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MEMORANDUM

TO : Education Program Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/In-Charge
School Heads from Public and Private Schools

Please be informed that there will be a special film screening of "PEDRO CALUNSON, ANG BATANG MARTIR" on December 6, 2014 at Robinsons Place Dumaguete.

Interested viewers are encouraged to watch this movie on voluntary basis only.

Enclosed is a letter from MR. WARDJAY J. TUMLOS, Event Coordinator and MR. RONALD J. TIU, Even Manager both from Evens Group Productions, which is self-explanatory.

Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

GOD BLESS!

SALUSTIANO T. JIMENEZ, LI.B., CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent.

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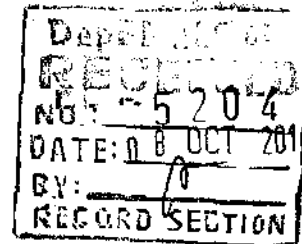
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The professional event management team.

SALUSTIANO T. JUENIZ, RIB. CESO VI
SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
DIVISION OF NEGROS ORIENTAL



Dear SIR SALUSTIANO,

The Events Group Productions is an event organizer which brought wide array of entertainment and educational events for the Negrenses that share a common passion of bringing in highly instructive, character building and informative experience to the young minds thru a medium that is highly entertaining and can direct their focus on the goodness of the aim for a wholistic formation.

This year, we will have a rare chance of witnessing the special film screening in **Dumaguete City** of the highly acclaimed independent film **PEDRO CALUNSOD, ang Batang Martir** movie. An advocacy film which aims to bring in the theaters the life and martyrdom of the **second Filipino Saint**. This is to educate Filipinos on what sacrifices he had to make and persecution he had to endure in the name of the Catholic faith: everything that eventually made him a saint. The film also shows that sainthood is for everybody—including those who are young and simple yet faithful.

Please see attached files for complete synopsis.

We aim to have the special screening at **Robinsons Place Dumaguete on December 6 Saturday**. Screening dates may be revised depending on the schedule/ date that you see fit. The ticket will be at 100 (please note that regular theatre price is P140) and P15 will be given to the sponsoring organization that will spearhead the coordination for the special screening. This will be a great opportunity for the student organizations to raise funds for whatever project they may have.

This film has been endorsed by the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) to public and private higher institutions in support to this advocacy. We hope to have the movie entertain and touch hearts as well as educate.

We are hoping for your positive response to this proposal. We are very willing to discuss further details with you at your most convenient time.

Teachers can avail of free pass by just presenting their IDs at the venue.

Thank you very much and Godbless.

W. J. Tumlos
WARDJAY J. TUMLOS

Event Coordinator

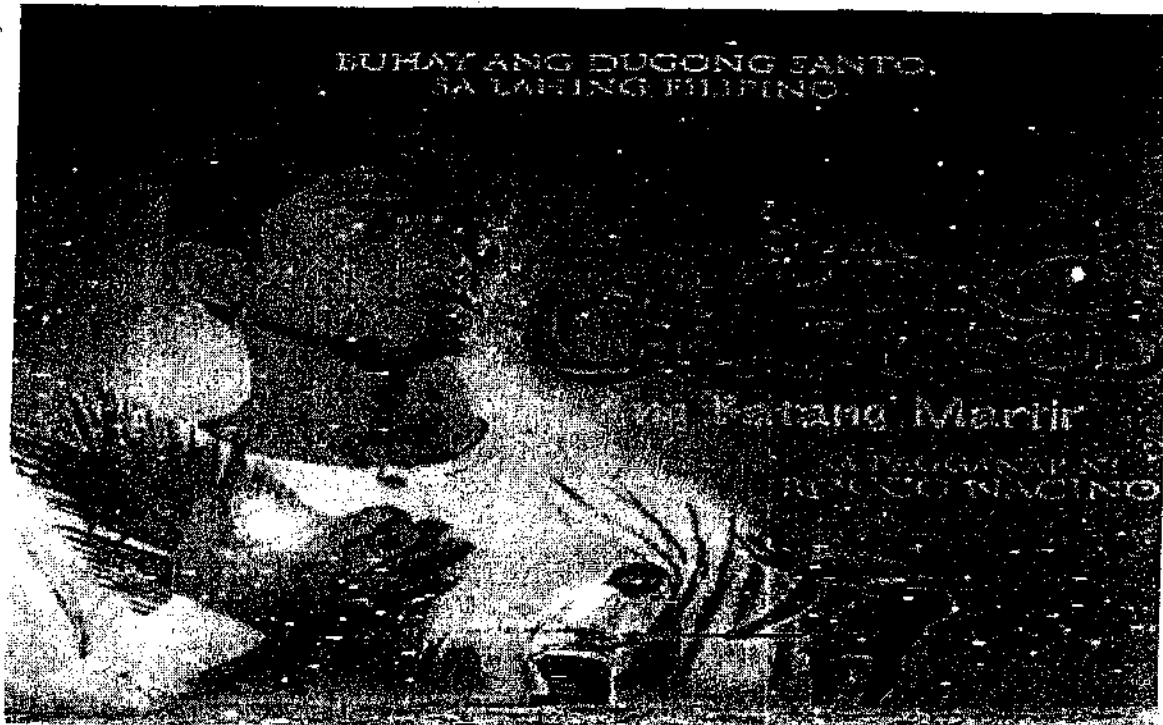
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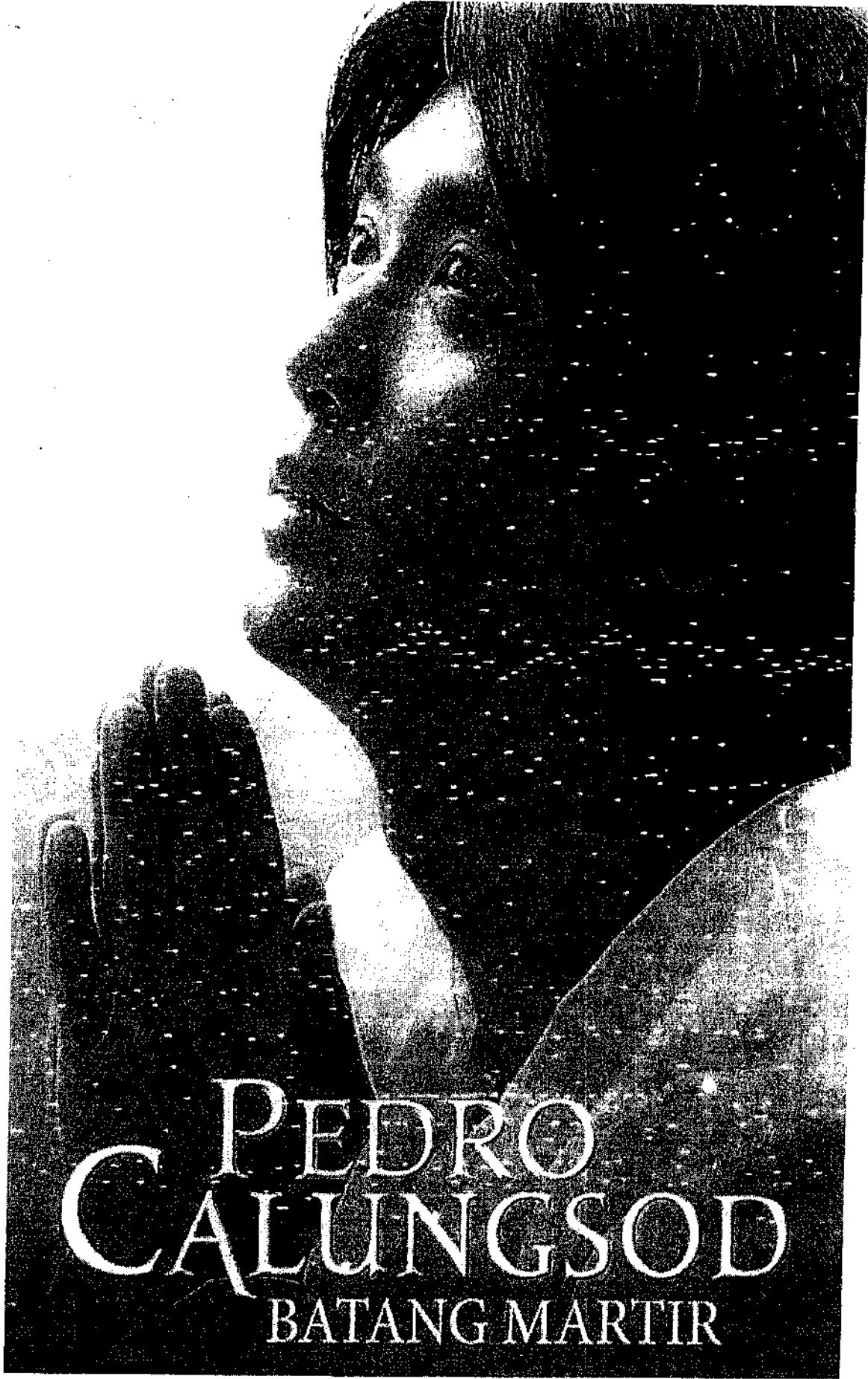
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Pedro Calungsod, a young Filipino man, leaves his Visayan native roots to join the Spanish Jesuit priest Fr. Diego de San Vitores in his mission to the Marianas Islands (Guam) in 1668.

The San Diego Mission arrives in the Marianas where the young Pedro, a trained catechist and mission assistant, begins work for Fr. Diego de San Vitores in baptizing the Chamorro natives, preaching the holy gospel and spreading the good news of salvation through the Christian faith amidst paganism, doubt and disbelief. Despite the longing for his father and the threats to their lives, even at the peril of death, Pedro and Fr. Diego continued their missionary work. They roamed the dangerous islands and baptized many more natives and continued to enlighten them about Christianity.

Guam is now a devoutly Catholic state and this is the story of how the young Filipino saint, between wars and persecutions, played his part in this divine mission.



PEDRO
CALUNGSOD
BATANG MARTIR

Cast and characters

Rocco Nacino as Pedro Calungsod

The second Filipino saint of the Roman Catholic church, who was killed in Guam while spreading Christianity. Nacino was chosen to play lead because of his depth. According to Nacino, "It's a huge leap in my career..Right now, I'm doing so many characters, which are emotionally and mentally taxing on my part. I am not complaining though. The role of Pedro will take a lot of research and training. I need to learn Spanish, Latin and Visayan. One of these days, I am attending a Latin mass so that I (will) know how it feels. I want to experience it so that aurally. I will be used to it" Marc Justine Alvarez was cast as the young Calungsod.

- Christian Vasquez as Padre Diego Luis de San Vitores

Padre Diego de San Vitores is a Spanish priest and father figure of Pedro Calungsod, the man instrumental to the young man's passionate belief in Jesus Christ. According to Vazquez, "*...playing a true-to-life character, as an actor, it poses quite a challenge because you must really flesh him out. You don't only make him authentic for the sake of authenticity; you also give him a lot of heart and honest to goodness emotions.*" He also studied Spanish and Latin at the University of the Philippines.

- Jestoni Alarcon as Captain Juan de Sta. Cruz
- Ryan Eigenmann as Choco
- Victor Basa as Padre Francisco Solano
- Carlo Gonzales as Padre Tomas de Cadenoso
- Andrew Schimmer as Sgt. Maj. Don Juan de Santiago
- Arthur Solinap as Padre Luis de Medina
- Mico Palanca as Padre Pedro de Casanova

**"Film brings Pedro Calungsod closer to youth" —THE
CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (CEAP)**



The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) has lauded efforts to bring St. Pedro Calungsod closer to the youth through film. CEAP president Br. Narciso Erguiza, Jr. FSC said the "Pedro Calungsod, Batang Martir" movie, is an effective tool of new evangelization.

"We hope to bring St. Pedro Calungsod closer to the students through new evangelization such as this film. With all our collaborative efforts, we can inspire more children and young students to be heroes and saints (in the future)," he said.

In a memorandum dated December 15, 2013, Erguiza has urged the administrators, teachers and students of CEAP member-schools to watch the film about the life and martyrdom of the second Filipino saint.

"We hope that Pedro Calungsod will be an inspiration for the Filipino people with the message that we can reach sainthood through our everyday lives especially as we can all relate to him for he was a youth, an overseas Filipino worker, a catechist, a missionary and a faithful friend," Erguiza added.

The CEAP is the 72-year-old organization of over 1,400 Catholic schools, universities and colleges nationwide. Erguiza was elected as the new CEAP president during the CEAP national convention last September 2013.

"Pedro Calungsod has many attributes that the young Filipino can emulate and values to live out. We would like to ask for your cooperation and partnership in promoting Pedro Calungsod to the youth and Filipinos by sharing his life story and faith through this movie depicting his life. CEAP fully supports spreading the message of Pedro Calungsod's life to the youth of today," he added.

FILM REVIEWS

What storybooks and theater plays about the life and martyrdom of the second Filipino Saint cannot portray, the movie "Pedro Calungsod, Batang Martir" successfully delivers.

Finally, a film about Calungsod is now on theaters to educate Filipinos on what sacrifices he had to make and persecution he had to endure in the name of the Catholic faith: everything that eventually made him a saint.

What the movie did that books and stage plays failed to do is to humanize Calungsod and portray his youthfulness. his story of simplicity is a proof that God delights in simple things if we sincerely do them as an offering to him. The film will not only educate more Filipinos about their second saint but also help them realize that sainthood is for everybody—including those who are young and simple yet faithful.

– Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines News (CBCP)

A must watch movie. 'Pedro Calungsod: Ang Batang Martir' doesn't just show a young saint's life, but provides the accurate backdrop of history, culture and religious beliefs during Calungsod's time. This is one film complete with history, values and religion. I recommend this movie because not only does it teach me lessons about the faith, but it also reminds me that I can be like St. Pedro even in everyday life. For me, this movie is not about popularity or awards, but about the evangelization of young people and being firm in faith.

– JOSE LUIS NAVA

What made Pedro Calungsod: Batang Martir so efficient in delivering a message was the fact that it centered on the real virtues of a Filipino Saint and the conflicts that arose as he chose to live a life of great sacrifice. Simple movies like this could make you cry. Because it spoke of a life untarnished, a melody unbroken and a love untied. In the end it will make you think, no matter how much material wealth you had or great accomplishments you did – it would only be YOU AND GOD. Pedro Calungsod is surely destined to be a classic film of its genre. KUDOS. **-ROBERT SILVERIO**