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LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM REFLECTION 2026

Ruiziano: Puso, Talino, Talento – Journeying toward Transformation

Now entering its fourth year as a participant in the Laudato Si' Action Platform, Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila School, Inc. continues to walk the path of ecological conversion with faith and determination. Our journey began with the theme *Building Bridges*, and over the past three years we have seen milestones that remind us of what is possible when we work together.

We recognize that the road has not been easy. Consistency was sometimes lost, projects were stalled when members left, and other urgent concerns demanded our attention. Yet through these struggles, we persisted. We continue to persevere because we believe that caring for our common home is not just a program—it is a way of life, a call to transformation.

Our efforts have borne fruit in many ways:





The institutionalization of waste management practices, and the integration of ecological education and spirituality into our curriculum and prayer life, have been key.





Outreach programs such as *Bodega ng Pagkakaisa* and service learning have allowed our students and staff to experience the joy of solidarity and compassion.

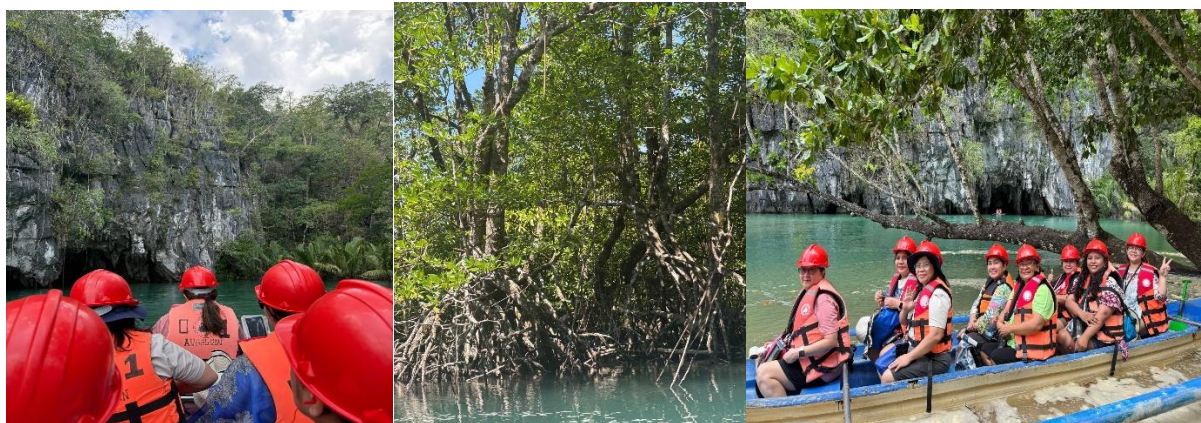


These are seeds of hope planted in our community.

At the same time, we humbly acknowledge the areas where we must grow. Monitoring and evaluation need to be strengthened so that we can measure real impact. Some initiatives require deeper planning and sustained follow-through. We are challenged to move beyond one-time events toward long-term commitments that truly transform lives and communities.



With the principle of synodality, we are also strengthening our communication and relationship with our stakeholders and the wider community. We know we have more to learn and to do - learning about our wetlands and mangrove areas, marveling at the grand handiwork of the Lord, just being in commune with nature.



As we continue to immerse ourselves in the goals of *Laudato Si'*, we fortify our resolve for transformative education—ensuring that our curriculum is robust enough to form students into God-loving leaders. In a time when politics and politicians often fall short of the values we hold dear, we remain hopeful that our efforts will help shape citizens who are worthy in God's eyes.

This year's theme, *Ruiziano: Puso, Talino, Talento – Journeying Toward Transformation*, invites us to bring heart (*Puso*), wisdom (*Talino*), and giftedness (*Talento*) into our ecological mission. It is a reminder that transformation begins within us when we allow our faith to inspire action and when we use our talents to serve creation. It is when we unite our minds and hearts for the good of future generations.

Our beloved Pope Francis said in his papal bull *Spes Non Confudit* – “*Hope does not disappoint*”. So, yes, we continue to look ahead with hope. We commit to deepening our ecological advocacies. We strive to strengthen our partnerships. We endeavor to nurture a spirituality that sees creation as God's gift entrusted to us.



As Ruizians, we embrace this call not only as Catholics, Filipinos, and lay people, but as members of a global community striving to heal our common home.

Laudato Si!