DECREASING MORAL DECADENCE

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Education in its general sense is a form of learning in which knowledge, skills and habits of a group of people are transferred from one generation to next through teaching, training, research or autodictatism. By education people’s moral values can be improved especially students. (Sari, Nurlaela 2013)

Moral values have an impact on the student’s achievement and behavior so it is important that every teacher takes extra care on teaching the desired values. According some people as cited by Rosemarie Gonzales in one of her article “Values are Caught Not Taught”, there must be an observable and strict evaluation of the attitude of every stakeholder of the institution emphasizing the teacher having direct relationship with their students.

Nowadays the impact of social media, the kind of environment and generation of our learners, greatly affect their human behavior so the need to teach and integrate values must be the top priority. As stated in the Article II Section 2 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution “All educational institutions shall inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect human rights, appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of the country, teach the rights and duties of citizenship, strengthen ethical and spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline…..” wherein teaching desirable values and responsible behavior requires educating the whole society.

Our present curriculum, the K-12 Program of the Department of Education, aim to produce a learner who is equipped with good values so that proper behavior is shown at
all time. But today, it is very alarming that an early age, teenagers and students are engaged in doing unlawful acts such as crime, violence, bullying, gangster, drugs, free sex, etc. At their age they became the carrier of drugs, some of them get pregnant and do abortion. Others also engage in sexual and physical bullying.

The need to decrease moral decadence is really needed. What the world ask today is to have a set of learners who will become the assets of our nation. Our youth is our hope. The next era depends on them. Hand and hand we must work together to diminish the present situation of our society. Being a role model to the student is the best one. What you teach should be seen at you. Establish classroom routine wherein moral values is a part of everyday discussion. Impart values to the lesson. Everyday there is something to remember, reflect and engage like doing what is right and just. Encourage excellence and most especially teach moral values because it has great impact on creating the future every learner we want them to experience.

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The Philippine Constitution of 1987- Article 2