

THE PEACE EDUCATION MODULES / SOURCE BOOKS

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Good morning and Peace be with you!

On September 13, 2011, Sr. Mary Thomas C. Prado, OSB convened 5 educators namely, Mr. Juanito Dona, Jr. of the Grade School Unit, Mrs. Maria Lourdes Cura of the High School Unit, Dr. Angelina Gutierrez of the College Unit, myself and Mrs. Florina "Lala" Castillo, an icon on peace education and former Grade School Principal of this institution.

We were introduced to a task that made all of us excited. We will be the team commissioned by the President to write peace education modules for SSC - the four of us as authors, and Mrs. Castillo as our consultant.

This commissioned work is an off-shoot of the 3 major institutional peace projects that were launched on February 24, 2011, and the school's partnership and collaboration with the Mayors for Peace Movement in Japan, as part of the school's renewed commitment to the peace advocacy initiated by Sr. Tammy, the then VPAA. It is with and through this partnership with Mayors for Peace Movement that we were able to get copies of well-written peace books and resource materials that Japan has provided us with through Ms Naoko Okimoto. These peace books are now made part of the peace studies collection in the College Library. These peace book collections have been very helpful in completing the peace modules and so our heartfelt gratitude as well to Ms Naoko Okimoto and Japan's Mayors for Peace Movement.

Aside from the peace books sent to us, we were also in constant communication with Ms Naoko with regard to the promotion of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Study Courses, as part of the peace education program of SSC. We will be sending her a copy of the peace education curriculum that the team has prepared for the Grade School, High School and College Units.

The Peace Education Program through the Peace Modules further affirms and strengthens our commitment to and for Peace. As this will be made part of our curriculum across the three Units, it will concretize our continuous efforts for peace building. It will affirm that truly, education is a gateway for peace to happen.

The team is way behind from the target date of completion, and there are still modules for certain levels yet to be complete, and we sincerely apologize, Sr. Tammy. But we are very happy, just the same that St. Scholastica's College, Manila has Peace Education Program and modules in all Units, even for employees. We are thankful that the team has been God's instrument in the realization of this project; and we believe that we will be one in its implementation.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank the Unit Heads and administrators, our Librarians, the classes and co-teachers who participated in the content and face validation, as well as in pilot running. Prof. Happy Castillo for all the designs – for being our artist and photographer; and Ms Vicky Usi for being our encoder. Our sincerest and special gratitude to Sr. Tammy for the trust. Thank you very much Sr., for believing in us.

This project was conceived from the heart of Sr. Tammy; written from the heart by the team of authors; it will be given life by all of us as we commit ourselves in implementing the peace education program.

Peace be to all. That in all things, the God of Peace is glorified.

Thank you very much.