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### The President IN THE EYES OF Crucians

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Since President Atty. Dennis C. Pangan was appointed as the President of our dear Alma Mater Holy Cross College last November 2019, he has done a lot of things.

The HCC Community was impressed by his outstanding performance as a President. But how is he really in the eyes of the other officials?

"In a span of three months, he has accomplished more than what a president can accomplish in three years." Said the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Leticia Flores.

It is true, from the "Freedom Day", the President really did a lot since the start of his term, and many people, even the students appreciated him for this. For the projects he has accomplished for the past three months, he is still planning to do more. This gives the community more hope for a better HCC under his leadership.

Being a good leader does not mean you do anything without the opinion of those who will experience the service, a good leader always listens to those he rules.

The President is that kind of person everybody is given the freedom to state their opinion in front of him. This is through practicing one of the core values of HCC "libertas" which means liberty.



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# Living Fantasy

by Artthe Marie Khyle S. Maliwat

Once upon a fancy night, there was a school named Holy Cross College which themed a promenade into a Royal Gala that gave an atmosphere of a fairy tale life wherein every lady wears fashionable, shimmering, and dazzling gowns. They looked like real princesses crowned with exquisite tiaras from different kingdoms with their princes that served as their knight in shining armor.

The moment you stepped down your feet to the ground from that modern vehicle, your eyes immediately wandered the place you used to call school, but that day, it definitely looks like a palace, the home of the queens and kings that you wished to be when you were younger.

Then slowly, the gate opened as if it is a grand door getting ready for the entrance of the majesties. As you walk down the aisle covered with red carpet and decorated with ravishing flowers on both sides, your heart beats so fast due to various emotions you feel that moment as you gain the attention of everybody on every step you make.

As the wind swayed with the trees like they are dancing with each other, the royalties' gowns serve as the leaf in every turn they make as it swirls like a tornado while their knight in shining armor serves as the stem as they guide and protect their ladies for their every move.

You enjoyed the night socializing with your friends, getting to know others and even in just a short period of time you temporarily forgot all your burdens and problems in an instant but at the end of the day you have to face your challenges in order to get through to the next chapter of your life.

While sitting and chatting with your friends altogether in a round table with a perfect match of skirting, you are chuffed with the food you share with one another making your bonding merrier and unforgettable. A memory that marked your heart, mind and soul as it will be a big part of who you will become in the near future.

The event's queen, king, princess, and prince was declared that gave additional joy and honor to the said winners however, do not feel sad nor get envious of them because you're a princess, prince, queen, and king in your own way. You vary on your outfits but they are all aesthetic that is why you don't have to compete with others.

Everybody will have their time to shine, so if it is your time, just enjoy, embrace your moment but remain humble because the day will come wherein it is your time to set aside for others' shining moment. If that day came, accept it because you've already experienced it and that is more important than being envious.

Do not be greedy because you're a majesty born to be a role model for the sake of your compatriot.



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According to the VPAA "Everyone is given the chance to talk to him, even the Grade School pupils, and he listens to them. He gets the pulse of the community, promotes honesty and transparency, and inspires everyone to work for the achievement of the school's vision-mission and objectives. More than anything else, he loves his people and gives more than 100% of himself for their welfare."

When he was still a student, the President was also intelligent and until now, according to his former teacher Mrs. Elena S. Soliman, the current Assistant Principal of the JHS department. According to Ma'am Soliman, he was witty and filled with stocked knowledge.

"There was never a dull moment in my class when he recites and discusses what she describes."

The President is only at the start of his term, but he has already made a lot of changes. Inspiring a lot of students to study more and be like him when the time comes is also one of his plans. With the things he has done, the expectations of our community were surely exceeded by him.

According to Mrs. Arliza M. Reyes, the principal of JHS, "He takes good care of the school, his employees, and the students especially. He is very true in upholding the core values, Fides, Caritas, Libertas."

HCC is now flying high and under his leadership, with the performance the President is showing, surely in God's chosen time, there is no question that it will reach the highest peak.



## Humanity's Colleague

By Artthe Marie Khyle S. Maliwat

"I always believe in the goodness of human beings," said a woman who loves humanity, ladies and gentleman meet our Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) Dr. Leticia D. Flores.

Her age may be the same of your grandma but her concern and love for the Holy Cross College community can be compared to a mother's love. 62 is her age but purity is still marked on her heart. Humbleness is evident in her eyes while sharing her personal achievements. A.U.P Diliman graduate with the degree of Administration and served 11 years in total as a VPAA in various schools, no wonder that expertise in this field was attained.

She wants nothing but the betterment of our Alma Mater, accreditation of the Grade School department and Junior High School department is her proposal that if granted by the board of directors, an outside agency will objectively evaluate the school. There she proves that she is not just a display instead, an efficient leader that aims for goodness.

Furthermore, to discuss the proposal, she also shared that in accreditation, everything will follow because once you're accredited, it spells out quality

education. What a big blow! What can we ask for more if our VPAA is already kindhearted and has the beauty and the brain?

"In loving, you don't measure what you give", can you relate with this saying? "Just like your parents, they love you so much that is why they give you the best that they can." Such an impressive vision that a VPAA has. Now, that explains why some people give their all to someone they love unaware that they lose their own love for themselves, such a selfless act. She also makes you realize how parents love their children. We should be thankful for having these people who guide us to the right path like our parents, teachers and even those with higher positions.

If you're asking if what is the worst thing she encountered for being a VPAA, well, let me tell you that she does not take it as a bad experience instead, a learning experience and she believes that there's always beauty in an individual.

So, if you think that you're not beautiful enough, stop it because beauty can't only be based in your physical appearance but also in the kindness of your heart and the manners that you should have.

Always remember that if others like our VPAA believe in the beauty of an individual, then you should also believe the beauty you have, especially within.

If you're wondering why she loves humanity, then it is because she believes that a quality of being a VPAA must include the love for human beings. She also believes that the students will be the school's contribution to the future of the country.

So, do not fail and waste your school's effort in providing better quality education most especially your parents who work hard just for you to study and learn in a prestigious school.

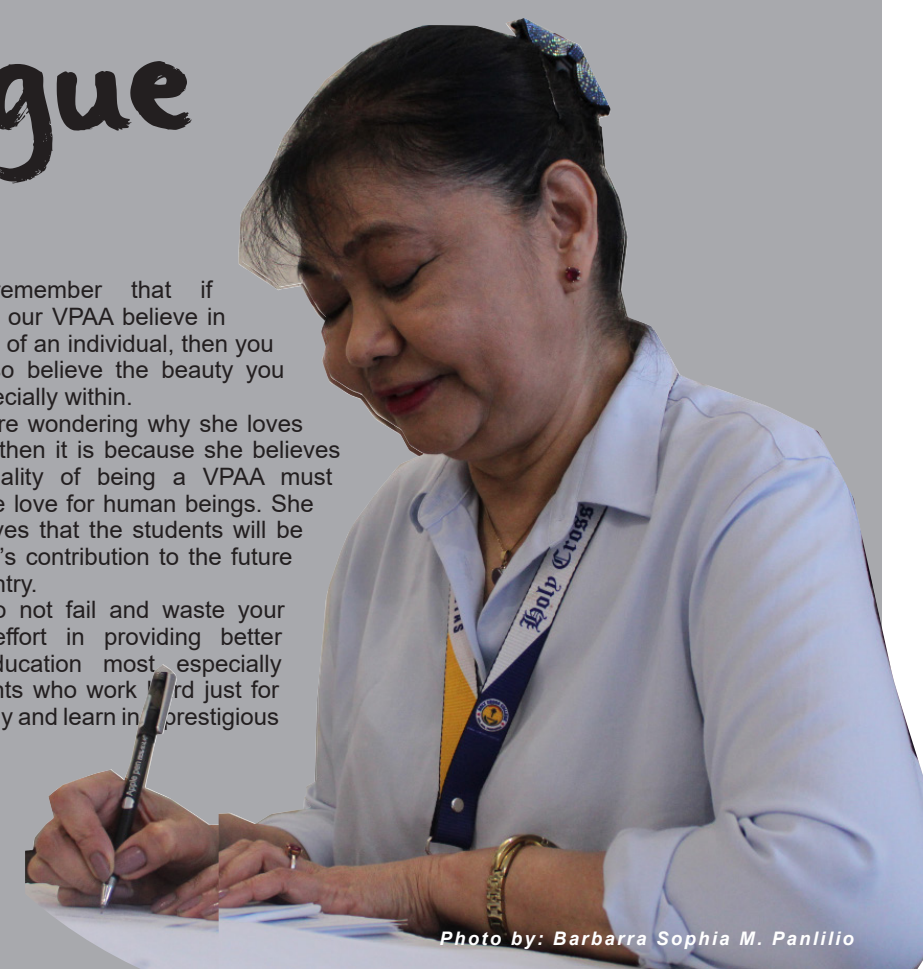


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