



KAWAN PILIPINO CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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"Pagkatapos ay inakay niya na parang mga tupa ang kanyang bayan, at pinatnubayan sila sa ilang na parang kawan."

—Mga Awit 78:52

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Sa Mga Fellow Kawaners!

Hello Kawaners! Welcome to our Kawan community, and we hope that you may find a comfortable and spiritual bahay (home) here to learn about the Catholic teachings of Jesus Christ and Pilipino culture as a whole, while our two Patron Saints guide all of you throughout your journeys. Our vibrant Pilipino Catholic Association hosts several socials such as Prayer n' Praise, Faith Talks, and annual programming throughout the year – the major events include Simbang Gabi in December, Feast of Santo Niño Cathedral Mass in January, and End-of-the-year Banquet in Spring.

In addition to our spiritually-engaging events, you will meet two mascots that go by the names Kris and Kevin! These mascots have been with Kawan since the beginning, accompanying us through our personal, academic, and spiritual lives. Kris and Kevin can be found in meetings, Jollibee socials, anywhere they might be!

Through both fellowship and programming, you will see how the community guides and learns from each other through the seven pillars of the organization – Catholicism, Culture, Health, History, Piety, Service, and Spirituality. More importantly, we are called by God to *flock* (Kawan's namesake translated) together like a group of sheep through the wilderness as described in Psalm 78:52, which in this case today is our personal and academic endeavors.

As you embark on this journey with us, know Kawan will always be a spiritual bahay [house] throughout college and after where we can support each other through faith, academic, and personal growth. Whether you're a devout Catholic, curious about the Faith, or simply want to learn about the organization and Filipino culture (and the food), there will always be a place for you here in our Kawan Kapamilya (family).

As such, we invite you to join in fellowship and don't be afraid to share your ideas, thoughts, and experiences with the community! Always remember that in Kawan, we are all here for you and every member contributing to our shared, collective growth guided by Christ.

Lastly, let us remember some words of our first Filipino Patron Saint, Lorenzo Ruiz: "Had I a thousand lives, all these to Him shall I offer". We can draw from this quote that while our challenges can be extreme, we can always look up to God and know that He will always be there for us and to guide our lives in a faithful and joyful manner.

We look forward to growing with you throughout this academic year, celebrating our faith and culture, creating long-lasting memories and friendships. We welcome you to our Kawan Kapamilya!

Maraming Salamat at Ingat Kayo.

THE 3rd RICHARD OLASO BAAL ENDOWED EXECUTIVE BOARD OF KAWAN