

CMO 46 s. 2012
Incompatible with the Missions
of Catholic Schools

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CEAP DISCUSSION FORUM
ON CMO 46 s. 2012

CMO 46 Violates the Academic Freedom of PH HEIs

- Especially the Academic Freedom of Private HEIs
- Before we discuss this, some historical notes.
 - PAASCU and CEAP asked CHEd to postpone approval of the CMO
 - CHED did not grant this

CMO 46 arrogates to itself the power to define the mandate of all PH HEIs

- “Philippine higher education is mandated to contribute to building a quality nation...” (Sec. 1) Here, CHED overreaches its mandate under RA 7722.
- Confirmed in the “Briefer on CMO 46 s. 2012”

Catholic HEIs derive their missions *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, not from CHED

- For every Catholic University
 - Institutional autonomy
 - Academic freedom
 - “It possesses that institutional autonomy necessary to perform its functions effectively and guarantees its members academic freedom...” (ECE, 12)

The Church's Respect for
the academic freedom of
Catholic Universities
proceeds:

....From a DEEP FAITH

....From a DEEP HUMILITY

- CMO 46 s. 2012 murders the soul of higher education in the Philippines

While OBE is not universally appropriate, CMO 46 locks all PH HE into this inappropriate method of QA

- All evaluated for contribution to the “quality nation.”
- But HEIs normally treat topics of importance beyond “the quality nation.”
- These would therefore be beyond evaluation under CMO 46

There are valid HEI Activities that do not end in meaningful outcomes.

- CMO 46 is a Procrustean Bed
- In the powerful implementation of the imperfect system, PH HE will be harmed.
- Ongoing search for truth, despite perennially contested concepts
- Catholic schools necessarily deal with these.

CMO 46 imposes its system, categories
and ends on the HEIs, truncating
academic freedom

- This is inappropriate.
- This is illegal.

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Thank you!