

to peace is a difficult terrain, but we nonetheless count on the national and local authorities to take the lead. We, the Filipino people, deserve nothing less than this.

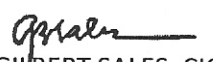
For our part, we commit ourselves anew to intensified efforts in all our schools to educate our students in the Christian way of charity in truth, justice, and peace. We pledge to form our students in the appreciation of democratic structures and of the social imperatives of living in a multi-religious, multi-cultural free society. We will teach them the history and causes of the problems now faced by the peoples of Mindanao, and acknowledge that all of the Philippines share a responsibility for peace there. We will collaborate to mold our students towards the elimination of prejudice between Christians and Muslims.

We pray for and extend our deepest sympathies and solidarity to the families of the victims, and to all the others whose loved ones have suffered similar injustice in the past. This brazen use of power must stop. We enjoin all citizens to be vigilant in protecting the sacred principles and values in which our society is anchored in. We will not let the victims die in vain by making sure that, in choosing our future leaders, we will entrust power only to those who will use it with responsibility, integrity, humility, and respect for human life. We will remain steadfast in our commitment to the protection of life, to peace, to freedom.

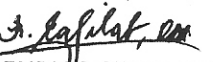
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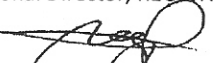

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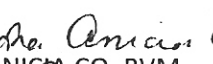

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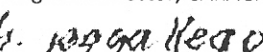

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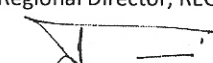

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