



# Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines

## INTEGRITY AND HONESTY IN GOVERNMENT AND IN THE COUNTRY

A Call to Action Paper as a Response to the AFP Scandal and other Scandals in the Government

### Rationale

The Congressional hearings about the magnitude of corruption in the Military the past few weeks have made a dent in the nation's history, traditions and culture. The scandal has violated the values systems of the Filipino people, as we have discovered the extent of the institutionalization of greed and theft in one of the most respected social institutions of our society.

Ms. Heidi Mendoza, Lt. Col. George Rabusa and Lt. Col. Antonio Ramon Lim have risked their lives and their families', and careers and future to expose how embedded these malpractices are and have been passed on from one administration to the other.

This week is the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EDSA People Power Revolution where the Filipinos opted freedom, truth and justice. It is through this unprecedented event that the people went out of their homes and schools and went to the streets to claim their power as one country.

It is thus fitting and imperative that we call on all the Catholic schools and especially the youth, to once again stand for what is right and uphold gospel values.

### Way of Proceeding: A Call to Action

#### A Nation to Care For, Stand Up For, To be Proud of

The brokenness of the structures of our society needs to be further discussed and exposed. We call on all Filipino educational institutions and other civil society organizations to join in the collective effort to push the values of integrity and honesty in the light of the scandals. It is necessary to initiate and pursue a national debate to create a critical mass that will eventually prod for reforms and justice in the most immediate time.

We are calling everyone to immediately organize and create various timelines for efforts (activities, programs and projects) that will put these issues not only in media and online discussions, but also into the different circles of the Filipino life (schools, workplace, peers, religious spaces, marketplace, barber shops, coffee shops, homes and families, the web and especially the self).

We appeal to schools to review and reengineer values formation curricula so that these ethics and morals are to be in the forefront of the education.

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<b>Documents Attached</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Menu of Efforts for Schools/Universities to Adopt</li><li>2. Prayer for Peace-Building &amp; Social Transformation</li><li>3. CEAP Statement of Support for Mendoza, Lt. Col. Rabusa and Lt. Col. Lim</li><li>4. Documents from Heidi Mendoza (Timeline, etc.)</li></ol>
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