



MAGHIUSA KITA
ONE MISSION IN FAITH AND ACTION

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"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." (Romans 12:4-5)

Looking at the human anatomy, every person has many body parts that have distinct functions. For instance, the heart pumps the blood, and it is the blood vessel that delivers this blood to the rest of the body parts. In the Church, every member also has a distinct function, for everyone is made by God with a particular purpose. As the mystical body of Christ, the Church feels pain if any member goes astray. Just like how the human body feels pain if any organ is damaged. This analogy tells how everyone has separate and distinct functions and belongs to each other in Christ.

In SCA's community, every member plays a vital role, and an absence of one affects the rest. The sense of being One, like how the Church is One, is also applicable to the organization. Every member belongs to one goal, one direction, and one God. Every member of the organization belongs to each other. Every member thereof helps each other carry out the values deemed helpful in achieving the sense of Oneness.

It is through Christ indeed that every person is connected and in which everyone belongs to each other. In Christ, every person plays a distinct purpose. Yet, this distinction has an interrelated function which means that this purpose affects others' intent. One cannot live alone independently. Every Church member needs to be connected because it reflects the Church's Oneness and unity.



One Mission

We are all called to one mission in responding to the call of the Church. The Student Catholic Action of the Philippines commits to the formation of the student leaders through cell technique and contact method to live out their faith-values in collaborative, integrative, and sustainable development action. Student leaders are committed to identifying various existing problems in their milieu and are dedicated to considering themselves as catalysts of change based on Gospel values. As a movement united in one mission, we strive to foster confidence in Christ as we carry out and continue His work here on Earth.

Faith and Action

Faith is a broad term. There are many aspects to see and define faith, such as believing (which is the very basic), religious faith, and personalized faith that only you can explain. On the other hand, Action is the application of the thought and achieving the goal formulated.

In the theme, Faith and Action go hand-in-hand. Faith does not work itself; it needs to be accompanied by action. We need to deepen our faith and embrace our relationship with God. But doing so, we must not be disconnected from our brothers and sisters. It is in our mission to bring our faith into action.

As we celebrate the National Leadership Conference and the 85 Years of Foundation of the Student Catholic Action of the Philippines, we need not just be a member of the organization. We can grow ourselves, and we can walk our words. In our current situation, let us all have Faith that we can surpass this and take action because it is in the name of the organization - Student Catholic ACTION.

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The Christianity of the Philippines started at Cebu City. This year also marks the 500 years of celebration and thanksgiving of the Catholic Church. Cebu City is at the heart of the Philippines and known for its "Binisaya na sinultihan" or Cebuano language.

The phrase "maghiusa kita" in the theme was inspired by the Cebuano language which is translated as "Let us unite" or "Let us be together". This year, as we celebrate the 85th foundation of Student Catholic Action of the Philippines, let us be encouraged to give ourselves and unite. Today, many Arch/Diocese units need to be reconnected and revived to participate in the national coordination and programs.



The 85th Year of SCA shall also celebrate the gifts shared among our founding fathers, the animators, coordinators, chaplains, networks and friends in the Youth Ministry through the years. More than ever, we need to partner and collaborate our causes and advocacy.

There is no National Movement that can stand alone without its members. As for us, we are all facing obstacles that are both personal and organizational. We need all SCAs to be "Magkahiusa" to embrace the oneness of every part of the Philippines and revive the units in all arch/dioceses. Together, we can fulfill our mission to restore all things in Christ.

In this challenging year, we will have our National Leadership Conference online. Our 85th anniversary is not much of a celebration but a rekindling of a fire. Together, let us face our realities and act by our faith. In the process, let us be there for each other, as we are ONE COMMUNITY in Christ and for Christ.

Indeed, Maghiusa kita.

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ABOUT THE LOGO

The numbers and texts **85th** refers to the 85th founding anniversary of SCA. **MAGHIUSA KITA** are Visayan words for "Let us unite" - A call for action of the national council of SCA to have **ONE MISSION IN FAITH AND ACTION** this year in consonance with the celebration of the 500 years of Christianity that first spread in the central islands of the country.

The **CROSS** is manifested in the 85th figure. It represents Jesus Christ as the center of our faith and to live out every SCAN's motto, "to restore all things in Christ." The letter **h** creates a direction sourced from the cross, a wave beyond the borders to reach the least, lost, and the last.

The **3 hands** symbolize SCA as an embracing community. It is inspired from the mystery and beauty of the Holy Trinity. The hands also reach out to the three major islands of the Philippines-Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

The colors **ivory and gold** express joy and hopeful celebration. **Electric blue** conveys the energy and action of SCAs even in the time of pandemic.

