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Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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but only for the information of DepEd officials,
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**FAMILY ROSARY CRUSADE (FRC) PHILIPPINES, TRY PRAYER!
IT WORKS! CONTEST 2026**

Attached is a letter from Fr. Terence Abranches, CSC., National Director,
invites students to join the **Try Prayer! It Works! Contest 2026** in both public and
private schools across the region.

The contests aims to promote the culture of prayer and create an avenue for
children and youth to showcase their talent and understanding of Catholic
teachings.

The target participants are Grades 4 to 10 students from both public and
private schools.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-
disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled
*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance
Therewith*.

You may send your queries to:

Mr. Criz de la Cruz
Youth Coordinator
Family Rosary Crusade Philippines
email address- frcphil@yahoo.com
Mobile number- 0998-9893138/02-8354-1374

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are
given the discretion to act on this matter.

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FRC Philippines TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS! CONTEST 2026

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Crizalde Dela Cruz <crizalde.smrde@gmail.com>

Tue, Dec 30, 2025 at 9:42 PM

To: region8@deped.gov.ph

Greetings from the Family Rosary Crusade Philippines!

We would like to invite your students from DepEd REGION VIII schools to participate in our yearly contest: "TRY PRAYER IT WORKS 2026" for Grade 4 to Grade 10 students.

Please see attached documents.

Thank you and God bless

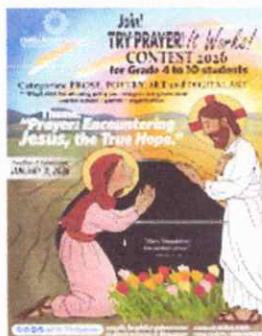
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HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES

December 29, 2025

DR. RONELO AL K. FIRMO
OIC-Regional Director
DepEd Region VIII
Palo, Leyte

Dear Dr. Firmo,

Pax Christi!

Since 1977, **Family Rosary Crusade (FRC)** has been in the Philippines supporting the mission of our founder Fr. Patrick Peyton, to promote family prayer, especially the rosary. We are internationally affiliated with Holy Cross Family Ministries in Boston, Massachusetts, USA which oversees the mission legacy of Fr. Peyton.

Beginning 1999 and every year thereafter, FRC has been holding an annual creative contest called **TRY PRAYER! IT WORKS!** The contest aims to promote the culture of prayer and create an avenue for children and youth to showcase their talent and their understanding of Catholic teachings. The contest has four (4) categories: **Art, Prose, Poetry and Digital Art** and is open to students from **Grade 4 to Grade 10**. Cash prize of P5,000, medal, certificate and plaque await both the winning student per grade level and the school where she/he is enrolled. The winning entries automatically qualify to the international level as official entries from the Philippines and will compete against 18 countries worldwide.

We wish to invite your school students from DepEd Region VIII schools (from grade 4 to 10) to join our **Try Prayer! It Works! Contest 2026** by deepening their faith creatively and be recognized by an international organization for their exceptional talent. This year's contest theme is **"Prayer: Encountering Jesus, the True Hope."** Submission of entries is until **JANUARY 31, 2026** (Deadline). Please see attached rules and guidelines.

Our School and Youth Coordinator in the person of Mr. Criz dela Cruz will be available for inquiries about of our contest through his mobile number **0998-9893138 / 02-8354-1374** (office) or Facebook account: **FRCPhilippines** or e-mail: **frcphil@yahoo.com**.

Thank you very much and may God bless you and your endeavor.

In Jesus and Mary,


FR. TERENCE ABRANCHES, CSC
National Director

The family that prays together stays together. — FATHER PATRICK PEYTON, C.S.C., FOUNDER, 1909-1992