

## **CEAP Statement on its 2011 National Convention**

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The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) during its 2011 Annual Convention with the theme: “Building a Culture of Peace: Sharing the Vision, Living the Dream” affirms the important role of our schools in building a culture of peace and the transformative role that Catholic education plays in realizing that vision.

Therefore, as the largest private educational association in the country, servicing students from basic to tertiary education, and true to our mission as the Church’s instrument in bringing Christ to the world, we hereby commit ourselves to creating communities of peace within our schools, communities and beyond.

- We call on the CEAP Regions and individual member institutions to appropriate for themselves their understanding and practice of a culture of peace in their communities.
- We urge our partners in teaching the young to join us in this endeavor to create a world where wholeness, integrity, harmony, justice and order prevail.
- We invite all our member schools, colleges and universities to respond to pressing concerns such as education reform, corruption, cheating, discrimination and others that affect Catholic and private education
- We apologize for whatever shortcomings we have done, wittingly or unwittingly, to deepen the situation of unpeace and conflict.
- We are resolved to support the peace processes between the government and the different armed groups, and the many peace initiatives of people of goodwill.

In our prayer, we look on to Christ, our Teacher and Prince of Peace, as our inspiration and source of all that is peaceful. And we ask the loving hands of Mary, the Queen of Peace, to guide us as we live as true Christians – creators and agents of Peace.