



**"Protecting and Fulfilling  
the Rights of the Child in the Light of Faith  
in the Local Church Communities"**

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**9<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Parish-based Child Rights Advocates (CRAs)**  
Baguio Crown Legacy Hotel, Corner Montinola St., Kisd Road, Baguio City  
October 23, 24 & 25, 2017

***"Year of the Parish:  
Children's Rights Advocates (CRAs) as Agents of Communion,  
Participation and Mission in the Protection of Children."***

### **Rationale**

The 9<sup>th</sup> National Congress offers a great opportunity for all of us -- parish-based child rights advocates (CRAs) -- to participate in and contribute to the Catholic Church's observance of 2017 as the Year of the Parish as Communion of Communities. The key challenge is "building a parish that is truly a faith community immersed in the lives of its people". Strategically, the priority is "forming and revitalizing basic ecclesial communities (BECs) in every parish as agents of communion, participation, and mission". We recall that the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines (PCP II, 1991) stressed that the BECs represent a new way of being Church in today's context.

As CRAs, we do our advocacy and programming work for the care and protection of children in the context of our respective parishes and BECs. Over the years, we have developed strategies and interventions that address the unique needs and circumstances of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups in our parishes. As we all belong to BECs in our respective parishes, we can consider ourselves as active and committed agents of communion, participation, and mission particularly in the protection of children.

The 9<sup>th</sup> National Congress is an opportunity for us as CRA's to search for better and more effective approaches in our work with children -- offering these as our own contribution to making our parishes and BECs more alive and relevant to the realities and needs of the people. We all want to see vibrant parish communities and BECs that are truly immersed in the lives of the people, particularly the marginalized and most disadvantaged.

### **Objectives**

With the theme, "Year of the Parish: CRA's as Agents of Communion, Participation, and Mission in the Protection of Children", the 9<sup>th</sup> National Congress aims to provide an interactive venue for CRA's to:

- 1) Share and learn from one another concrete experiences and lessons gained as agents of unity and communion and as carers of children.
- 2) Discover ways of becoming more empowered agents of communion, participation and mission in the protection of children.
- 3) Identify concrete ways for strengthening the role of CRA ministry as part of the BEC's in the protection of children from instances of human rights violations in the community.
- 4) Deepen the understanding of the mystery of the Holy Trinity as model of unity and communion.
- 5) Agree on guidelines for the responsible use of social media in the protection of children.



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**Program Flow:**

| <b>DATE/ TIME</b>                          | <b>ACTIVITY/ IES</b>   | <b>RESPONSIBLE PERSON/S</b>   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>DAY 1: October<br/>23 (Monday)</b>      | <i>Moderators:</i>   | <b><u>Clara Novak and Mary Ann</u></b>  |
| 1:00-1:30P.M                               | Check-in and Registration  | SPCC National and NCR Staff   |
| 2:00-3:30 P.M.                             | Creative Opening Prayer  | SJTP and Lay Salvatorian  |
|  | Welcome Message and<br>Acknowledgment of Participants  | <b>Sr. Alona Onag, SDS</b><br>President, SPCC Board of Trustees                                 |
|  | Warm-up Game/Getting-to-know Activity  | <i>Moderator</i>  |
|  | Objective-Setting  | <i>Moderator</i>  |
| 3:30-4:00 P.M.                             | Snacks and House Rules   | Hotel Staff   |
| 4:00-5:00P.M.                              | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Talk:</b> Holy Trinity as Model of Unity<br>and Communion  | <b>Rev. Fr. Amado Picardal, CSsR</b><br>Executive Secretary, BEC - CBCP                         |
| 5:00-6:00P.M.                              | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Talk:</b> Strengthening The Role of CRA<br>as Part of B.E.C. in the Protection of<br>Children for Human Rights Violation in<br>Community | <b>Rev. Fr. Manny Catral</b><br>Parish Priest<br>St Joseph the Worker Parish<br>Baggao, Cagayan |
| 6:00-6:30 P.M.                             | Sharing of the Panels  | <b>Sr. Ruth Baguinon, SDS</b><br>Program Director, SPCC NCR                                     |
|  | <b>1) Rev. Fr. Geraldo Costa, cicm</b><br>Sun Flower Children Center   |   |
|  | <b>2) Mr. Karl Comiling</b><br>Coordinator, BEC Diocese of Novaliches  |   |
|  | <b>3) Ms. Ivy Pacana</b><br>Child Rights Advocate – Adult/ Cebu  |   |
|  | <b>4) Ms. Crisna Mae Borromeo</b><br>Child Rights Advocate – Youth/ Manila   |   |
| 6:30-7:00 P.M.                             | Open Forum   | <i>Moderator</i>  |
| 7:00                                       | Dinner   |   |
|  | Free Evening   |   |
| <b>DAY 2:<br/>October 24<br/>(TUESDAY)</b> | <b>Moderators:</b>   | <b>SPCC-Cebu: Emma, RSW<br/>with CRA Youth</b>  |
| 7:00 A.M.                                  | Breakfast and Preparations   |   |
| 8:30-9:00A.M.                              | Creative Opening Prayer  | SPCC-Cebu   |
|  | Brief Review of Yesterday  | <i>Moderator</i>  |
| 9:00-10:00A.M.                             | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Talk:</b> The responsible use of Social<br>Media in the Protection of Children and   | <b>Rev. Fr. Norman Peña, SSP</b><br>Formator  |



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|                                       | Vulnerable Adults.   | Society of St. Paul   |
| 10:00-10:45 A.M.                      | Workshop on Responsible Use of Social Media(Working break) | <i>Moderator</i>  |
| 10:45-11:30A.M                        | Reporting  | <i>Moderator</i>  |
| 11:30-12:00N.N.                       | <b>Eucharistic Celebration</b>                             |   |
| 12:00 N.N.                            | LUNCH  |   |
| 2:00-2:15 P.M.                        | Warm up Games/ Icebreaker                                  | SPCC-Cebu   |
| 2:15-4:00 P.M.                        | Recollection of Learning and Planning                      | SPCC-NCR  |
| 4:00-5:00P.M.                         | Plenary Sharing  | SPCC-NCR  |
| 5:00 P.M.                             | Early DINNER   |   |
| 6:30 P.M.                             | <b>SOLIDARITY / CRA<sub>s</sub> NIGHT</b>                  | SPCC-Cebu   |
| <b>DAY 3: Oct. 25<br/>(Wednesday)</b> | <i>Moderators:</i>   | <b>Joan, RSW and Ian Marcelo</b>                              |
| 6:30 AM                               | <b>Eucharistic Celebration</b>                             |   |
| 7:00                                  | Breakfast  |   |
| 8:30                                  | Creative Prayer:   | Sagrada Familia   |
|                                       | Brief Review of Yesterday                                  | Moderator   |
| 9:00-10:00                            | Synthesis  | <b>Mr. Leopoldo Moselina</b><br><i>SPCC Board of Trustees</i> |
| 10:00-10:30 A.M.                      | Closing Message and Certificate Giving                     | <b>Sr. Eloisa Holdiem, SDS</b><br><i>Executive Director</i>   |
| 10:30-11:00A.M.                       | Evaluation Collection                                      | SPCC National   |
| 11:00 A.M.                            | Lunch  |   |
| 12:00-1:30 P.M.                       | Check-out from the Room                                    |   |
|                                       | Enjoy Baguio Gala  | Plan your own Relaxation and<br>Recreation in Baguio          |
|                                       | Home Sweet Home  |   |