



## Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines National Higher Education Commission

### Concept Note for NHEC Summit

#### **Title & Theme:**

Christifying our Crises, Crosses and Crossroads: Revivifying the Mission of Catholic Higher Education

#### **Time/Date:**

November 17-19 (Tuesday – Thursday)

#### **Rationale:**

Catholic higher education institutions (CHEIs) constitute a high-impact sector in the private education ecosystem in the Philippines. Prior to COVID-19 and through the efforts of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP), the sector has rigorously pursued a variety of initiatives to address issues of quality, relevance, and sustainability. But facing the threats of the pandemic individually as institutions and collectively as a faith community necessitates major shifts in understanding the current and future states of the sector. On the one hand, there is a critical imperative to analyze the network of crises affecting the overall vitality of CHEIs. On the other hand, there is a forceful drive to determine the solutions to a variety of crosses CHEIs have to immediately bear. And most importantly, administrators and managers are caught in the middle of crossroads of continuity and discontinuity that to a great extent can impact on the long-term viability and visibility of CHEIs. Thus, the CEAP National Higher Education Commission (NHEC) gathers CHEIs in its annual summit with the theme, ***Christifying our Crises, Crosses, and Crossroads: Revivifying the Mission of Catholic Higher Education.***

#### **Objectives**

1. Explore how CHEIs have maintained a unified but contextualized response to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Examine how the COVID-19 pandemic rewired and reconfigured the processes, programs, and peoples of CHEIs;
3. Engender further the spirit of *communio et missio* as CHEIs anticipate their lives in the post-COVID-19 scenario.



Date/Time (GMT+8)	Program
<b>Day 1 (November 17, 2020)</b>	
0830 - 0930	<p align="center"><b>Opening Eucharistic Celebration</b>  <i>Finding Meaning in Crises, Crosses and Crossroads</i></p>
0930 – 1000	<p align="center"><b>Opening Ceremonies and Remarks</b></p> <p align="center">Welcoming Remarks  Rationale and Explanation of the Theme of the NHEC Summit</p>
1000 - 1200	<p align="center"><b>International Panel</b>  Critiquing Crisis Response:  Did we provide a unified but contextualized response?</p> <p><u>Panel Speakers</u>  <i>Representatives from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Education Opportunities Network</li> <li>- International Federation of Catholic Universities</li> <li>- Association of the Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities</li> <li>- Association of Catholic Universities in the Philippines</li> </ul>
<b>Day 2 (November 18, 2020)</b>	
0900 - 1100	<p align="center"><b>Local Panel</b>  Creating our Crosses:  What internal dilemmas fueled more issues?</p> <p><u>Panel Speakers</u>  <i>Representatives from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Divine Word College of Legazpi (TBC)</li> <li>- Holy Cross of Davao College</li> <li>- Kabankalan Catholic College</li> <li>- University of Perpetual Help System</li> </ul>

Day 3 (November 19, 2020)	
0900 - 1100	<p><b>Local Panel</b> Cruising on Crossroads: What can we do independently as institutions and collectively as CEAP?</p> <p><u>Panel Speakers</u> <i>Representatives from:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- La Consolacion University Philippines</li> <li>- Father Saturnino Urios University</li> <li>- Colegio de Santa Catalina de Alejandria</li> <li>- Holy Angel University</li> </ul>
1115 - 1215	<p><b>Closing Eucharistic Celebration</b> <i>Recovering with Resilience</i></p>