

Archbishop Palma greets educators during World Teachers' Day Celebration

His Excellency Reverend Jose S. Palma, Archbishop of Cebu, bestowed his blessing on 689 educators and greeted them joyfully when he officiated the Holy Mass during the World Teachers' Day Celebration on October 5, 2011 at the Pavilion, DepED ECOTECH Center, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City.

In his homily, Archbishop Palma gave his deepest appreciation to DepED Region VII educational leaders and managers, led by Regional Director Recaredo G. Borgonia and Asst. Regional Director Carmelita T. Dulangon, for their success in attaining the goals of the Department.

Along with the theme, "My Teacher, My Hero", Archbishop Palma outlined the crucial responsibilities of educators, particularly stressing teachers' great influence on the lives of learners. He emphasized that teachers can serve as role models for the learners. "Teachers should bear all the odds brought about by their profession, for after all, they are called by God to deal with the children", he said.

He encouraged all educators to be the best "role model" in terms of knowledge, skills, attitude, and values as demonstrated by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He was still here on earth doing His ministry with His disciples. Jesus Christ is the true "unsung hero". He is the best example of being a true teacher, who is humble, loving, full of mercies, graces, and hope.

Regional Director Recaredo G. Borgonia was delighted with the presence of Archbishop Palma. "We, in the Department of Education-Region VII, have been exceedingly blessed today, having with us, our Most Rev. Jose S. Palma, Archbishop of Cebu despite his busy schedules ... This is the first time here in Region VII that no less than the Archbishop of Cebu celebrated our Holy Mass for the World Teachers' Day".

Other distinguished guests included Msgr. Fred Kriekenbeck, the Vicar General of Cebu, who spoke about "God, the foundation of our values and the norm of excellence", and House Representative Antonio L. Tinio of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers (ACT), who inspired the educators to persevere against the many and diverse challenges.

The Pavilion was packed with 689 educators. They comprised the Schools Division Superintendents, Assistant Schools Division Superintendents, Division and District Supervisors, School Principals and Teachers, representing the 19 Schools Divisions of the Region. The Regional Personnel were also present and in full force, acting as the host of the special celebration.

In the afternoon, the Top educational Performers were presented with awards of recognition. The following awardees were the top five (5) performing elementary schools, secondary schools, schools districts, top three (3) schools divisions with highest number of

Accreditation and Equivalency (A&E) test takers/test passers, and **highest percentage** of A&E passers for school year 2010-2011:

A. Elementary Level

Rank	Name of School	Schools Districts	Schools Divisions
1	Tabunok ES	Sogod	Cebu
2	Marangog ES	Bogo	Bogo City
3	Catigbian ES	Buenavista	Bohol
4	Quinoguitan ES	Loboc	Bohol
5	Caduawan ES	Tabogon	Cebu

B. Secondary Level

Rank	Name of School	Municipality
1	Cebu City National Science HS	Cebu City
2	Siquijor Prov'l. Science HS (Tambisan NHS)	Siquijor (Capital)
3	Tanjay City Science HS	Tanjay City
4	Siaton Science HS	Siaton
5	Mandaue City NHS	Manadaue City

C. Schools Districts

Rank	Schools District	Schools Divisions
1	Bogo II	Bogo City
2	Cebu City-ND 6	Cebu City
3	Antequera	Bohol
4	La Libertad	Negros Oriental
5	Bindoy	Negros Oriental

D. Schools Divisions

Rank	Schools Divisions
1	Bogo City
2	Siquijor
3	Naga City

E. Alternative Learning System (ALS)

E.1 Divisions with Most Numbers of Test Takers

Rank (National Level)	Schools Divisions	Total Number of Test Takers
2	Cebu Province	3,282
6	Bohol	1,863

E.2 Divisions with Most Number of Test Passers

Rank	Schools Divisions	Total Number of Test Passers
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(National Level)		
2	Bohol	726
3	Cebu Province	643
5	Cebu City	620

E.3 Divisions with Highest Percentage of Passers

Rank (National Level)	Schools Divisions	Percentage of Passing
9	Bogo City	67%
10	Siquijor	63%

Media partners were also present and their support helped to make the celebration a great success.

This great occasion marked another milestone for DepED Region VII. Kudos to everyone!



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Regional Director Recaredo G. Borgonia together with Asst. Regional Director Carmelita T. Dulangon lead the educators during the Holy Communion.



Dir. Recaredo G. Borgonia hands the Plaque of Recognition to Dr. Bernardo Ysulan, Schools Division Superintendent of Bogo City Division as the Top 1