

# The President Within Your Reach

## HCC New Management: Atty. Pangan is the President

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### ATTY. DENNIS C. PANGAN SEATED TO SERVE AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE.

Atty. Pangan was appointed by the Board of Directors following the resignation of the former president Engr. Gervacio Alfredo N. Balatbat due to the conflict of interest with the latter's government engagement.

The qualifications, competencies and rich experiences of Pangan concretized his significant role in the continuous trudge to success of HCC. Pangan was named valedictorian of his class at Santiago Elementary School. An alumnus of HCC high school department, he was also the class Valedictorian of HCC Batch 85.

He was a Cum Laude graduate with a degree of Bachelor of Arts Major in Political Science at University of the Assumption. Also, Pangan was named valedictorian in Bachelor of Laws at San Beda College of Law who earned the 17th place in the 1993 Bar Examination with an average of 84.05%. Atty. Pangan has been a certified law practitioner since then, and a law professor of renowned universities in Manila.

As Pangan took the position late October last year, he started working for improvements and developments to assure that quality service will be rendered by the new management under his leadership, to the entire HCC community.

### FIDES. CARITAS. LIBERTAS.

"In order to have a total reformation in school, I have to start with our core values," Atty. Pangan answered when asked how he started the changes in HCC.

He shared that the idea of having Fides, Caritas and Libertas as the new core values of HCC would give a new start for the entire institution. It was inspired from the initials of the HCC founder, the late Rev. Msgr. Fernando Capati Lansangan.

Pangan explained that he did it for the purpose of honouring the HCC founder. Moreover, each core value was certainly meant for building the desired attributes of every Crucian. "I wanted core values that would mold the students, the teachers, the employees and all the stakeholders on what would be the direction of the school," Pangan said.

Fides (Faith), as part of being Catholic institution, the Christian values are imbued in every member of HCC. Caritas (Charity) is the fulfillment of every Crucian's quest of helping people most especially those who are considered less fortunate. Lastly, Libertas (Liberty), freedom is being promoted in HCC, where the students can freely express themselves as long as it does not exceed the bounds of the laws.

As of the press time, the school had embraced the use of these new core values and cascaded these from the top up to the bottom operations of the institution.

### PRESIDENT'S FIRST 100 DAYS

Fast forward to the first 100 days of his leadership, Pangan was lauded by the entire Crucian community for bringing numerous improvements and developments in Holy Cross College. Most of his brain-child programs and projects benefited both students and employees across all departments.

Consequently, the HCC community expressed its support to all the new and upcoming plans of the new president for a better HCC.

Camilo Lacanalale, SHS teacher said, "There are many changes, improvements and developments in HCC. With all of these, president got our support to continuously make HCC at its best."

Meanwhile, the students commended the way how Atty. Pangan dealt with school matters. A SHS student, Trisha Manaloto uttered, "The president is very hands-on. Yung changes na nagawa nya ay talagang nag benefit not only the students but also the teachers, parents and other school personnel."

On the other hand, SHS Principal Maria Teresa Edejer expressed her gratitude to the new management under the leadership of Atty. Pangan for attending to the needs of her teachers. "The new president was able to improve the communication line between the parents and teachers," Edejer said. Furthermore, she pointed out that it was very essential for the efficiency of the teaching-learning process towards learning success.

In an interview, Crux Magna group asked the president to rate himself on a scale of 1 to 100 after months of service. Pangan quipped, "I would give myself, 75." He shared that the Crucian community will expect more from him as the new school year starts.

### PRESS MEETS PRES

In an interview conducted by the SHS school publication team, the president was brought into discussion that focused on his figure as a man, as a father and as the new HCC president.

Describing himself when he was a young man, Atty. Pangan said, "Actually, mas mabait ako nung binata ako. But I did not enjoy so much of my time when I was a young man." The president recalled that during those times, he was very much focused on his studies. Being part of a not-well-off family back then, he said that he cannot afford to buy what he wants and even go to movie houses.

However, he emphasized, "Masarap maging mahirap." Atty. Pangan uttered that being poor makes people live life at its simplest form. "Less stress, but happier," the president wisecracked.

Digging deeper on his fatherhood, he proudly labelled himself as a good father. He used such adjective for he knows he does not only provide the needs of his daughters and son, but he makes sure that he gets to guide them in their studies.

As a father to his children, he sometimes asked them if they do not get mad at him. Surprisingly, according to Attorney, his eldest daughter even told him, "We're so proud of what you're doing in Holy Cross College." That even made him more motivated to perform his duties and responsibilities as a father and as the same time as the president of HCC. Subsequently, the president humbly claimed, "In this school, I am a father of 3,800 students."

An early-riser, he always makes sure that his job is in order. He shared that the only difficulty he has as of now is his travel time from Manila to Sta. Ana via Sta. Ana to Manila every day. Nonetheless, he also considered staying sometimes in their ancestral house in Sta. Ana especially when he needs to spend time longer in HCC, but he is required to be early by the next day. In the end, according to him, the rest of his roles in family and in work are just a matter of time management.

With all that have been told, Atty. Pangan could be defined as 'driven to always do his best to reach his life's rewarding moments'—being able to finish his studies with flying colors, land good paying job, build his own family, and now serve his fellows in his beloved Alma Mater, the Holy Cross College.

### 'LAHAT KASALI, KASALI LAHAT'

Wrapping up the interview, the president expressed that, in the realization of his visions for an improved and better HCC, it would mean collaborative efforts of all the people in the entire Crucian community.

President called everyone in HCC to use their hearts most of the times when dealing with people and other matters to live true to what the current mantra of HCC exactly tries to shout "The School with a Heart."

He looked forward for the cooperation of all. Pangan highlighted, "I need the support of everybody and we have to deal with all the problems of Holy Cross as one big happy family."

Also, he believed that working together, there is more for HCC to reach. "I cannot do it all without the support of all the stakeholders from the administrators, the faculty, the non-teaching staff, the students, the parents and the alumni," he added.

Pangan also shared the word TEAM of Dr. Elita Flor Umali that reads: Together Everyone Achieves More.

"With my administration, Lahat kasali, kasali lahat!" Pangan ended,

