



## PSD amplifies core value through Pastoral Visit

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PSDians from Grades 10 to 12 gathered in the first ever Pastoral Visit which aimed to strengthen students' faith on January 29 in the EVB Gymnasium.

To kick off the program, School Principal, Dr. Alexander S. Acosta, welcomed Rev. Fr. Rodel Aclan, the Assistant Parish Priest in the Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, and Rev. Fr. Nelson G. Zerda, the Rector of the Basilica Minore del Santo Niño de Cebu.

***“Today, we are blessed and fortunate enough to have with us the presence of Fr. Nelson Zerda and Fr. Rodel Aclan who, despite their busy schedules, have time for us,” Dr. Acosta stated.***

Then, Fr. Zerda spoke about a time when his life was filled with worry. Despite this, God's generosity helped him make it through, giving him bigger things than what he asked for.

Additionally, Fr. Aclan shared the principles of identity, community, excellence, distinction, and the achievement of dreams for students to dwell on. One key takeaway highlighted doing something for the betterment of this world. He shared,

***“In everything you do, it must be your one hundred percent because this is what God demands of us; Not for perfection, but for one hundred percent.”***

According to 11-Cobalt student, Catrynn Fajardo, *“This [pastoral visit] experience widened my mindfulness as the pastors gave short but meaningful speeches.”*

To further welcome the priests, an array of performances was presented by different school clubs namely: Intermediate Chorale performing “A Million Dreams” while the PSD Hiyaw Dance Troupe showcased its cultural rendition of Binasuan. Meanwhile, the PSD Chorale entertained the crowd with its performance of the Kruhay which translates to “Long Live”.

The Finale number featured the PSD Hiyaw Dance Troupe and Junior & Senior Dance Club in their spiritual presentation of Sinulog.

One of the performers, Fiona Custodio of 9-Mendeleev, stated: *“The event did not only help me show my dancing skills, but it also gave me a deeper connection with God and showed me the different performances in the Philippines.”*

The visitation of Fr. Aclan and Fr. Zerda sought to connect Christian students with their faith, anchored in one of the school's core values, Pro-God.





The PSD Hiyaw Dance Troupe performs a Philippine traditional dance, Binasuan.

Dance clubs' moderators, Ms. Sarah Garcia and Mr. Lochlan Villacorte, also take part in a spiritual presentation.

## YAW DANCE TROUPE SINULOG



The Intermediate Chorale raises feelings of awe for their rendition of A Million Dreams.



The PSD Hiyaw Chorale showcase their vocal prowess as they sing the Filipino folk song, Kruhay.



The students dance with faith, amplifying the Sinulog Festival message, "Pit Señor."



Smiles painted on the performers' faces as they offer a dance to the Almighty



Rev. Fr. Rodel Aclan sparks a connection with the students through an uplifting speech.