

SR. MARIA SOCORRO CRISTINA LACANLALE FERNANDO, FMA, 1978

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."

"Education has for its objective the formation of character."

If this were so, anybody therefore who engages himself or herself in such a noble action is surely performing a noble mission.

Ladies and gentlemen, our next awardee is a true-blooded educator. She graduated her secondary education in 1978 from Paco Catholic School. Upon graduation she enrolled at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños where she finished B.S. Zoology in 1982. In 1997, she graduated M.A. in Educational Management from De La Salle University-Manila. In 2001, she finished the Annual Course for Formators in Consecrated Life in Rome, Italy and a few years later in 2004, she completed her PhD in Organization Development from the Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute - School of O.D., Antipolo City.

She found herself immersed in the field of education since her graduation from college. She started out as a science teacher at the Mary Help of Christians School in Canlubang, Laguna where she stayed for 2 years before she became a Christian Living teacher. Later on she was appointed Coordinator for the Basic Education Department of Holy Trinity Academy at Balic Balic before she was appointed to a higher administrative position. She was made Principal of Sta. Cecilia Catholic School (Grade School Department) in Canlubang from 1987-1989, the high school department of the same school in 1991-1993 and in 1998 -2000. After her five year stint as Principal of Don Bosco School in Sta. Mesa from 1993 -1998 she was made Principal of Mary Help of Christians School in Mabalacat, Pampanga. At present she is assigned as Principal of the Don Bosco School in Sta. Mesa. From time to time she is invited as speaker and is also an on call faculty of the Southeast Asia Interdisciplinary Development Institute of OD from 2004 to the present. She is also the author of several papers on Appreciative Inquiry and has conducted trainings and seminars for CEAP , Asian Social Institute and Asian Institute of Management among others.

Ladies and gentlemen, our Fr. Godofredo Aldenhuijsen Distinguished Alumna Awardee in the field of Education is Sr. MARIA SOCORRO CRISTINA LACANLALE FERNANDO.

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