




**MANILA ARCHDIOCESAN AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS
ASSOCIATION, INC. (MAPSA, INC.)**

U R G E N T ! ! !

DATE : 26 FEBRUARY 2008
TO : CEAP-NCR/MAPSA HEADS OF SCHOOLS
FROM : 
MSGR. GERARDO O. SANTOS
Director, CEAP-NCR/President, MAPSA Executive Council
RE : CALL TO COMMUNAL ACTION

Greetings in the spirit of hope!

Many people are asking what is happening with our country. They wonder: What do Catholic schools do in this situation? To this query, I point to pedagogies which have been found to be effective for teaching about values, and these strategies may be described as: **1) from subject- to person centered education; 2) from passive reception of knowledge to discovery learning; 3) from factual recall to a-relevant-to-life kind of education; 4) from knowing and understanding to evaluating and deciding; 5) from individualistic development to sharing and interdependence; and 6) from terminal to ongoing formation.**

It is in this light and our Bishops' call to Communal Action that I invite you and your school communities to participate in activities organized and/or supported by the WATCH, PRAY and ACT MOVEMENT as they lend to be educative moments and effective learning tools adoptive in all levels in the academic ladder.

Active in the WATCH, PRAY and ACT MOVEMENT are the **Association of Major Religious Superiors of the Philippines (AMRSP), Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines – National Capital Region (CEAP-NCR), Inter-diocesan Catechetical Ministry (ICM), Manila Archdiocesan and Parochial Schools Association (MAPSA)** and the **Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB)**. The paper herewith of Dr. Benjamin Tolosa of the Ateneo de Manila University presents a clear rationale for the need for our nation's re-awakening praying, discerning, deciding and undertaking courses of action for unearthing truth, exacting responsibility and effecting meaningful reforms.

While medium and long-term action plans are being finalized, allow me to inform you about and invite you, your faculty, students and staff to be one with all others in the following activities even if only for the promotion of responsible citizenship in our society:

- 1. Ecumenical and Inter-religious Rally vs. Corruption**
Friday, 29 February 2008
Assembly at 2:00 p.m.
at Don Bosco Technical School, Pasong Tamo in Makati

School buses may be parked in the campus.

We shall walk to Paseo de Roxas

For your information, the WATCH, PRAY and ACT MOVEMENT symbol is the right hand palm; color is green

We shall prepare a lead streamer which would bear: WATCH, PRAY and ACT MOVEMENT as our participation must be correctly identified. At this point, we are not calling for PGMA to step down.

Our participation for Truth, Accountability and Reform

Bring placards which may communicate any of the following:

Manindigan para sa katotohanan!
Neri, tell the truth!
Neri, magsalita ka na!
Implement the abrogation of EO 464!
Ang hadlang: EO 464!
Ilabas and katotohanan!
Ihabla ang nangungurakot
Tama na! Itama na!

Invited participants: College and senior high school students, as many as possible

2. BUSINA – stands for “Buong Bansa Sumisigaw: Tama Na, Itama Na!”

Students are to congregate on the sidewalks outside respective schools; make as much as possible; blow car horns where possible; call on passing vehicles to do the same as noise is an expression of disgust; it is also a call to vigilance us exposure to danger.

2.1. **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** – College students

2.2. **3:00 – 3:30 p.m.** – Basic education pupils

3. MASSES for Truth, Accountability and Reform, 10:00 a.m.

| | DATE | SPONSOR/VENUE | ADDRESS |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1 st | February 17 | La Salle Green Hills | 343 Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City |
| 2 nd | February 24 | Adamson University | 900 San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila |
| 3 rd | March 2 | University of Sto. Tomas | España, Sampaloc, Manila |
| 4 th | March 9 | De La Salle University-Manila | 2401 Taft Avenue, Manila |

We shall send you information for Masses for Truth and Accountability on subsequent dates as soon as they shall have been finalized.

4. Signature Campaign

A copy of the letter soliciting signatures is herewith.

Signatures must be on the same side of the sheet which bears the text of the letter.

If needed, print more copies

Send letters duly signed to the **MAPSA Office on or before Friday, 14 March 2008**

- 5. Organize truth centers or better yet make of your entire schools truth centers by obtaining as much relevant and accurate material for information and formation of your learners; and encourage/guide teachers, where necessary, in integrating these in their classroom lessons and activities.**

May our Lord of History bless our efforts!
Thank you very much.