

POVERTY REDUCTION



The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ...

(Gaudium et Spes, 1)

Joys and the pains must be shared

As Paul says: "If one part is hurt, all the parts share its pain. And if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:26).

Both pain and joy must be shared. As one body we will experience deeply one another's agonies as well as one another's ecstasies.

We have to remember that joy is hidden in the pain. When we share the pain we also will share the joy."

Pope Francis & the Poor

God shows the poor "his first mercy". This divine preference has consequences for the faith life of all Christians... inspired by this, the Church has made an option for the poor which is understood as a "special form of primacy in the exercise of Christian charity, to which the whole tradition of the Church bears witness (Evangelii Gaudium, 198)

Pope Francis' visit to the Philippines is in the context of the church's solidarity with the suffering and disaster-afflicted communities



CBCP and the Poor

- Identified 2015 as year of the POOR
- Second pillar of New Evangelization...
“bringing Good News to the poor.” Again and again, Filipino Catholics coming together to discern priorities, have seen that the Church here must become genuinely **“a Church for and with the poor.”**

(Pastoral Letter on the Era of New Evangelization)



PCP II and the Poor

PCP-II opted to become a Church after the model of the Trinity: "We mustbecome a community after the image of the Divine Trinity itself" (PCP-II, par. 660).

"a people made one with the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" (*Lumen Gentium*, 4).



PCP II and the Poor

Church of the Poor will also mean that the Church will not only evangelize the poor but **that the poor will themselves become evangelizers**. In its work of evangelization, there will be a preferential reliance on the poor (PCP-II Acts, par. 132).



(from PCPII)

That all Filipinos may have life in its fullness and bring forth a free nation, nurturing a civilization of life and love.

- Where human dignity and solidarity are respected and promoted;
- Where moral principles prevail in socio – economic life and structures;
- Where justice, love and solidarity are the inner driving forces of development.

The Catholic School as a Service to the Church and to Society

*(Sacred Congregation of Education,
The Catholic School, 62,63,61)*

The Catholic school community, therefore, is an irreplaceable source of service, not only to the pupils and its other members, but also to society... Society can take note from the Catholic school that it is possible to create true communities out of a common effort for the common good...it is called to render a humble loving service to the Church by ensuring that its presence is in the scholastic field for the benefit of the human family.

In this way the Catholic school performs “an authentic apostolate”(23). To work, therefore, in this apostolate “means apostolate performing a unique and invaluable work for the Church”(24).

The cooperation required for the realization of this aim is a duty in conscience for all the members of the community—teachers, parents, pupils, administrative personnel. Each has his or her own part to play. Cooperation of all, given in the spirit of the Gospel, is by its very nature a witness not only to Christ as the corner-stone of the community, but also as the light Who shines far beyond it.

To summarize:

- Catholic schools are reminded that they are irreplaceable source of service to the Church.
- Catholic schools are challenged to provide a transforming educative process towards achieving life in its fullness and bring forth a civilization of life and love, for this cooperation of all members of the community given in the spirit of the Gospel is required, for this is a duty in conscience.

TRANSFORMING LIVES, BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SYSTEMIC CHANGE

The Adamson University Experience
on Eradicating Poverty

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The History



Adamson University was founded by [Dr. George Lucas Adamson](#), a Greek chemical engineer with the assistance of his cousins, the brothers [Alexander Athos Adamson](#) and [George Athos Adamson](#)

1932

The History



turned over to the
Congregation of the
Mission

1964

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1964

- From a school of Industrial Chemistry
- Center of quality education especially for the disadvantaged members of society.



I. THE BACKGROUND



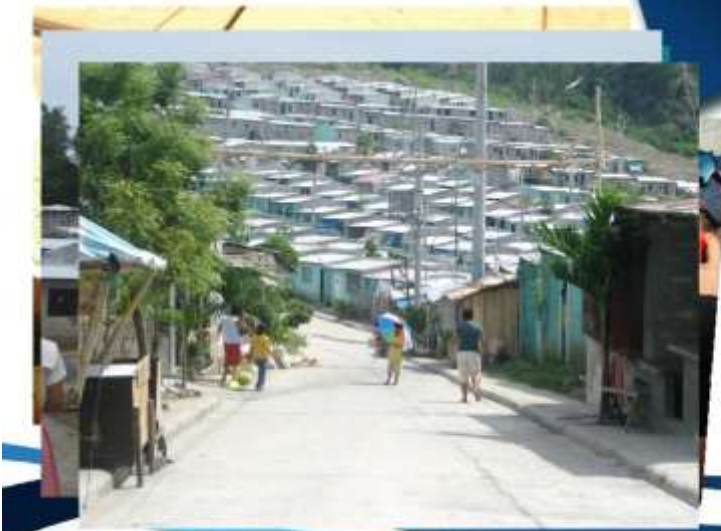
Demolition

2004



Relocation

2004





100,000 households



From Northrail and Southrail
Philippine National Railways (PNR)



100,000 households

Transferred in the provinces of Bulacan, Cavite,
Pampanga, Laguna and Rizal



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United Nation's Millennium Development Goals



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PRINCIPLES

- Values-based
- Engagement-led
- Savings-based
- Community-centered
- Gift-based



II. THE PRINCIPLES



PRINCIPLES

○ Values-based



Poverty is a mindset that has to be changed. It is externally seen as material lack

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PRINCIPLES

○ Values-based



it is a set of cultural patterns that are developed through time due to the lack of options incurred by their situation

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PRINCIPLES

○ Values-based



daily struggle for survival made the poor so much focused on the present, hence, forgetting the need to plan

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PRINCIPLES

○ Values-based



How can they plan for tomorrow, if only today they have nothing to eat?

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PRINCIPLES

- Values-based

Vincentian Facilitators

continuous values formation and unconditional commitment

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St. Vincent de Paul says:

“Extend mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping. For what hope is there for us if God should withdraw His mercy from us?”

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committed exposure and unconditional trust

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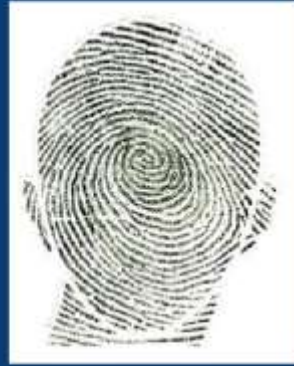
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PRINCIPLES

○ Engagement

Poverty not only made the poor lacking in material wealth, but also made them and their communities lacking in terms of political and civil identity.



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PRINCIPLES

○ Engagement

The need for daily sustenance in order for them and their families to exist made them susceptible to all forms of control and manipulation.



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