

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES

Department of Theology

Sixteenth Annual National Conference for Religious Educators "Jubileo: Nurturing Hope in Religious Education"

October 26-27, 2024

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Dear Friends,

Last year, we celebrated the 15th NCRE, entitled, "SALUBONG: Teaching the Faith in a Parallel Pandemic." It was a moving experience listening to students struggling with mental health issues during the pandemic and teachers sharing about how they accompanied students with mental health issues. It was also our first time to hold the conference face-to-face after the pandemic.

For our 16th NCRE, we celebrate with the theme, **"Jubileo: Nurturing Hope in Religious Education."** It will be held at the Ateneo de Manila University campus from **October 26-27, 2024** (Saturday-Sunday). Ushering in the Jubilee Year 2025: "Pilgrims of Hope," we aim to reflect on the meaning of jubilee and hope as religious educators and catechists.

PROGRAM FLOW

The conference will begin with an opening plenary session by **Fr. Daniel Pilario, C.M.**, president of Adamson University. Fr. Danny is a member of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and a contextual theologian and writer. He was a former professor and dean of St. Vincent School of Theology. Fr. Danny will present the current landscape of the Philippine Church in need of hope.

We are resuming our pre-pandemic feature of concurrent breakout sessions by faculty of the Department of Theology in relation to jubilee and hope. If you send several teachers and/or administrators, we recommend that they attend different talks to maximize the learning and sharing that may be brought back to your school.

There will be a mass for both days. There will also be two small group sharing sessions to process and reflect on the various input. A closing plenary session will take place on Day 2 aimed at inspiring delegates to become better teachers and witnesses of hope to their students.

Details of the program including the list of concurrent sessions (titles, abstracts, speaker names), as well as instructions to sign up for the breakout sessions will be communicated at a later date. We are just finalizing these details.

Our conference continues to sponsor 30 volunteer catechists from various parishes around the country who would otherwise not be able to attend it due to lack of funds. In addition, our 2024 conference will provide a pre-conference formation session for these catechists on **Friday**, **October 25**.

For members of LCREP (League of Catechists and Religious Educators of the Philippines), we will have our General Assembly and Fellowship Night Dinner on **Friday. October 25**. Registration is at 6 pm. Venue details to follow.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

The steps and details for registration are as follows:

1. PAYMENT

Early-Bird Rate: PhP3,500.00* (if paid and registered before October 6, 2024)

Regular Fee: PhP3,800.00** (October 6-20 and subject to the availability of slots)
Late Registration: PhP3,900.00 (after October 20 and subject to the availability of slots)

Registration payment is inclusive of the conference kit, two heavy AM snacks, 1 PM snack, and two lunch meals.

For your convenience, you may pay the registration fee through: (1) our online payment portal, (2) BPI online, (3) BPI Over the Counter, or (4) Metrobank Over the Counter. For step-by-step instructions for each payment channel, click here: ADMU Bills Payment & WebPay Instructions for Miscellaneous Fees NCRE 2024.

For bulk payments, please e-mail a screenshot or clear photo of the proof of payment, along with the **name of the school and names of participants** to the contact details provided below. You will also have to upload the SAME proof of payment for every registrant when you register.

Refunds: A full 100% refund will be granted for all cancellations made **before October 20.** After this date, no refund shall be given. This is to ensure the smooth operation of the conference.

2. ONLINE REGISTRATION

Kindly accomplish the online registration form at https://bit.ly/16thNCRE.

Please note that you will only be officially registered after you have paid, filled up the online registration form, and received an email confirmation of your completed registration. For bulk payments, each registrant will have to individually register (Google form).

Should you have any concerns or questions, you may contact the department through the following means:

Phone: 426-6001 loc. 5370 **Mobile Phone:** 0915-607-5828

Email: theology.soh@ateneo.edu (Subject Line: 16th NCRE)

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely yours,

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^{*} Current/active **LCREP members** get a 10% discount on the regular fee, thus paying only PhP3,420, provided they pay before October 20, 2024.

^{**} Current/active **LCREP members** may also avail of the **early-bird rate** of only P3,120, provided they pay before October 6, 2024.