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*Erratum: The March issue of The SCENE Today (vol. 26, no. 3) carried a Features article on page 6 on Mother Teresa E. Examen, OP, SCT President. What was inadvertently printed was the initial draft of the said article, which, clearly, had not yet been reviewed and undergone revisions. **Printed below is the final copy of the article which should have been printed in the said issue.** We apologize to all people concerned and for such negligence on the part of the editorial staff.*

Mother Teresa E. Examen, OP President, Siena College of Taytay *Compassionate, Decisive, Selfless*



Georgilyn Castillo & Lenard Jairo Tuazon

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.

--Philippians 2:3

Siena College of Taytay President, Mother Teresa E. Examen, O.P., has now reached the end of her term and is now bidding farewell to the institution and the whole SCT community. In her two terms as president, she has contributed a lot for the furtherance of the school. Let us see her story as president and her plans as she treads a new life outside of SCT.

"He must increase, but I must decrease"

--John 3:30

Mother Teresa, or Mother Terry, as she is affectionately called, seems to have been here forever in our school. She has been, actually, a president of our school for two terms – the first was from 1998 to 2004, and then again from 2010 to 2016. In between her terms here at SCT, she was elected Prioress General of the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena. That just shows how effective she is as a leader of a group or an institution and just how much she gives of herself for the sake of many.

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.

--Proverbs 11:14

When asked how it was coming back to a school she has already served in the same capacity, she showed excitement claiming that she still enjoyed her second stay here especially since adjusting to the environment was no longer a problem. We should remember that sisters move from one assignment to another which entail a great deal of adjustment and could somehow be tedious. This adjustment, however, was no longer a problem to M. Terry because she had learned to love the place, the people, and the students at SCT. Certain disciplinary problems she takes as part of the growing up process of the students although she is very cautious when handling these problems. Also, she considers these problems as challenges that would make one a stronger and better individual. One other challenge which she and the rest of the school personnel and students hurdled was the last PAASCU accreditation which, of course, put everyone on their toes to ensure that we showcase the best of what SCT could offer.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

--2 Timothy 2:15

As for her plans after her term ends at SCT, M. Terry shared the life of a sister or a nun. She said that it is not for them to decide how their future will go. With their vow of obedience, they abide by the Prioress General and the General Council of the Congregation as to where they would be assigned. Still, they give their best wherever they are transferred as this would amount to following the will of God who knows what is best for each and everyone of us. And so she dreams big for Siena College of Taytay, hopefully wishing that within five (5) years, SCT will eventually become a university. Apart from that, with the hard work of the teaching and non-

teaching personnel – whom she greatly appreciates – she hopes to someday see the students here become morally upright leaders of tomorrow.

But it is not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

--Luke 22:26

Finally, she leaves this message to the pupils and students of SCT –

“You should not be only intellectually good but also morally right for our country today. There is so much corruption everywhere and many of the people in corruption are graduates of private Catholic schools. I hope you become good upright leaders. You should be prudent. Do good things at the right time and the right place. You are not only for yourselves but also for your families. As Catholics, you are expected to be bearers and preachers of the Good News of the Lord wherever you will be. Bring the Good News to other people. You are Dominicans, and as members of the Order of Preachers, we should always remember to practice what we preach – not only by mouth, but by action because action speaks louder than words. When you preach to the people it is not through mouth or sermons, but through good deeds. Always remember, you are a Dominican student, defender of the Truth. Stand for the Truth wherever you are. Hopefully, I pray, that you, our students will be leaders to serve the sick, the poor, and the young like Mother Francisca did.”

The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.

--Ray Kroc

We give our utmost respect to Mother Teresa E. Examen, OP and to all that she has done for us and this institution. She will continue to serve as an inspiration to all of us to seek and fight for the Truth. May God bless her in her journey and the things that are yet to come her way.

More power to you Mother Terry and until we meet again!

**Mother Terry has been assigned as Director and Superior at Sta. Catalina College in the City of Biñan, Laguna.*



Mother Teresa E. Examen, OP is flanked by Georgilyn Castillo (l) and Mara Jessica Javier (r), both from Grade 10 – Eucharist Centered, after the interview.