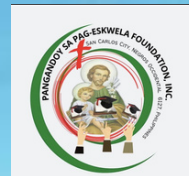


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Stewardship is a Way of Life



ANTIONETTE CABUGNASON, A SCHOLAR AND A STEWARD

It normally takes a village to raise a child but it takes sincere stewards to improve the lives of the community.

The spirit of volunteerism has always been alive in the hearts of Pangandoy sa Pag-eskwela Foundation, Inc., as the lives of the scholars have been the focus of its existence. Education, being the gist of the foundation, is holistically achieved, thanks to the favors in the form of physical and financial efforts endowed towards the students who are entirely deserving yet unfortunate in terms of finances.

Stewardship calls for sincerity and faith and this is what a Pangandoy scholar has to offer. Regardless of the situation, a scholar always find a way to survive, sustain, and eventually succeed.

Among others, the fact that passing the same kindness forward down to the following generation is a one-of-a-kind mindset, having it inculcated in the mind of the scholars is just plain great and worth emulating.



A Dreamer's First Step

Scholarships are opportunities given to bright and promising students. It benefits the unfortunate and those who are economically-deprived and marginalized. As education is basic among many Filipinos, for some, it is the one and only way out of poverty. These scholarships assist students in order to complete an education, sustain a degree, and eventually land a professional or decent job available.

More than being academically adept, scholars are also anticipated to be role models and responsible citizens who would contribute to a better society. While academic requirements are sometimes difficult to achieve in order to become a scholar, with the right mindset and dedication, social contribution can also be a basis.

Education leads towards life development and better future. Balancing academic and social participation means holistic development in the long run.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to give back to the community. A dreamer's first step to achieve an improved life is made easy, thanks to the stewardship which starts from kind and generous heart of the sponsors.

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Hopeful Scholars Fill Out Application Forms

Students from Sipaway National High School participated during the day of Pangandoy sa Pag-eskwela Foundation, Inc. campaign for scholarship application.

This activity is performed by volunteers of Pangandoy to spread awareness among prospective interested wards. The goal of the event is to encourage financially incapable yet deserving students in all of San Carlos.

Target applicants are from Public Schools where majority of the learners are born of very low to low-income families.

The Foundation aims to promote love of education and resilience during the hard times as the benefactors believe that education is the fastest and the only way to alleviate the situation of the scholars' families.

Moreover, the hope of passing the favor forward is high amongst both the current scholars and the volunteers.

Mission Statement:

We are a community of faith who believe in creating and nurturing relationships of life and love wherever we serve. We believe that our mission is to provide opportunities for poor but deserving students to fulfill their dreams through proper formal education that would empower them to become responsible citizens of both their community and the country as a whole.



PSPEFI holds blessing to transient office

Pangandoy sa Pag- Eskwela Foundation Incorporated (PSPEFI) has moved to its transient office on November 4, 2022 at San Carlos Borromeo Cathedral compound upon the approval of Msgr. Erwin Magnanao.

Rev. Fr. Joe Blas Nolasco, founder of PSPEFI, conducted the blessing ceremony with Rev. Fr. Prex Fajardo. PSPEFI Scholars, volunteers, and guests attended the ceremony.

Almost a decade now, PSPEFI occupied a space at Jumbo Snack Bar and Restaurant owned and managed by PSPEFI President Josefina L. Laguda in almost every occasion, recollection, and releasing of funds activities.

The new PSPEFI office will serve as the venue for scholars' events such as Values Formation, future releasing of funds, as well as for volunteers' meetings and recollection.

A Jolly Holy Christmas

By: Mary Geraldine Pardillo



VOLUNTEERS AND SCHOLARS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 2022

Christmas is extremely special and loved by many people around the world. It is celebrated every year with joy and happiness. The Pangandoy sa Pag-eskwela Foundation had its Christmas Party at San Carlos City Auditorium on December 18, 2022. The Pangandoy sa Pag-eskwela scholars, volunteers, and parents were present at the event.

The scholars entertained the audience by showing off their different talents. There were joyful singing and dancing. The scholars really showed that they are not only good academically but they can also showcase other skills. After that, Fr. Joe Blas explained the content of the Memorandum of Agreement in reference to the scholars.

Valuable lessons were received from the speaker Ms. Jocelyn, one of the scholar of Pangandoy sa Pag-eskwela Foundation. She shares her life story and the way God changed her life through the help of the foundation. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the volunteers and the sponsors, to Fr. Joe Blas and to the Lord.

She's now working as a permanent teacher. Ms. Jocelyn was really really grateful knowing that she can now help other people. After lunch, the Foundation gave Christmas gifts to the scholars. The event spread happiness towards the attendees.

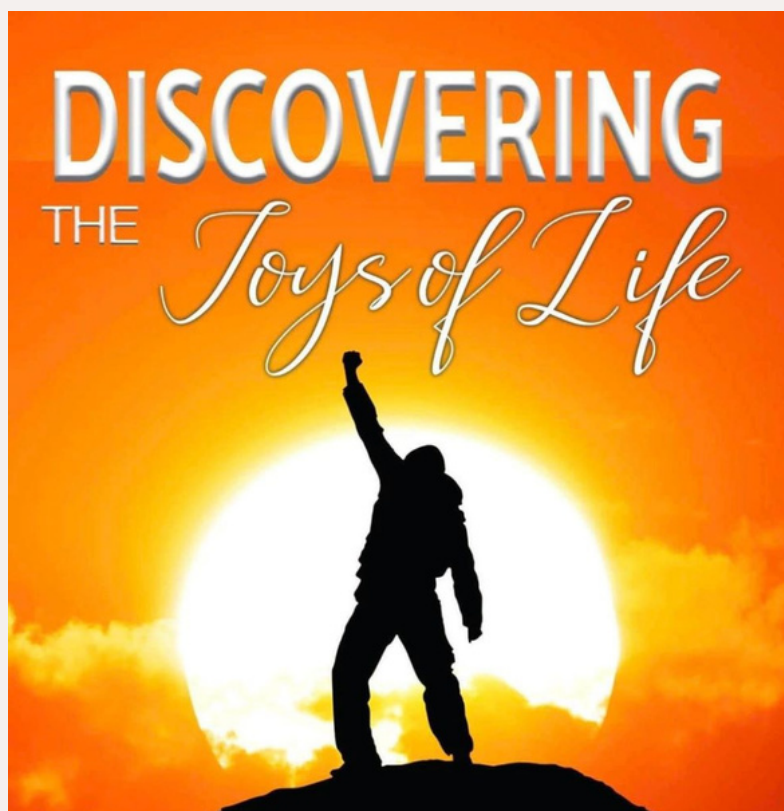
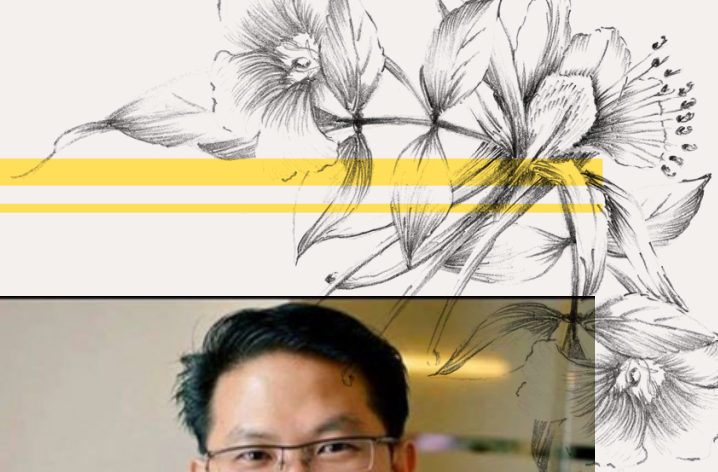
There were also games that the scholars enjoyed. Socialization and fellowship were evident.

The annual gathering made the end of the year a beautiful one. Just as Christmas is about sharing and giving, this was the time everyone reflect on life and be merry with family and friends.

Indeed, a jolly holy Christmas for everybody.



**Pangandoy Volunteers
Releasing of Funds and
Supplies to Scholars**



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rev. Fr. Jublas 'Joe Blas' Nolasco is a Catholic priest born in the Philippines. He has worked in high school, college, and parish settings in various capacities. He demonstrates his ongoing passion for all aspects of congregational development, church services, teaching and has 7 years of clinical experiences in hospital chaplaincy in Ontario, Canada. He is passionate about sports especially playing lawn tennis where he won Priest's International Tournament in open Singles category on June 28-30, 2019 in Lincoln, Nebraska at 2019,

He has enjoyed being retreat facilitator and inspirational speaker in different Catholic organizations. He founded PANGANDOY SA PAG-ESKWELA FOUNDATION INCORPORATED in the Philippines that provides educational scholarship for children who are poor but deserving students. He also founded Dream Spirituality Flames of Charity Foundations, Inc., Toronto, Canada whose mission is to develop people's spirituality and self-transformation, through contemplation and action (Spirituality), by serving the needs of the underprivileged including children and seniors who are in need (Charity) and through togetherness of its members supporting each other (Community).

He teaches the importance of discovering our spirituality and joys of Life as written in this book to urge readers to find their connection, their meaning, their purpose and their mission in life. He shares his personal journey and discovery in hospital ministry, after having enough experience with the elders who have provided the wisdom and life-giving principles in life.

A Life of Meaningful Purpose

This book is an invitation to self-discovery of our journey in life: to think about our life, to reflect what matters to us, to pay attention to what concerns us, to discover what we have missed, and to teach us how to live with joy and meaning in intentional consciousness and passion.

Instead of feeling like you are being stuck in the mud and trapped in your darkness, stress, unhappiness, illness, depression and the list could continue..

The author invites you to open your eyes around you; to listen to the voice of God; to feel within you; to experience the sights, the aroma, and the sound of the nature around you'. (Fr. Joe Blas)

Time to be alive, not just doing a lifeless routine.

Time to be awake, not stagnate in your unconscious behaviors,

-- Fr. Joe Blas --

**THE 7 LIFE-GIVING
PRINCIPLES OF A
MEANINGFUL LIFE**

FEATURE

Hurdles of Life

By: Mariel O.Almogen



Recognition Day SY 2021-2022

THE YEAR THAT WAS

"I am Jonh Paul Prajes, 18 years old. I am currently a First Year college student taking up Bachelor of Secondary Education - Major in Mathematics at Central Philippines State University, San Carlos Campus."

ANCOP Pangandoy has contributed a lot in his life because for him it really served as a bridge so that he could enter school happy, fulfilled, and dedicated. "I am very grateful to ANCOP Pangandoy for their endless support", he said.

He was a scholar since his First Year High School in Julio Ledesma National High School where he graduated last school year, 2021-2022.

Everyone's journey in life is not simple and each has a story to tell. When Covid-19 pandemic started, it is also the start of chaos, heartaches, and variety of emotions has been spilled.

I worked hard, studied hard and graduated with honors. Because of ANCOP Pangandoy, my skills were sharpened. I have been active as a member in various organizations inside and outside of school."

ANCOP Pangandoy plays an important role in the life of every young scholar who seeks a good life.

"So my advice to my co-scholars: Let's not waste the precious chance that has been given to us because it is a very unique blessing that we cannot simply pick up anywhere.", Jonh Paul Prajes added.

ABOUT KAHAYAG SA PANGANDYO



DID YOU KNOW?

Kahayag sa Pangandoy is the official publication of Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela Foundation, Inc, (Dream to Study Foundation, Inc.). Kahayag is Cebuano term which means light; and Pangandoy means Dream. Kahayag sa Pangandoy is therefore the Dream's Light. We believe that through this newsletter we are able to shed light on the youth's dream to study through publishing the true struggle to success stories of our beneficiaries so that the youth may find inspiration here. These beneficiaries who are now graduates were once dreamers, too. When Pangandoy found them, their dream to study became a reality. These are the stories that we want to share to our readers so that they will find a valid resource for continuing the fight for their dreams.

Cellphones in Education

Convenience or Distraction?

It is evident that in today's times, cellphones have been used by most of the population especially the students. According to Statistics, there are over 86.68 million of cellphone users in the Philippines as of the start of the year 2023.

According to the Digital Lives Decoded survey, 93% of cellphone users think using a mobile device enhances their quality of life.

Although it is shown in the studies that many people think that mobile devices are useful in their daily lives, it is clear that these mobile devices also brought disadvantages especially to the younger users.

Are mobile devices really brought convenience in the students' lives or did it just brought more factors of disadvantage to them?

In the field of education, Statistics shows that almost all registered Filipino students in Metro Manila, or 96%, use gadgets for distant learning lessons. These devices are used by around 64% of pupils in Luzon, while almost 4 in 10 students in Visayas (43%) and Mindanao (41%).

These numbers rose up during the course of the pandemic in 2020 until the current time. During the lockdown, schools were shut and most people were not allowed to go out of their houses. The government implemented distance learning modalities to continue the students' education even at the comfort of their own homes. This resulted to students using mobile devices as means of learning. Most of these students say that using their phones certainly brought convenience to their

lives as they can access the Internet for any information in just a few clicks. They can also communicate with their teachers easily with the use of phone.

While mobile devices have been proven useful to every student in the country, it also brought about disadvantages. It disrupts time management and distracts the students from their studies. A study by Tech Baji showed that most teenagers nowadays tend to waste their valuable time in playing mobile games, scrolling through social media, and other entertainment on their mobile phone instead of doing their home works and studying. The case of cyberbullying incidents also increased. This means that moderation and self-discipline are still key.

Now, are cellphones in education a convenience or a distraction?

The Art of Hardwork and Perserverance

By Bonime Mantalaba M. Apordo

"I dream of painting and then I paint my dream." – Vincent Van Gogh.

A third-year college student at Central Philippine State University and a Pangandoy sa Pag- Eskwela scholar, Ms. Antoniette Cabugnason is one of the gifted scholars of the foundation. She is gifted both in academics and in the aspect of art.

She started doing arts during her elementary years, Starting off with poster-making and painting, it took her until the year 2020, at the height of pandemic, to explore different forms of art, Eventually, she found herself interested in making portrait artworks. With her brother and her cousins who were also inclined in art, she found an inspiration to improve her art skills.

According to Cabugnason, doing artwork is not just an interest. I is also her way of self-expression. With every stroke of her pencil, she sees herself appreciating the beauty of art. Her skills in art improved by only watching YouTube tutorials and gathering tips entirely from the internet.

She never had the chance to have professional help in her art but she is hoping that a day would come when she would be able to attend an art class. "It is better to undergo professional training for the betterment of my artworks," she said.

Out of meager fees for some rendering she does, she helps her parents with the household expenses. It is one of her biggest goals. Her art is not just for herself. It is also for her family. Considering her father's income, her family is challenged financially. She's glad that because of her art, she can take at least a bit of load off her father's shoulders. She is now starting to accept art commissions with the goal of helping her parents in mind. Moreover, she is forever thankful that she became one of the ANCOF Pangandoy scholars as it bridges her goals of helping her parents early.

Once a Believer, Always an Achiever

By: Izzy B. Almogin

Ellen Mae Nepa is a Senior High School graduate from Our Lady of the Mountains Mission School, Inc. She has been a Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela scholar for more than six years already under the sponsorship of Ma'am Milagros Valdivia.

She graduated as the top one of their batch with a general weighted average of 94.4. With all the challenges that life brought her, she took a step closer to her dreams and she continues to strive to reach her dreams.

With a vegetable vendor for a father and siblings who are still studying, Ms. Nepa's life as a student has never been an easy ride. The financial struggles they have experienced and the stress brought about by school works had been one of the challenges she encountered. They were never considered hindrances for her to be an achiever in school.

She once put too much pressure on herself but then she realized that in order to succeed, all she need to do is work on her best. Thinking about her family and the help the Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela had given her, she became motivated. Her biggest goal in life is to have a stable job, so that she can help her family and support her siblings' studies out of her own money.

With the Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela helping her financially and helping her out, she is more than determined to move forward. Ms. Nepa is forever thankful that she was one of the lucky ones chosen as scholars.

"To Pangandoy, my sponsor and volunteers, I would like to sincerely thank you, for your generosity and support. Thanks to the Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela Foundation, my goals are within reach. I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me," Ms. Nepa said.



Global Walk



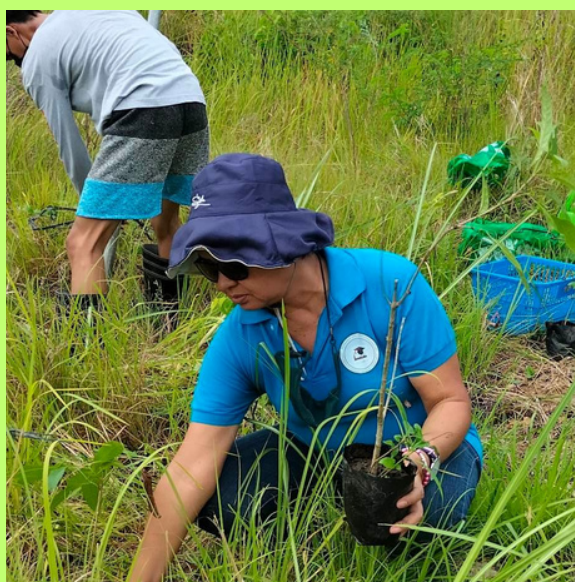
Home Visitation



FEATURING
THE PANGANDUY SA PAG-ESKWELA
VOLUNTEERS AND SCHOLARS

GALLERY *2022*

Tree Planting



Our Core Values

Faith, Love, Commitment, Compassion,
Respect, Generosity and Prayer



Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela (Dream to Study) Foundation, Inc. is a Prayer-Based community that helps in bringing Christ to the lives of those poor but deserving students who are need of financial moral support and values formation to pursue their dream and become a good servant leader.

Our primarily goal is to create an opportunity for every student to help their families through Dream Servant Scholarship Program.

For many Filipinos, Education is seen as key to poverty alleviation; however, getting a degree is a challenge for those with financial problems.

Our Scholarship was made through our benefactors partners such as ANCOP Foundation.

Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela Foundation Success Stories

As of 2023

80 Scholars Graduated in High School

15 Scholars Graduated in College

They are now Teachers, Engineers, IT Experts, Call Center Agents, Human Resources Staffs, Managers and etc.

Presently we have:

22 Scholars Studying in High School

51 Scholars Studying in College

12 Scholars Studying in Seminary



How to Support Us?

You can Support us through the following Program of the Foundation:

- Values Formations
- Gift Giving
- Relief Operations
- Feeding Programs
- Livelihood Programs

How Can We Support and Be Our Partner in the Mission to Educate the Poor?

Here are the ways to support our Programs:

- Volunteer and promote our cause
- Help us through Donations like:



- Sponsor a Student

High School

The contribution is \$300US dollars or equivalent to P 15,000 pesos annually.

College

The contribution is \$500US dollars or equivalent to P25,000 pesos annually.

Are you registered Charity?

Will I get a tax receipt for my Sponsorship?

Pangandoy sa Pag-Eskwela Foundation, Inc. is a registered foundation supervised and regulated by the Security and Exchange Commission of the Philippines. Issuance of receipts is made for any and all donations as mandated by the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

You may present this receipt in your home country for income tax filling purposes. Should their be any additional documents needed to support your claim, you may sent it to us for completion and we will sent it back to you the soonest.

Below Are the Information on How to Deposit Your Donation.

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Negros Occidental 6127
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Note:
Please inform us through email the amount of your donation and also attached the Donor name and Donor contact number.

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Allowing God to
Use You

GIVING:

Managing God's Resources to
Make a Difference for us Who
Believe in the Better Tomorrow