

MESSAGE FROM CAMPUS MINISTRY

Ever since a rainbow appeared in the sky the day we dedicated our new Campus in Minburi, I have been looking for more rainbows. People said that God, and Father Tom Griffith too, smiled on us. That was in August, 1993. Rainbows have filled the sky several times since then. God continues to bless us. Recently I have begun to search for the rainbows in new places besides the sky. I have a feeling that God's blessings are coming across to us in the smiles and happiness of our students, teachers, and parents! Rainbows in the sky are beautiful, but smiles and happiness on the faces of our family members are so very meaningful. Maybe God will confirm this conviction with a rainbow in the sky before too long!

We welcomed 37 new teachers to our School in August. Our Administrators found them in a 'rainbow' somewhere, for they are wonderful strengths, now joining hands so cheerfully with our famous team of returning-teachers. Yes, we have a strong faculty of 234 members. We consider them all worthy, ready to share their expertise with our 1,779 students. I see that our students are smiling and pleased, cooperating so nicely with their teachers during these early months of August, September and October, 2008. We have begun this school year with God's blessings.

School opened for our students on August 13th. But, actually this year's healthy spirit of cooperation began on August 1st, the day that all Administrators and Counselors came to begin dialogue with Father Pattarapong. That was the Feast of St. Alphonsus, the Founder of the Redemptorist Congregation. We saw that this was a very appropriate day to begin our new school year under God's guidance. Within a few days, the new teachers began orientation. Heads of Departments in our educational system joined in this preparation. Our whole team of leaders united with one goal: to give our very best to our students.

Goals are important. I found it very interesting that our Administrators, teachers and parents had workshops already early this semester to aim at goals that must be accomplished by June, 2011. The enthusiasm among the groups to make good things happen in our School was heartwarming.

Spiritual goals are also very important for each of us. They are really more important than any other goals we set for ourselves. One school-wide goal is "Union of Hearts." We call this a spiritual goal. How wonderful it will be if each member of our RIS/RIST family accepts this as a personal pledge, forming daily 'action plans' that fulfill the goal. With God's blessing and our cooperation, there will always be rainbows of happiness and smiling faces throughout our campus.



God bless you,

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