

1st ABS Registrars' Seminar Workshop

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St. Scholastica's College, Manila
St. Paul/St. John Conference Rooms

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An Answered Prayer!

Every person with a desire to make one's life meaningful as an offering to God would always seek that sense of rootedness, a sense of starting from a point leading to a goal. This seminar-workshop gave us a chance to get back to the basics, keeping our feet to the starting line and from there see how far or near we are in reaching the end goal of being an effective Registrar.

Hurdles of the responsibility, an opportunity not limitations.

In between the starting point and the end goal, the hurdles in assuming this post were not only presented but the participants were also given guidelines on how to surmount these challenges. This may sound as if we were in a race track but indeed Registrars have to keep up with the fast pace of the school's demands.

Registrars as compared to the "Porter of the Monastery" (as Sr. M. Celine Saplala, OSB puts it in her welcome remarks), one who receives the guests --- this is a realization that as part of the Benedictine family, what seems to be a "behind the scene work" now becomes the frontliners of the school; thus, the way guests are treated can make or break the image of the school. The seminar gave the participants a venue to share best practices as well as those "almost fainting experiences" and how each managed it effectively.

Registrars as an Academic Support Service Office of the School --- Ms. Millie Claro gave emphasis on this, she challenged the participants to consider the Registrars Office as a HUB of information. It is a challenge to give meaning to the figures we have in the office and to generate information culled from studies that can be of help in the planning and decision-making of the School Administration.

As my colleague and I went back to our school after the seminar, there's that atmosphere of joy and fulfillment which lingers. Somehow, we can say after a day's work, we are on the right track and for the things that we have learned, there is room for improvement because we know our goals more clearly now.

I feel like I took this well advertised multivitamins pill after this seminar ---- YES, I do feel COMPLETE! Thank you for making this happen! Looking forward to our next.

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"That In All Things, God May Be Glorified"