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# **Social initiatives and projects**

Some corporate works and social initiatives of members of Opus Dei in the Philippines

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THROUGH THE YEARS, the faithful of Opus Dei in the Philippines, with cooperators, friends, and others moved by the social doctrine of the Church, have come together to establish and run various educational, charitable and cultural undertakings with the aim of addressing pressing social needs.

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**The University of Asia and the Pacific**, established in 1995, is an institution of higher learning that offers undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees, as well as short programs in various fields of specialization. The University's programs are grounded in liberal arts education, with special orientation towards values education, people development, research, and communication. The precursor of UA&P was the Center for Research and Communication, an economic think tank begun in 1967.

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**Punlaan School**, established in 1975, is a technical-vocational institution for young women in Metro Manila. A good number of them come from less-privileged families. Accredited by the Department of Education, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and the Department of Tourism, it

provides knowledge, skills, and values training for professional work in food, hotel, restaurant, and tourism-related sectors.

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**Parents For Education Foundation, Inc. (PAREF)**, established in 1976, is a community of 17 schools (preschool, elementary, and high school) established by parents and educators committed to support

parents as the primary educators of their children. The schools foster the personal integral development of children and prepare them for university studies.

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**Education for the Upbringing of Children (EDUCHILD)**, formed in 1976, is an organization of parents

that runs programs to help fellow parents in the delicate task of rearing a family. The case studies and round table discussions that Educhild organizes keep parents attuned with the best practices to address the challenges facing families today. It also runs courses on family and marriage for singles, young professionals, and grandparents. Educhild is present in the major cities of the Philippines, and has marriage and family programs addressed to those in the “peripheries.”

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**Dualtech Training Center Foundation, Inc. (Dualtech),** established in 1982, is a technical-vocational school that provides electro-mechanical skills training to high school graduates and prepares them for immediate employment in the industrial sector. Through the dual training system, the school collaborates with industry partners for the on-the-job training of its students.

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**Theological Centrum**, established in 1985, is a project of priests and professionals to assist bishops of the local churches in the formation of diocesan priests and seminarians. Theological Centrum organizes various activities for them, such as Holy Hours, out of town retreats, spiritual direction, seminars on spirituality, and conferences on Philosophy and Theology. It publishes newsletters and books for spiritual reading and the ecclesiastical sciences.

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### **Anihan Technical School,**

established in 1986, is a technical-vocational institute in Calamba, Laguna for young women, especially for those from the marginalized sector. It operates a two-year Senior High School offering a Food Service Program for the Technical-Vocational- Livelihood Track. For those who have graduated senior high school, Anihan offers a one-year program on Quick Service Restaurant Operations. Those who complete the programs receive National Certificates II in Cookery, Bread and Pastry Production, and Food and Beverage Services; and are ready for

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**Dagatan Family Farm School (DFFS)** was inaugurated in 1988, and is a secondary learning institution for young men coming from the province of Batangas. Originally catering to sons of farmers, Dagatan FFS, adjusted its curriculum to include Entrepreneurship and the

whole value chain related to agriculture. Through farming one learns to practice the work values and attitudes any professional will need. Today, with concerns on food security and aging farmers, DFFS gains greater relevance in the field of agriculture education.

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**CITE Technical Institute** is a  
technical training institution  
founded in 1990 to address the needs

of less-privileged youth in the Visayas and Mindanao. It offers programs in Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics, and Computer Engineering Technology. It also provides technical re-training and management upgrading courses to industry workers. Beyond technical training, it offers values formation to students, parents, and industry partners.

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**Balete Family Farm School,** established in 1990, is the first such school for girls in the Philippines, located in Balete (Batangas). It offers a 4-year Junior High School (Grades 7-10) program for those coming from rural families in the locality. The special training in agri-entrepreneurship given in Grades 9 and 10 is designed to develop them to become entrepreneurs. Balete graduates are qualified to take the National Certificate Test for Crop Production.

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## **Family Cooperation Health Services Foundation, Inc.**

**(FAMCOHSEF)**, founded in 1991, is a project of women in the health sector. It provides education and training in health care and environmental sanitation for families in low-income communities. Through its programs FAMCOHSEF empowers families to take charge of their health in order to prevent diseases, improve hygiene, and reduce incidence of malnutrition. Graduates of the Care of the Elderly Training Program find gainful employment both locally and abroad.

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**FPTI-Banilad Center for Professional Development (BCPD)**, established in 1992, is a technical vocational school that offers post secondary Hotel and Restaurant Service courses. It is accredited with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority. In 2014, BCPD was accredited with the Department of Education as a stand-alone senior high school offering Home Economics strand under the Technical Vocational and Livelihood track.

BCPD prepares young women especially those from low income families, for employment, to start their own business, or to pursue higher studies. In 2021, BCPD started

a one-year Food Service Technology course for out-of-school youth, which is designed to provide “second-chance education” to such individuals.

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**Dingle Family Farm School (DiFFS)**, established in 1996, is an agro-industrial oriented secondary school (Grades 7-10) for boys located at the heart of rural communities of Dingle, Iloilo, Western Visayas Region. The school envisions all graduates to be



intellectually equipped and sufficiently prepared to pursue higher education in agriculture and agri-entrepreneurship to participate in community development. The school commits to working with parents, community leaders, industry, and the government to provide students with relevant and quality secondary education, training, and values formation. The school is guided by the Family Farm Schools' core principles of personalized formation, parents' participation in their children's education, alternating weeks of study and work in school and at home, and rural development.

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**CACHET** or Campaign for Character Education Tenacity, established in 1998, is a collaboration of Alalay sa Pamilya at Bayan Foundation, University of Asia and the Pacific and the Department of Education that seeks to assist public school youth to make and carry out responsible decisions in their family, studies, friendships and relationships, lifestyle and career choices, through a continuing formation in which the parents are the principal educators in collaboration with the school.

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**Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD)**, established in 1999, is dedicated to professionalizing corporate directorship and raising the corporate governance standards of the Philippines. It offers corporate governance learning solutions for board members and senior executives through customized in-depth learning sessions composed of lectures, case studies and structured learning experiences.

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**Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA)**, established in 2000, works

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**The Philippine Center for Civic Education and Democracy (PCCED)**, started in 2004, is dedicated to strengthening civic education as a means to effective citizen participation in democratic life out of love of country. It has

developed a number of programs to equip teachers, *civic* educators, youth leaders, local authorities, civil society groups and institutions.

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**Catalyst for Professional Development Services**, founded in 2011, is an advocacy for character education, organizing conferences on the importance and the development of character. Led by recognized experts in the field, these conferences serve the needs of students, teachers and parents in different parts of the country. Catalyst PDS regularly holds seminars for teachers on character education. As an affiliate of the Center for the 4th & 5th Rs (Respect & Responsibility) and Character.org, it

is an accrediting body for "Schools of Character."

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**Philippine Foodbank Foundation, Inc.**, started in 2017, gathers food from donor companies in Philippines and distributes to undernourished people in many parts of the Philippines, both in urban and rural groups, and also in Myanmar, Kazakhstan, and Indonesia.

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**The Asian Institute for Marriage & Family (AIMFam)**, founded in 2017 in response to Pope Francis' Amoris Laetitia, has set up programs that prepare couples for marriage and address various issues of married couples in their first decade of marriage, and also provide formation in marriage law for Pre-Judicial Marriage Counselors.

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**Mayani** (from “may ani”, there is harvest or "my ani", my harvest), founded in 2019, is an agri-tech social enterprise that seeks to uplift the lives of small farmers and fisherfolk by providing them fair market access, eventually helping them rise from poverty and enjoy improved economic conditions.

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