25, 2017)



It was a full-packed day in Payatas Center as another livelihood session and training took place. Twenty six (26) learners from all levels attended the special session wherein competent guest and staff joined force in sharing their knowledge and skills to the learners.

On the first session, our Livelihood Coordinator, Mrs. Lucita Lachica discussed entrepreneurship with a topic entitled “Kaalaman at Konsepto sa Pagnenegosyo” (Knowledge and Concepts in Business). A group activity was then followed for the learners to discuss and explain the main topic: entrepreneurship.

On the next session, a group from Sikap Buhay Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives Office spearhead the livelihood training. The Sikap Buhay Entrepreneurship and Cooperatives Office implements the Quezon City government's entrepreneurship and micro-finance program. In coordination with our institution, this event became possible. Ms. Tess Aquerido, one of the trainer of Sikap Buhay taught learners and staff on how to make Trendy Balloon and Hand Sanitizer Gel. These new skill can basically add up to the learners' existing livelihood skills that they can apply to their daily lives especially if they decided to put up a small business.

Overall, the activities were clearly translated to the learners. We are more than thankful for all the people who took efforts for this event.

Photos:



Ms. Tess explaining the process and ingredients of sanitizer gel



Sanitizer Gel Making



Ms. Tess demonstrating the techniques in making creative balloon designs



Learners trying to make a trendy balloon



Learners reporting their group activity with a topic about entrepreneurship



Sikap Buhay representatives with our Livelihood Coordinator, Ma'am Lucita Lachica



Group photo together with the learners



“Leadership and Volunteerism Training Seminar”
(April 26, 2017)



The training seminar for the learners' was all about leadership and volunteerism, was conducted by our guest speaker from SYDP (Scholarship and Youth Development Program) namely: Ms. Almira T. Enguerra, Youth section head and training head, Mr. Kenneth Adajo, Youth Development Officer, and Mr. Martial Cruz Youth Development Officer. It was attended by 33 learners from BLP, elementary, secondary, and previous ALSA BUHAY learners.

Leadership is a both research area and a practical skill encompassing the ability of an individual to lead or guide, to adapt the setting for everyone feels empowered to contribute creatively. If you already know how to lead and guide others, then you have the capacity to become a volunteer for the sake of others without asking in return from them. Volunteerism is the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of the other people and also to renowned skill development and often to promote goodness.

According to the 3 guest speakers, to become a good leader it should starts from within; know yourself, seek improvement, seek responsibility and take the responsibility as your actions, and to accept positive criticism willingly. A leader also know how to encourage his/her members. There's a give and take procedure, they learn from you and at the same time you also learn from them. A leader is serve as a good example to his/her members.

Volunteerism it's not about helping other people itself, instead you are doing this by all your heart and you widely open your arms to help them without asking in return. In volunteerism you can gain: knowledge from other people and can add to your experience, network of friends that you can treasure, and lastly, an unending happiness because you love what you are doing.

Leadership and volunteersim is not about a title or a designation. It's about impact, influence and inspiration, on how you touch the life of other people.

“With great power comes great responsibility”

Photos from the training seminar



Our guest speakers (from left to right) Mr. Kenneth Adajo, Mr. Martial Cruz, and Ms. Almira Enguerra Introducing themselves and sharing a little background of their work

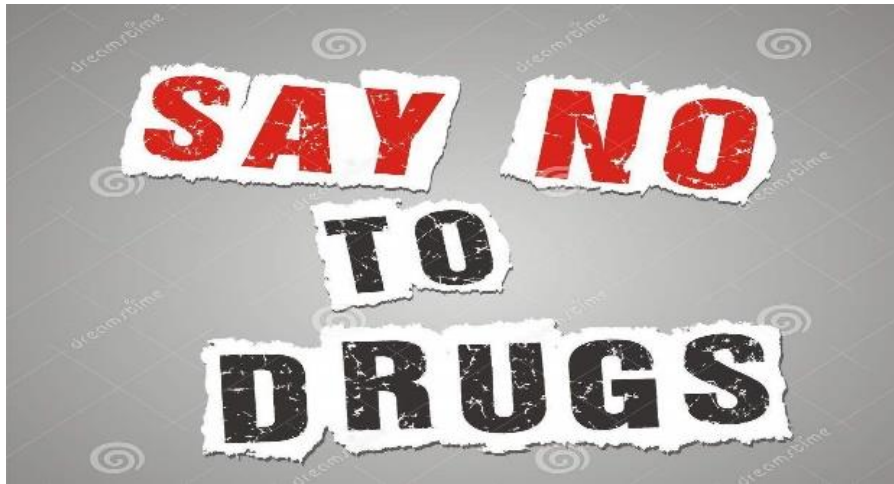


Ms. Almira asked them to form a group and make a summer proposal



Drug Prevention Awareness and Parenting Seminar

(April 26, 2017)



Parents' Formation on "Drug Prevention Awareness and Parenting Seminar" was held last April 26, 2017 at Police Station-2 Multi-Purpose Hall of Tondo, Manila. Police Community Relation (PCR) Personnel led by PO3 Georgyn Labindao together with DARE Officer PO3 Jesus Sumang, Noel Haclawan, and PO1 Cathyren Fermo under the supervision PINSP Arnold Manzon, PCR and with the leadership of PSUPT Arnold Thomas C. Ibay Station Commander, facilitated the said seminar which benefited by fifty (50) parents beneficiaries of Pusong Buhay, Inc.

The activity started with a prayer led by gate 54 parent of Basic Home-based Tutorial Program followed by the discussion of PO3 Jesus R. Sumang, PS9 MPD. Several topics were discussed under Republic Act 9165 also known as Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. It includes the several types of illegal drugs such as; marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines, inhalants, tranquilizers, heroin, GHB (gamma-hydroxybutyrate) and LSD, a hallucinogenic and the effects to the body of the person specially to the parents which resulted to neglecting of their children and become child in conflict with the law.

The following bible verse about parents and children were discussed by PO1 Cathyren Fermo

- James 1: 19- Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry- parents should be a good listener and doer.
- Proverbs 1: 8 -My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother-giving instruction to your children make sure you yourself as parents abide the law.
- Proverbs 16: 20- He who heeds the word wisely will find good and whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he- always make God the center of the family and always say good words to your children.
- Proverbs 22: 6- Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it – when your children are growing, make sure to train them properly in their attitude how to become good to others and be respectful to every life.

The activity ends with the open forum which several questions arise that cleared the minds of the attendees.

Highlights of formation



Awarding of Certificates



Fire Safety and Prevention Awareness Seminar
(April 27, 2017)



March has been labeled as the Fire Prevention Month because statistics show that a lot of fire accidents always happen during this month. An overwhelming number of fires occur in the home and different business establishment, so it's better to be ready and prevent this life-threatening case to ensure the safety of everyone.

In line with this, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon Inc. in partnership of BFP (Bureau of Fire Protection) of Quezon City's local government organized a Fire Safety and Prevention Awareness seminar held at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center last April 27, 2017. 30 learners from 4th batch of all level attended the said activity. It was facilitated by SF02 Edwin Pasilicio (Senior Fire Officer 2) Chief Crew of Fire Substation 2 QC Fire District and FO2 Hannah Dumadag (Fire Officer 2).

The primary objective of this activity is to raise awareness and basic understanding of fire risks and different fire prevention safety tips, such as steps and procedures that need to be followed in the event of fire, knowing how to use fire extinguisher and basic first aid which they can use in case of emergency situation.

At the end of the seminar, in behalf of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc., Sr. Frances awarded the two speakers with a certificate of appreciation for their valuable contribution and sharing to ALSA BUHAY learners. Participants also received a certificate of attendance.



First Aid Demonstration



Demonstration of Proper use of Fire Extinguisher



Fire Safety and Prevention Awareness discussion



Awarding of Certificate for the Speaker



Group Picture with the Speaker



Basic Hygiene and Common Health Issues Session (April 27, 2017)



On the 27th of April, the students from Ateneo Medical School presented the short videos on some common diseases and the basic hygiene. It was attended by 30 ALSA-BUHAY learners. It was held at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center. The purpose of the activity is to give awareness, preventions, and proper medications on the common illnesses such as cough, runny nose, fever, and diarrhea. They also presented videos on the importance of cleanliness and the proper way of hand washing.

After the presentations, participants were given a chance to ask questions on other health issues that they encounter and the proper medications about it. The Ateneo Medical Students answered the questions given by the participants in the best knowledge that they had.

Participants and staff were very grateful for the knowledge that the Ateneo Medical students partaken. We were enlightened on the appropriate remedies for those common illnesses and we were able to received good health advises from them.

Other photos



"Mr. Agustin while introducing his team and the health video presentation"



"Photo of learners while watching the short video on health"



"Question and Answer Portion"



2nd Division Assessment Test (DAT) (April 29, 2017)



To increase the performance rating of the Division of City Schools Quezon City in the Alternative Learning System-Accreditation and Equivalency Test (ALS A&E), the second run of Division Assessment Test for ALS Learners was administered to the Registered ALS learners on last April 29, 2017 for Congressional District II of Quezon City. It was held at Batasan Hills National High School wherein 37 learners of ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center, 12 from elementary and 25 from secondary level joined the activity.

Since this activity is a simulation of the actual A&E Test, the guidelines for administering the ALS A&E Test set by the Bureau of Education Assessment is used. In addition, the examiners for this practice test were the Instructional Managers, District ALS Coordinators, Mobile Teachers and Literacy Volunteers assigned by the Test Registration Officer (TRO) in each Testing Centers. Because of this, the staff of ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center also experienced being an examiner/proctor of the test.

Overall, the activity was smoothly administered to all learners. Though some of our learners didn't reach the passing score, the results are still good since the passing score of this exam is higher compare to the actual A & E Test. Furthermore, the practice test boost learners' confidence, motivate them more, and physically and psychological prepared them for the upcoming A & E Test.

Other Photos:



Assembly of ALS Learners from CD2 at Batasan National High School



ALSA BUHAY elementary learners with their IM – Sir Jeremie and Social Worker – Ms. Joceline



Learners taking the practice test at one room of the testing center.



“First Aid Seminar for the Parola Parents”
(May 05, 2017)



“To enjoy good health, to bring true happiness to one's family, to bring peace to all, one must first discipline and control one's own mind. If a man can control his mind he can find the way to Enlightenment, and all wisdom and virtue will naturally come to him.” - Buddha

First Aid is emergency care or treatment given to an ill or injured person before regular medical aid can be obtained.

In line with the Fire response activity, Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. - Parola community in collaboration with Ateneo Medical Students, a seminar was organized pertaining on the Basic First Aid. The activity was held at Delpan Covered court, and was facilitated by the medical interns and assisted by the ALSA BUHAY staff. A total of 80 individuals attended on the said event.

In this seminar, the Ateneo Medical students tackled the following topics like; First Aid, Proper Hand Washing, Proper Tooth brushing, Cleanliness, Wound Care, Proper Nutrition, Smoking, Basic Communicable Disease and Leptospirosis. The medical students showed some videos for the parents to enhance their ideas on how to demonstrate the proper First aid in the actual situation and games to remember the important points of the topic.

The activity ended with additional knowledge imparted in every participants which they can share also to their family and their community.



Ms. Gladys Kaye Reyes asking some questions about proper Tooth brushing and proper hand washing.



Ms. Patricia Kaye T. Sy explaining the importance of proper nutrition.



Mr. Agustin Miguel P. Soriano discussing about the basic communicable diseases.



Early Registration, Enrolment, and Orientation for 5th Batch Learners (May 5, 2017)



As the formal school opens its enrolment period this month, an early registration and enrolment also took place at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center last May 5, 2017. Interested enrollees were scheduled and called up for the said activity.

With the assistance of Payatas staff, enrollees filled up the enrolment form and took Functional Literacy Test (FLT) to assess and evaluate the appropriate level for them under Alternative Learning System Curriculum.

After the exam, Mr. Jeremie Cruz, Payatas Center's Instructional Manager conducted an orientation for the enrollees pertaining the institution, its program, staff and administrator, ALS curriculum and other important details. A short get to know activity was also conducted amongst the enrollees. A total of fifteen (15) enrollees participated in the activity.



Enrollees taking the functional Literacy Test



Holy Mass for the Month of May 2017
(May 12 and 26, 2017)



Thomas said to him, “Lord we don’t know where you are going; how can we know the way? Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father but through me’
- John 14:1-6

Another Holy Mass took place in both centers of Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. this month of May. Father Lando Jaluag spearheaded the monthly mass at Payatas center last May 12, 2017 and was attended by the 4th batch ALSA BUHAY learners', scholars, staff, and volunteers. In similar way, Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS celebrated the mass in Parola last May 26, 2017 at the Livelihood Center with additional participants such as beneficiary parents of fire response and parents who are belong to the milk program of MCSPA at Gate 1.

During the homily, Father Lando explained that we don't need to travel around the world to visit the different places because for the desire of it. If Christ is in you, we will have contentment in our daily life. He is the way, the life, and the truth that will lead us for a better life. We are all His children from the time we were born, He is the captain of our ship. Don't waste time in unnecessary things. Instead trust Him and let Him lead the way towards the right path.

On the other hand, during the homily, Fr. Artur gave some points that moved the hearts of the learners as well as the other attendees. First, Fr. Artur encourages the people to pray to the Father. Pray not only for themselves but also to their family; love ones, and their neighbor. “Ask father for your needs and share what you received”. “Pray for the Philippines especially Marawi City who suffering tragedy of war, a war between the government and Muslim rebel group. Second, he asked people to believe in Jesus Christ. “Don't lose hope for what you are asking.” He added. He also motivates learners to their upcoming exam. “We face different challenges in our everyday life. We encounter different difficulties in every situation but we do not stop living. Don't be afraid on taking exams, it is natural for us to be stressed out when we are taking examinations. But we cannot avoid those examinations, because our life is an exam itself. Face the challenge of A&E test and believe that you will pass. Pray for Him and trust that you will surpass that exam. Because you are full of talents, you are built with knowledge. All you need to do is to know that you are blessed, you just have to use your talents for you to succeed and most of all trust in Him, believe in

Him that He will help you to pass." He continues.

Both Celebration of Mass proceed to the concertation and most of the attendees received the Holy Communion.

Photos from the mass





Sustainable Livelihood Program
(May 17 - 19, 2017)



"To respond to poverty situation in the Philippines, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as the lead agency in the social welfare and development sector currently implements three major social protection programs and one of this is the Sustainable Livelihood Program."

Last May 17 to 19, selected beneficiaries of Pusong Pusong attended the orientation held at Multi-Purpose Hall of Brgy.275 Parola, Tondo Manila. This is with the collaboration of ICTSI (International container Services Inc.). It was facilitated by Ms. Salve Guab, a Project Development Officer 2 of DSWD. During the first day of orientation, the speaker discussed the facts about sustainable livelihood program. Accordingly, this program gives "Seed Capital" to those who want to make business that attended the skills training given by ICTSI. On the second day, the topic is about the constitution by laws. Finally, on the third day, they filled up all of the documents that needed to be accomplished by the group.

Participants from Pusong Pusong become interested to this program because it will help them to have an extra income and they are willing to learn more skills like basic and advance food processing. This upcoming activity is schedule on July 2017.

Photos:



Ms. Salve of DSWD discussing the Sustainable Livelihood Program



Participants reviewed constitution by laws and shared ideas in making business proposal



EDM and Pusong Scholars Outing 2017
(May 21, 2017)



On May 21, college scholars under Enfants Du Mekong and Pusong sa Pusong Edukasyon, Inc., go through mountain trekking at Mt. Balagbag which is located at Sitio Balagbag, San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal. It was attended by 15 scholars from Parola and Payatas Center, Ms. Agnes, and the staff from Pusong.

The purposes of the activity are for recreational and socialization. Scholars enjoyed the trekking activity as they were able to see the beauty of nature. As they walked up, they were able to get to know each other further. They feel relaxed after reaching the summit of the mountain. We also went at Otso-Otso Falls which is located in the down side of the mountain.

Scholars went home tired after a long walk but still with a cheerful smile on their face. They were very thankful for the opportunity that was given to them and they were looking forward on the coming activities for them.



Captured photos with the scholars when we reached the summit of Mount Balagbag, Sitio Balagbag San Isidro Rodriguez Rizal



Moving Up Ceremony of Parola Pupils under Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle

(May 23, 2017)



The Gate 1 pupils have been taught for almost 3 years from 2014 to May 2017 by the different seminarians of Missionary Community of Saint Paul the Apostle (MCSPA). And on May 23, 2017 the 3 year learning of basic literacy ends.

MCSPA as a Pusong Puso Edukasyon, Inc. partner held a moving up ceremony at Livelihood Learning Center, Delpan Parola Manila last May 23, 2017 Tuesday. The ceremony was attended by 23 children and their parents. The event was divided into 3 parts, such as Thanksgiving Mass, Program proper and the recreation of the kids at the Children's Park at Luneta, Manila.

The thanks giving mass was officiated by Fr. Francis Teo, MCSPA. On his homily, he extended his gratitude to the parents of Gate 1 who helped the seminarians in teaching their kids. He also gave thanks to the partners, benefactors and other individuals inside and outside the country who extended their help to the mission of their community. Fr. Francis also asked them to pray for the seminarians teacher who are about to go back to Africa for their new mission. "They were assigned to a very dangerous place in Africa, and they will stay there for a year or 2. So please pray for their safety and success of their mission." He continued.

Right after the mass, it was followed by the program proper. The program started at the invocation by Bro. Werunga Brian Nabiswa, MCSPA and followed by the opening remarks of Bro. Stephen Ekaal Iverio, MCSPA. The learners gave a song as an intermission number. The certificates and gifts were given to the learners as the evidence of finishing the 3 year learning. At the end of the program Fr. Francis gave a closing remark and requested two things to the parents. First, always take care your children especially their health. Second and lastly, teach your children how to speak,

because if they know how to speak English they can communicate and express themselves everywhere they are.

The third part of the moving up ceremony was held in the afternoon of the same day at Children's Park, Luneta, Manila. Children were brought to the said park and enjoy themselves by playing to the different amenities in the area. As the day ends, children were given a new opportunity to see the big future that they may face.



Fr. Francis and Sr. Mila Giving Certificates



Fr. Francis celebrating the Thanksgiving Mass



Group photo inside the center after the ceremony and in the Children's Park



Lakbay-Aral at Museo Pambata (May 24, 2017)



Last May 24, 2017, International German Volunteer Teacher's –headed by teacher Raphael Melloni and Alexander Messinger, conducted their Field Trip for the Home-based Tutorial Program kids of Gate17 Parola Tondo Manila and Gate 54, Parola Binondo, Manila. The participants in this activity include 32 kids, 38 parent-leader, together with the Instructional Managers of ALSA- BUHAY- Mr. Darren M. Ilarina, Ma'am Lucita Lachicha- Livelihood Coordinator, Ms. Zenaida Mallari –EDM scholar and Ms. Jenniffer Basconcillo-Social worker.

Museo Pambata is the first hands-on discovery museum for children in the Philippines. With interactive exhibits on history, culture, the environment, science, health, and career options, it is the ideal place for alternative learning.

The beneficiaries from Gate 17 and Gate 54 enjoyed the "Hands-on" museum allowing children to hypothesize, manipulate, experiment and test their ideas and imagination.

Afterwards, in Rizal Park Children's Playground, the kids relished the swings and slide while the International volunteers felt like a kid again and played with their pupils. The kids really enjoyed the ambiance of the environment and they shared sumptuous foods prepared for them. The activity was ended at around 3:00 pm.

For the whole day event, this is one of the unforgettable experience of the kids together with the German volunteer-teacher and staff. Truly a fabulous day!



The kids explore their imagination in the career options section.



Ms. Mawe Saldares-Tour Guide, explained the important of the Library for the kids.



They feel the clean and fresh environment and Filipino culture for this section.



The kids from Gate 17 and 54, playing utensils, mono blocks and hula hoop, together with teacher Rafael



Eating time!



Moving Up Ceremony (May 31, 2017)



Moving up Ceremony is the most awaiting moment in students' life; it is a time of celebration of the achievements accompanied with challenges. However it is also the beginning for the new journey.

Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. Parola Center held the 5th Closing and Moving up Ceremony for Eskwelahan ng Buhay (Basic Home- Based Education Program) pupils. It was held at Delpan Covered Court Binondo Manila, last May 31, 2017 at 9:30am onwards. There are total of 46 pupils who received their Certificates and medals: 28 from Gate 54 Parola, Binondo and 18 from Gate 17 Parola Tondo. This event was facilitated and headed by the International German Volunteers who are the teachers of these pupils, Mr. Raphael Melloni and Mr. Alexander Meisenger.

Sr Frances Mangabat, SDS, Program coordinator gave an inspirational message to the parents with this year team: "Unang Hakbang sa Pagtatagumpay. Edukasyon Sandata sa Kinabukasan." Both teachers gave an intermission numbers together with their pupils and their parents.

Everyone were happy and excited during the events, for after several months of teaching, that day is the end and the beginning of another journey for the kids. Nearing at the end of the program, selected parents and kids extended their gratitude to their teachers.



Giving of Certificates, Medals and gifts.



Sr. Mila Singap giving her congratulatory message.



Thank you message by one of the beneficiary.



The beneficiaries with the teachers and the Puso Sa Puso Staff.



3-Day Mapping, Recruitment, and Information Dissemination for 5th Batch Learners

(May 31 – June 2, 2017)



On May 31 to June 2, 2017, staff together with the learners from all level conducted Mapping, Recruitment, and Information Dissemination Campaign for enrolment purposes for 5th batch learners. Before the actual enrolment campaign, staff coordinated with Barangay officials and sent request letter for the activities that we will hold for the said period

The campaign includes house to house information dissemination about our institution and the programs we offered for out of school youth and adults. Flyers distribution was also part of this campaign to better give more information to the community. Written advertisements in tarpaulin were being posted in different key areas in Payatas such as in Barangay Hall, parish, chapels, basketball courts, bridge, etc. Some queries of the people in the community were being addressed as well to understand more about the curriculum, institution's missions and enrolment concerns.

As of writing, sixty (60) enrollees already filled up enrolment form, interviewed and took Functional Literacy Test (FLT). General orientation will takes place this June 7, 2017 at ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center.

More Photos:



Teacher Rika explaining the program to the bystanders



Information dissemination in one court in Payatas



House to house recruitment procedure to find new beneficiaries of our institution



The parish and local police helping us for this enrolment campaign



Parola Parents and Learners' General Orientation
(June 7, 2017)



"All are excited, all are packed." As the school year begins, every student is excited to back in the school. Excited to see their old classmates and friends, excited to wake up early in the morning and waiting for the school bus driver to ring the bell as a signal that the time for school. And excited to attend the class and gain new learnings as new academic year starts.

In Pusong Buhay, Inc. ALSA BUHAY program, the new school year for the new batch of learners both elementary and secondary also begins. To start the new academic year aligned with the system and objectives of the institution, Pusong Buhay, Inc. Parola center conducted an orientation for both learners and their parents. It was held at Livelihood Learning Center at the 7th day of June 2017.

The whole day orientation was divided into two parts with the same program. First was held in the morning for the learners and the second part was in the afternoon for their parents. It was attended by 110 individuals, combined from 85 learners and 25 parents.

The orientation begins with the presentation on how Pusong Buhay, Inc. started. It also includes the different programs of the institutions and who are the people behind it. The first part of the program was done by Sr. Mila P. Singap, FLP Parola Supervisor. She gives importance the approach that Pusong Buhay will not give them fish but will teach them how to fish instead. After Sr. Mila, she was followed by Mrs. Mylene E. Ballaran, Instructional Managers. She discussed the Alternative Learning System (ALS) as one program of DepEd. She also focused on the difference between regular ALS approach to ALSA BUHAY approach as well as the activities of the institution. After Mrs. Ballaran she was followed by Mrs. Lucita Casero the livelihood coordinator as she discussed the livelihood activities as part of their subjects. She introduced the different products made not only by the learners but their parents as well. The last part was taken by the Social Worker Ms. Jennifer Basconillo, RSW who discussed the rules and regulation of Pusong Buhay, Inc. she also give and introduced the Memorandum of Agreement, a bond between the parents, learners and the institution.

Before the closing remarks, one of the partner of Pusong Buhay, Inc. in Parola the International Container Terminal Services, Inc (ICTSI) who enrolled of their scholars in ALSA BUHAY program also gave their orientation.

Photos during the two-part orientation in Parola:





5th Batch Learners' General Orientation
(June 7, 2017)



It's a full-packed day in ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center as the new batch of learners are set to commence their lives in our institution. A total of 73 enrollees from all level attended the General Orientation for 5th Batch last June 7, 2017. The activity was spearheaded by Payatas staff with various topics being discussed.

During the orientation proper, staff presented to the attendees the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Curriculum under the Department of Education (DepEd). They were given information of what ALS can provide to the Out of School Youth, the foundation of the program, current trends, and other updates.

On the second half of the orientation, brief history of Pusong Pusong Edukasyon, Inc. was shown to the attendees. Afterwards, staff presented the organizational chart of the institution which shows the people behind and the front liners. Various programs were discussed also to them to further immerse themselves to the new journey that they about to take. It is highly important that they are aware of existing policies and procedures of the institution. That is why they were oriented as well on the contract that stipulate the responsibility of the institution, learner, and parent. Finally, Sr. Frances Mangabat SDS, closed the program with high hopes of shared responsibilities for all parties and active involvement to the institution.

Photos:



Staff discussing some important points about the organization and its programs



Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS, giving encouragement to the new batch as part of her closing remarks



5th Batch Parents' General Orientation (June 9, 2017)



Parents play vital role in bringing good education to their children with continuous and consistent support. In line with this, another set of orientation was observed in Payatas Center last June 9 in which parents of the 5th batch enrollees attended. A total of 52 parents took their time in understanding and establishing a good linkage to our institution.

From Alternative Learning System Curriculum to Puso Sa Puso contract to the beneficiaries, they were given information on these imperative topics and points by the staff. An open forum was initiated as well to answer their queries and concerns pertaining to the program and the institution.

The orientation dedicated for parents turned out to be very pleasing and opens new opportunities that can benefit all in general. Parents' involvement can make a big difference in the life of students/learners.



Ms. Joceline Basconcillo explaining the contract to the parents (left photo); Distribution and signing of photos (right photo)



Livelihood Skills Training (June 2017)



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Last June 2017, 4th batch and 6th batch learners of both elementary and secondary levels from Payatas and Parola undergone series of workshops regarding entrepreneurship. Two topics were discussed such as "Basis of Choosing Your Business" from Module 2 and "Business Plan Making" under Module 3.

Learners also had some acting workshop of making product promotions. In addition, the learners also learned the basic way on how to start and manage business venture, the things they need to consider, and different habits that they must possess if they want to be successful in business. Furthermore, as a part of the activities, they also learn on how to make a powder detergent to provide opportunities and income generation not only for them but also for their family.

Photos:



Production of Detergent Powder



Entrepreneurship workshop



Monthly Mass June 2017
(June 21 & 28, 2017)



Another fresh start for ALSA BUHAY Payatas Center as the new batch of beneficiaries starting to immerse themselves in the new environment and new people that they will be dealing in the near future. To make it more meaningful, the first monthly Friday mass for 5th batch took place at Sagrada Familia Chapel and presided by our very own President, Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS.

In his Homily, Fr. Artur highlighted how our main organs such as the brain and heart being as one of the wonders of creation. Even their sizes are not too big, they hold so much memories, learning, and of course, our loved ones whom mark in our hearts forever. He also used this moment to give caring advice to the learners. He added that they should learn to say “yes” and “no” in many circumstances. Yes, to speak the truth and being honest, to be a kind person, to choose to help others, and to obey rules and following instructions. In similar manner, he advised learners to not to lie, cheat, bully, discriminate, and most importantly, no to addictions in general.

Meanwhile, on June 28, 2017, Wednesday, 10:00 am, the Eucharistic Celebration was also held at Puso sa Puso Livelihood Center, Delpan Tondo, Manila, presided by Fr. Artur Chrzanowski, SDS, and attended by ALSA BUHAY beneficiaries (6th and 7th batch learners) along with their guardians, and some beneficiaries from Puso Sa Puso Fire Response.

In his homily, Fr. Artur uses the analogy of the covenant between God and His people of Israel to the relationship between the Foundation and the learners. Like God's promises, the foundation promise to help the beneficiaries in changing their lives through free education, helping them to pass the Accreditation and Equivalency Test. But the learners must do their part to be faithful to their studies, by attending classes every day, and do their homework and projects. But it is not by education but also the spiritual aspects of their lives. All of these are all possible in the bond of friendship.

Photos:



Celebration of mass in Payatas, Quezon City



The photo was taken during the Eucharistic mass of Fr. Artur, SDS at Parola Livelihood Center



DepEd ALS Manila Immersion
(June 29, 2017)



The Department of Education - National Capital Region (DepEd-NCR) through the Curriculum and Learning Management Division (CLMD) conducted a Regional Training on series of Capability Building Programs and Skills on Flexible Learning Options (FLO) for Mobile Teachers, District ALS Coordinators, Instructional Managers, Service Providers and Implementers of Alternative Learning System. The training focused with the theme: "Bridging the challenges in Inclusive K to 12 Education through Alternative Flexible Learning Options" last June 19 – 23, and June 24 – July 3 2017 for Community Immersion.

The training was divided into 2 clusters; first, Basic Training Course on the Organization and implementation of ALS for New Instructional Manager and second, the Capability Program and Skills System ALS for the supervisors, specialist, leaders, providers, stake holders, partners, seasoned mobile teachers and Instructional Managers.

In line with this seminar, Puso Sa Puso Edukasyon, Inc. - ALSA BUHAY Program was chosen to be one of the community learning center where the immersion held. It happened last June 29, 2017 at around 9:00 am in the morning. It was headed by Ms. Mylene U. Rizaldo, Education Program Specialist and Mrs. Aquilina Tiama Public School District Supervisor together with other six DepEd and NGO personnel. They observed the class discussion and asked samples of forms, and reports use in the implementation of the program. They also interviewed Sr Frances Mangabat, SDS, ALSA BUHAY Program Coordinator and Sr. Mila Singap, FLP, Parola Supervisor for the same matter.

They visited both ALSA BUHAY Learning Center (Container van) where the Basic Literacy program and Elementary class held. They were impressed in the idea of having Peer facilitators who help the Instructional Manager in facilitating the class of the BLP. Livelihood center were also visited where the secondary learners have their class.

At the end of immersion, Mrs. Aquilina Tiama, PSDS motivates the learners to keep on their study and valued the free education given by the institution. They also extended their gratitude to the staff of ALSA BUHAY and to the people at the back of Puso Sa Puso for being their partner in the implementation of ALS.

Photos:



Sr. Frances Mangabat, SDS and Sr. Mila Singap, FLP during the interview of Deped personnel on how Puso Sa Puso implemented ALS program



An observation on the class of ALSA BUHAY learners.