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14th NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE GUIDE



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JULY 7 TO 12, 2024

April 20, 2024

Greetings of peace and love!

We are glad to invite student leaders, SCANs, Animators and Chaplains from your diocese/school/university for the 14th SCAP National Leadership Conference (NLC) on July 07-12, 2024. The Diocese of San Fernando of La Union will gladly welcome the delegates from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

The 14th SCAP NLC will bear the theme, “Layag: Witnessing Faith @ 88” which inspires and challenges Filipino youth communities to practice justice, peace, mercy, and love in their respective school communities and parishes. Specifically, it aims to gather selected student leaders, animators (mainly teachers), and chaplains (priests) from over 150 colleges, universities, and high schools nationwide to discuss issues affecting them and reflect on and discern concrete actions to be implemented in the next three years. Further, it is also aimed at providing space for Catholic student leaders and youth ministers to deepen their understanding of the mission of the youth movement in today's world.

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Kindly read the details and instructions on the separate pages regarding the program, qualifications, registration process and payment.

Thank you very much and God bless!

Yours in Christ,

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Student Catholic Action of the Philippines (SCAP) values leadership conferences as essential venues for formation, critical discussion, and reflection on varied issues and life concerns that affect students and the community. Started by the Columban missionaries in the 1950s, SCAP leadership conferences led student leaders to produce meaningful actions upon carefully examining experiences based on the Gospel, employing Cardinal Cardijn's See-Judge-Act methodology. Through this process, participants are expected to be consciously aware, enabling them to influence their peers and communities with a transformative spirit.

Halted during the Martial Law period, a leadership conference was first organized in 1995 in Bohol. From then on, it became a yearly gathering of student leaders, animators, and chaplains until the 2002 National Conference in Davao, when participants agreed to resolve a three-year conduct of the National Leadership Conference (NLC). Subsequently, Regional Leadership Conferences are held between NLCs to strengthen clusters and arch/dioceses.

14TH SCAP NLC THEME AND BACKGROUND

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The event coincides with the celebration of the SCA's 88th Foundation Anniversary. Hence, the 14th SCAP NLC's theme is Layag: Witnessing Faith @88. This theme is guided by the words of St. Paul, "The only one thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" (Gal. 5:6).

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The 14th SCAP National Leadership Conference gathers selected student leaders, animators, and chaplains, including peace workers, campus and youth ministers, administrators, priests, nuns, and religious around the country to:

- Discuss, analyze, reflect, issues affecting Catholic youth and students and discern concrete actions that form part of the agenda of SCAP in the next three years.
- Deepen their understanding of justice, peace, mercy, and love and the mission of the Church and youth movement in today's world.
- Provide space for Catholic student leaders and youth ministers to interact, celebrate meaningfully, and build a strong community that practice justice, peace, mercy, and love in their respective school communities and parishes through concrete plans of action.



CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

Specifically, the objectives of the 14th SCAP National Leadership Conference would yield the following outcomes:



FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIPS

Encouraged by the Pope in his encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti, participants are called to build a better, more just and peaceful world, through solidarity.



JUSTICE AND PEACE

While becoming conscious of the injustices and violence in the society, student leaders witness and live a just and peaceful community.



LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Student leaders are expected to develop leadership skills that contribute to creating fair and just communities while providing them with tools in effective communication, problem-solving and project management.



CARE FOR MOTHER EARTH

Realized their role in promoting integrity of creation through learning exchanges and workshops.



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Challenge student leaders to think critically and collaboratively to devise innovative solutions in addressing some issues affecting them in the lens of faith. Participants will be immersed in learning exchanges and workshops that demonstrate sustainable leadership.



ABOUT THE HOST DIOCESE

The Province of La Union is located in the northwestern part of the Philippines. It is bounded on the north by Ilocos Sur, on the east by the mountains of Benguet, and on the south by Pangasinan. Its name is derived from the union of some southernmost towns of Ilocos Sur with the northern most towns of Pangasinan to form a new province. Hence its Spanish name La Union. This new province was formed in 1894. Its capital, San Fernando was then already in existence, having been founded as early as 1734.

The civil province of La union which comprises the Diocese of San Fernando was the last territory to be separated from the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia with whom it intimately shares its history of the faith.

The diocese now has a total of 28 parishes in the 20 municipalities of the province. The province has a total land area of 1404 square kilometer, and a population of 786,653 (based on August 2015 census, of which 85 percent belong to the Catholic church. Its titular patron is St. William the Hermit whose feast the Diocese celebrates on February 10 every year.



(source of image: Wikipedia)

HOW TO GET THERE



For delegates from South Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao area:



Local flight to NAIA, Pasay, Manila or Clark International Airport, Pampanga

To get to the host diocese:



Land trip by bus or private car:

- NAIA to San Fernando, La Union (8 to 9 hours)
- Clark International Airport to San Fernando, La union (6 to 7 hours)

(source: Tripadvisor)

**details of the exact venue will be announced on a later date.*

QUALIFICATIONS OF A PARTICIPANT

Before you register, please be guided by the following:

- 1 Each arch/diocese is given five (5) slots composing:
 - a. One (1) to two (2) chaplain/ animator/ coordinator
 - b. At least one (1) college leader
 - c. At least one (1) high school leader
 - d. Additional slot for a college/ high school leader
- 2 Preferably have undergone the four (4) stages of formation of SCA (Note: For those who have not undergone or completed the formation, an orientation will be provided.)
- 3 The student delegates of the arch/diocese are preferred to have the position of Unit President or next in rank, and should have at least one school year remaining at the same school. (Applicable only for those who are interested to run for the National Coordinating Council)

For schools and SCA units not coordinated with SCA Philippines:

Schools and dioceses who are interested to join the national conference can contact our National Secretariat and the organizing committee. (See page 10 for the contact details)

ROLES OF THE PARTICIPANT

During the conference, participants are expected to:



Represent their school or diocese



Attend business meeting



Implement initiatives based on the plan of action crafted from the conference



Be willing and available to work with the other schools and dioceses



REGISTRATION PROCESS

PHASE 1 APPLICATION

APRIL 17 - MAY 3 , 2024

Interested participants will be asked to provide their private information through the **registration link**. This can be accessed using the website:

scphilippines.org

PHASE 2 PAYMENT & CONFIRMATION

MAY 3 - 30, 2024

Pay a solidarity share of 4, 000.00PHP . Send a screen shot of your payment receipt to confirm your registration. (See details below)

PHASE 3 PRE-CONFERENCE PREPARATION

JUNE 1 - 20, 2024

Details are to be announced

SOLIDARITY SHARE

A solidarity share of 4, 000.00PHP is asked per participant. The fee will only cover the local expenses within the conference's duration such as food, venue, conference kits and materials and transportation.

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT

MAY 30, 2024

PROCESS OF PAYMENT

- 1 Send your solidarity fee with the following payment options:
 - Bank of the Philippine Islands(BPI) Savings Bank (without charges)
 - **Account Name:** Student Catholic Action of the Philippines National Secretariat, Inc.
 - **Account Number:** 0973-1774-94 (SAVINGS)
 - Pay at any Pera Padala Center nearest you (LBC, Palawan Express, Cebuana, or M Lhuillier) using the following information:
 - **Person to pick up:** Mr. Steven Nelson F. Segura
 - **Contact No:** 0966-533-7538
 - **Address:** Bahay-SCAn, Unit A1 Lot1 Blk 9 Foggy Heights Village, Brgy. San Jose, Tagaytay City 4120 Cavite
- 2 Please don't forget to **email a copy of your receipt**, along with the **names of the participants that have paid** to mgc@scphilippines.org.



THINGS TO BRING

1 TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- School ID/Valid ID
- Pocket money
- Contact information for emergency purposes

2 CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

- Comfortable clothes for daytime activities
- Modest outfits suitable for attending daily mass
- Optional: Jacket (As it may be cold due to air conditioning)
- Optional: Modest swimwear
- Attire for the Solidarity Night:
 - Filipiniana or any Filipino Barrio Attire (ex. Camisa de Chino, Saya, etc.)
- Attire for the business meeting:
 - For students** - School uniform and a semi-formal attire
 - For those without a school uniform** - Semi-formal attire good for 2 days
- Comfortable walking shoes for daytime activities
- Footwear suitable for mass and business meeting

3 OTHERS

- Accomplished waiver and consent forms (original document)
- Toiletries and hygiene products
- Handy Holy Bible
- Journal and Ballpen
- Tokens for friends
- Water bottle or tumbler (refilling stations will be provided)
- Medicine (Antihistamine, Vitamin C, or other personal meds)
- Any required paperwork or forms
- Any assigned reading materials or study guides
- SCA-in-Action photos with brief caption about the program or activity to be posted at the Cluster Exhibit



GUIDE FOR A MEANINGFUL CONFERENCE

PARTICIPATION. You are your own best resource. Much of the content of the conference will be coming from you. Each one of you brings a wealth of experience to the program. The workshop can only be successful if it is a two-way process and if everyone participates fully. Give everyone a chance to contribute and encourage others to do so.

AGREE TO DISAGREE. In this conference, everyone must feel free to express opinions and concerns. Please see frank discussions about issues and concerns as healthy exchanges rather than personal attacks. There will be a tolerance of differences in 2 approaches and strategies. Everyone should contribute to a safe/non-judgmental environment.

QUESTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED. It is important to address questions as they arise. There are no stupid questions. If you do have a question you don't want to ask in front of others, ask it privately during a break. Please do not think any question you have is unimportant.

RESPECT. Respect each other, yourselves, and the facilitators. Listen actively. The trainer will be facilitating the discussions with your assistance.

GIVE YOUR HONEST FEEDBACK. At the end of each day, you will be given a form for your feedback on making this training better next time. Please be honest! Constructive criticism is appreciated and is the only way that we can improve.

PUNCTUALITY. Arrive on time to each workshop session. Please refer to the daily program and announcements should there be changes in the schedule.

DRESS. Kindly dress appropriately. It is a good idea to dress comfortably for the sessions. You may also bring extra shirts with you in case you need to change clothes.

MOBILE GADGETS. Please put all mobile phones on silent mode during the training unless required in the sessions. You may entertain texts and calls during breaks. Please provide your own power banks.

NO TO PLASTICS. As this is an earth-friendly conference, we try our best to refrain from using plastics always. Please do your share of keeping this practice. As much as possible, let us try to keep our garbage to a minimum level every day.

FOOD AND DRINKS. We try our best to provide filling yet simple meals for everyone to enjoy. Kindly specify in your registration form should you have special diets or allergies to consider.

TRANSPORTATION. Transport is available from a designated pick up site in your respective areas to the venue. Please be on time for pick up and drop off. Kindly coordinate with your on-site leaders for any changes.

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN. Make use of your smartphones and other devices with data and blast posts and pictures related to the conference using the official hashtag: #14thSCAPNLC, #Layag, and #WitnessingFaith@88 in Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Be sure to like www.facebook.com/scaphilippines to see updates and contribute your photos.



SCAP CHILD PROTECTION BEHAVIOR PROTOCOLS

The Student Catholic Action of the Philippines adopts the standard Child Protection Behavior Protocols in dealing with children. All participants, SCAs, and volunteers in the course of the summit will behave in accordance with the protocol and is quick to point out actions violating the said rule.

Acceptable Behavior:

- a. Are careful about perception and appearance in their language, actions, and relationships with children, and their behavior demonstrates a respect for children and their rights
- b. Ensure that all physical contact with children is locally appropriate
- c. Use positive, non-violent methods to manage children's behavior
- d. Accept responsibility for personal behavior and actions as a representative of the organization
- e. Are always accountable for their response to a child's behavior, even if a child behaves in a sexually inappropriate manner; adults avoid being placed in a compromising or vulnerable position with children
- f. Where possible and practical, follow the 'two-adult' rule while conducting in any activities, wherein two or more adults supervise all activities that involve children, and are visible and present at all times
- g. Comply with child protection related investigations (internal and external) and make available any documentary or other information necessary for the completion of the investigation.

Unacceptable Behavior:

Where people within and outside their work environments do not:

- a. Behave in an inappropriate physical manner, or develop a sexual relationship with a child (under 18 years old), regardless of the country-specific legal age of consent
- b. Fondle, hold, kiss, hug or touch children in an inappropriate or culturally insensitive way
- c. Use language, make suggestions or offer advice which is inappropriate or abusive, including language that causes shame or humiliation, or is belittling or degrading
- d. Spend excessive or unnecessary time alone with a child, away from others or behind closed doors or in a secluded area



e. Condone or participate in behavior with children which is illegal, unsafe or abusive; including harmful traditional practices, spiritual or ritualistic abuse

f. Hire children in any form of child labor; people should not hire children as "house help" unless it is within the best interest of the child and in alignment with local law and international standards

g. Hit or use other corporal punishment against a child

h. Take a child alone in a vehicle, unless it is absolutely necessary, and with parental/guardian and managerial consent

i. Should not house children who are not their relatives within the 4th degree of consanguinity. If there is an intention to adopt, the adoption procedures under the state law should be observed

j. Should not engage in attempts to commit child trafficking. For details of this activity, please refer to sections 7 & 8, Article IV of RA 7610 and RA 9208.

***Credits:** World Vision, Christian Humanitarian organization dedicated to working with Children, families and communities to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice and help communities become self-sufficient*

CONTACT DETAILS

For more information and details contact the National Secretariat at 09665337538 and 09434013142. You can also send your queries to nlc@scaphilippines.org.

