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Nurturing Souls, Embracing the Sacraments

The Faith and Virtue program is an initiative led by the Servers of God Ministry, in collaboration with FCL700 students and the UPHSL Community Outreach Department. It is a community outreach effort aimed at guiding young individuals in their spiritual development by preparing them for and helping them experience the sacraments, such as Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, and Reconciliation.



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The program seeks to strengthen students' connection with God, the Church, and the wider community by providing a supportive environment to deepen their understanding of the faith. By involving families, educators, and the local community, the program fosters a collaborative approach to character and values formation. It encourages students to internalize and live out Christian virtues like faith, hope, and love, equipping them to embody these principles in their daily lives. Ultimately, the Faith and Virtue program aims to form spiritually enriched individuals who are both grounded in their faith and capable of contributing positively to society.

The first phase of the program focused on the Sacrament of Baptism. It began with practice sessions for student catechists from the SGM Catechetical Ministry, preparing them to teach young learners about the sacrament. A sample teaching session was conducted at the UPHSL Basic Education Department on November 7, 2024, followed by the actual teaching at Pedro H. Escueta Memorial Elementary School on November 20, 2024, where two Grade 1 sections received instruction on Baptism.

Following the sessions, SGM coordinated with the San Antonio de Padua Parish (SADP) to finalize the baptism schedule and requirements. Consent forms and a list of required documents were distributed to students at PHEMES, resulting in 20 initial submissions. After confirming the final number of participants, preparations such as invitations, souvenirs, and committee assignments were made.



A pre-baptism seminar for the students and their parents was held on December 14, 2024, led by catechists from SADP. They explained the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism and its spiritual benefits. On the same day, invitations, souvenirs, and baptismal candles were distributed. The baptismal ceremony followed shortly after, with 17 students successfully receiving the sacrament. It was a joyful occasion, as parents witnessed their children begin their journey in the Christian faith.

The success of the first phase of the Faith and Virtue program stands as a testament to what can be achieved when a community unites in faith and purpose. Through the collaborative efforts of student catechists, educators, parish leaders, and families, seventeen young souls were lovingly welcomed into the Christian community. More than just a religious milestone, the Sacrament of Baptism became a powerful symbol of renewed hope and spiritual growth—for the children, their families, and everyone involved. As the program continues to unfold through the succeeding sacraments, it nurtures not only faith but also the timeless values that mold compassionate, God-centered individuals ready to make a difference in the world.

