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Guidelines for the TREDTRI Photo Essay Contest 2014

Rationale:

Pope Francis in his latest Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gadium* reminds all Christians of our duty to proclaim the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm. This mission as the primary task of the Church is not only assigned to professionals or missionaries but is equally shared to all baptized Christians. To evangelize is to preach the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. In this modern and secular world, various forces (e.g. consumerism, advanced technology, relativism, humanism, etc) influence humanity in all aspects and the more that the Church should revitalize its missionary spirit to bring its presence in the lives of the people.

Despite the rapid developments in our society, we can still feel the complexities of life with the presence of injustice, inequality, capitalism, corruption, values and moral deterioration, poor governance, violence, poverty and many more. Amidst all these difficulties, we are compelled to ask; Where is God in all of these miseries? How is God being the center of our lives? Is faith in God still relevant? Does the Word of God still have an impact on the lives of the people? Does it still matter for the present generation? How is it reflected in the daily movements on the streets, campuses, malls, families, communities and even in the church activities?

However distressing it may sound, our God never abandons us. The same God from the Old Testament stories constantly reminds us of His abundant love and liberating presence. He is the same God, "Yesterday, today and forever" (cf Hebrew 13:8). The Word incarnate continues to live among us and show his glory.

Photo Contest Theme: *"The Word Alive"*

Objectives:

Through photography, it is desired:
1. To engage students into reflection to see how the incarnate "Word of God" is present in their daily lives and the people around them.
2. To help students see the "signs of hopes" as sign of God's salvation and presence.
3. To make students realize that the "Word of God" is revealed in different ways (i.e. sacraments, nature, church, relationships, nature, history, bible, etc) most especially in the events of their lives.

Mechanics:

1. The contest is open only to TREDTRI classes of the 1st trimester AY 2014-2015.
2. Each TCIP group should participate and be able to capture and submit **ONE** photo reflecting the theme. The photo must be originally taken by the students and exclusive to this contest, it must be unpublished and have not been submitted as an entry in other photography contest. Entries must be appropriate for general viewing, obscene and provocative photographs are not allowed. The photo could be in colored or black and white theme. It must be printed using A3 size Matte or Glossy paper. Maximum border allowed is only one (1) inch on all sides of the paper.

3. Only minor enhancements such as cropping, brightness & contrast, sharpening, and levels are allowed. Photo entries should not contain any markings such as watermarks. Major enhancement such as adding of other elements not present in the actual photo is not allowed.

4. The class shall observe a selection process upon the discretion of the faculty member assigned to them. The idea is that each TREDTRI class selects one (1) official entry to the contest. The selected photo shall be forwarded to the TRED office on or before **July 21, 2014** with a filled - out Entry Form and a digital (JPEG) copy on CD.

5. All entries will be displayed at the Photo Essay Exhibit from **July 22 to July 25** at the **Yuchengco lobby**.

6. Judging of entries will be on **July 25, 2014** at **10:00 am**. The top 3 winners shall be informed on **July 28, 2014** through SMS and email.

Criteria:

Entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

- Theme Execution (50 points)
- Creativity (25 points)
- Impact (25 points)

Prizes:

First Place: Php 3,000 + Certificate
Second Place: Php 2,000 + Certificate
Third Place: Php 1,000 + Certificate