



## **ST. MARY OF THE LAKE MISSION SCHOOL, INC.**

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Education, we see, is not merely gaining knowledge or skills helpful toward productive work, though certainly that is part of it. Rather it is a replenishment and an expansion of the natural thirst of the mind and soul. Learning is a gradual process of growth, each step building upon the other. It is the process whereby the learner organizes and integrates not only facts but attitudes and values. The Lord has told that we must open our minds and hearts to learn. There is a Chinese proverb: wisdom is as the moon rise, perceptible not in progress but in result. As our knowledge is converted to wisdom, the door to opportunity is unlocked.

Article XIV sec. 1 of the 1987 Philippine constitution provides “The state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all”. The right to quality education is a fundamental right of an individual and it cannot be taken away by any circumstance. Whatever happens education must go on. Hence, as we embrace the new normal in the field of education we assure our clients that we will remain steadfast in nurturing the utmost potential of our learners and ensure that even in the midst of pandemic education must continue.

With the unending support of all the faculty and staff, parents, students, and all other stakeholders in the community, our institution, Saint Mary of the Lake Mission School, Inc. is ready to open the School year 2020-2021 and ensures that even under this horrible times quality education will not be compromised. We started our enrollment last May and we are really grateful that despite this terrible crisis brought by COVID-19 pandemic we manage to enroll 95% of our students as of August 20, 2020. Late enrollees, on the other hand, will still be accepted until the opening of classes. Our classes will start on October 5, 2020.

Pursuant to the pronouncements of DepEd Secretary Leonor M. Briones, we will not hold conventional face to face classes for everyone's safety as advised by DOH and the IATF. Modular learning modality is seen to be the only feasible mode of instruction for us since we cannot go with online classes considering the learning facility of the students and the poor internet connection in our locality. Modular learning is quiet challenging especially that majority of the parents of our learners were not able to finish elementary level. A parent of one of our learners during our orientation said and I quote “Maam/Sir unsaon nako pagtudlo sa akong bata nga ako mismo walay tinapusan” (Maam/Sir how could I teach my child if I myself were not able to go to school). Everyone in the meeting share the same sentiments. To address this concern we assure them that we will simplify everything there is in their children’s modules so their children can answer it on their own. Also, we will do home visitation to ensure the learning of our dear students.

Adopting to the new normal will never be easy. It is expected that there will be uncertainties along the way. However, as one Marynian community we remain firm and committed to our mission as entrenched in our motto: St. Mary of the Lake Mission School, Inc. ***“Teaches with a heart forms the heart”***.