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Happy Educators' Day to all school personnel in all DACS Schools!

Most of the time on this very important occasion we think only of teachers who are in the classrooms, laboratories, halls talking and imparting knowledge and skills to students. We fail sometimes to consider that all of us at school are called to be educators may we be in the classroom, filing documents, doing different extra-curricular activities and services, welcoming and protecting our students and the school community, providing financial procedures and assistance... and more.

Yes, we in the Catholic Schools look at Christ as the greatest teacher because He shares with us the wisdom of being a true child of God and with all the graces and blessings of being so. He shows us The Way, The Truth, and The Life. He provides us the right direction towards embracing the armor of light to protect us from the legions of darkness. He inspires us to be like Him, obedient to the will of the Father, to be compassionate as we find our life's purpose and meaning.

However, the way of Jesus is not a one-way process: that He tells us and we only have to listen; He leads us and passively we follow Him.

No, He also listens to us and understands us fully who we are, what are our external and internal realities and dynamics. He is there to love us more and not to condemn us. There are a number of bible stories that show how forgiving and merciful Jesus is.

He does not only lead us but he also accompanies us, and even suffers with us to the point that He offered His life by being crucified on the Cross for us to gain salvation and redemption.

We look at Him as the Great Educator because He draws out from us the best of who we are, and the dignity of being a Child of God, therefore, He is our Greatest Brother.

As educators we are called to engender HOPE among our students and colleagues, and to all the people we meet and serve.

That is, we draw out H.O.P.E.

- H Happiness from each one
- O Openness to endless possibilities towards a desired future
- P Persistence in making God at Center in our life
- E Endurance to walk humbly, to love tenderly and act justly.

Before we draw out Faith, Hope and Love, we must have them first, embrace them and live them out.

Through the Cross of Christ, may we grow in compassion and hope.

Happy Educators' Day!

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