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Department of Education  
REGION VIII  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BILIRAN

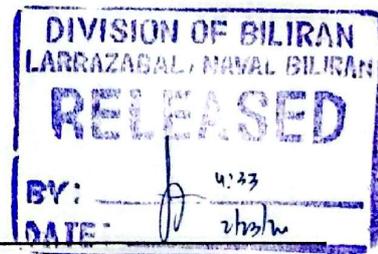
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DIVISION MEMORANDUM  
No. 10, s. 2026

**PARTICIPATION TO THE DIFFERENT CONTESTS SPEARHEADED BY  
THE DIOCESE OF NAVAL ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE 40<sup>TH</sup> EDSA  
PEOPLE POWER ANNIVERSARY**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors-CID and SGOD  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. Schools Division Office-Biliran is one with the Diocese of Naval in the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> EDSA People Power Anniversary which serves as a Eucharistic Thanksgiving for the triumph of the moral conscience.
2. With this, the Office hereby calls for a strong participation from the secondary schools (Junior High School or Senior High School) in this Division on the **different contests spearheaded by the Diocese on the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> EDSA People Power Anniversary on February 27, 2026 at 8:00AM-5:00PM.**
3. Secondary schools (both public and private) are encouraged to showcase their skills and talents by participating in the following contests:
  - a. History Quiz-Bee
  - b. Oratorical Contest
  - c. Essay-Writing Contest
  - d. Poster-Making (Manual/Digital) Contest



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4. Mechanics and guidelines of the said contests are also attached in this Memorandum for your guidance and reference.
5. The contests shall be held in these venues:
  - Essay-Writing - Chancery
  - Quiz-Bee - Parish Hall
  - Poster Making - Angelicum Covered Court
  - Oration - in front of the Cathedral Church
6. No registration fee will be collected from the learner-participants and teacher-coaches; however, travel, meals, and other incidental expenses shall be charged against their school MOOE subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
7. The participants are requested to prepare their Authority to Travel.
8. For queries and further clarification, you may reach the Diocese through Rev. Fr. Vinseter Curso, Social Action Director, in his mobile number 0967-215-8700.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.



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Schools Division Superintendent 



## ORATORICAL CONTEST

### 40th Anniversary Celebration of the EDSA People Power Revolution

#### I. RATIONALE

In commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the EDSA People Power Revolution, this Oratorical Contest aims to promote patriotism, historical awareness, democratic values, and civic responsibility among the youth of the Province of Biliran. The activity seeks to inspire learners to reflect on the significance of People Power and its relevance to the present generation.

#### II. THEME

**“EDSA @ 40: Powering the Truth, Planting the Future”**

All speeches must strictly adhere to the given theme.

#### III. ELIGIBILITY

1. The contest is open to **all secondary schools (public and private)** in the Province of Biliran.
2. Each secondary school is entitled to **one (1) official contestant only**.
3. The contestant must:
  - o Be an **officially enrolled learner** of the representing secondary school at the time of the contest.
  - o Present a valid school ID or certification signed by the School Head.
4. Substitution of contestants is allowed only for valid reasons and must be communicated to the organizers at least three (3) days before the contest.

#### IV. MECHANICS AND GUIDELINES

1. The oratorical piece must:
  - Be theme-based.
  - Be delivered in English.
  - Not contain offensive, defamatory, or inappropriate language.

## 2. Delivery Time:

- Each contestant shall be given a **minimum of six (6) minutes** and a **maximum of seven (7) minutes** to deliver the speech.
- A **one (1) point deduction** shall be imposed:
  - For every ten (10) seconds in excess of the seven-minute limit.
  - For every ten (10) seconds short of the six-minute minimum requirement.
  - A speech that falls below 6:00 or exceeds 7:00 will automatically incur deductions accordingly.
- 3. Only the contestant is allowed on stage during the delivery.
- 4. Use of props, background music, or visual aids is **not allowed**.
- 5. The order of presentation shall be determined through a draw of lots before the contest proper.
- 6. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be **final and irrevocable**.

## V. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- **Content and Relevance to the Theme**      **40%**  
Depth of ideas, clarity of message, relevance to the theme, historical accuracy, and strength of arguments
- **Delivery and Stage Presence**                      **25%**  
Mastery, voice projection, diction, articulation, confidence, gestures, audience engagement
- **Organization and Structure**                              **20%**  
Logical arrangement and smooth flow of ideas; ideas/thoughts are coherent and properly sequenced
- **Language and Style**    **15%**  
Command of English, vocabulary, rhetorical devices, grammar, creativity

## VI. AWARDS

- Champion
- 1st Runner-Up
- 2nd Runner-Up

**MECHANICS ON ESSAY WRITING CONTEST  
(ENGLISH and FILIPINO)**

1. The competition is open to all public and private school high school students in the Diocese of Naval.
2. There shall be two (2) categories, namely: (1) English and (2) Filipino. Each participant will only be allowed to join in (1) category and submit one (1) entry.
3. The board of judges shall provide topic of the essay at the venue of the competition.
4. The contestants shall be given (2) hours to develop the composition.
5. The contestants shall be provided with a pen and a long bond paper.
6. No printed materials, electronic gadgets, or storage devices shall be utilized.
7. Each contestant must write a 4-5 paragraph essay composed of an introduction, two-three body paragraph, and a conclusion.
8. The result of the contest shall be posted on the tally board immediately after the judges have finished rating the contestants' manuscripts.
9. Winners are declared as Champion, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.
10. The judges' decision is final.

**Criteria for judging**

**Content** (Relevance to the theme, comprehensiveness, originality, insights) **50%**

Relevance to the theme- connection, significance of the issue being discussed

Comprehensiveness- how complete and detailed the writer's exposition of the topic

Originality- uniqueness, novelty, and authenticity of ideas

Insights- a fresh way of looking at things, critical view of the subject

**Organization** (Clarity of thoughts, Creativity, Unity and Consistency) **30%**

Clarity of thoughts- use of simple and appropriate words to convey ideas or issues

Creativity- the use of appropriate devices and expression in the exposition of the subject

Unity and Consistency- ability to highlight the focal point

**Mechanics** (Punctuation, Spelling, Capitalization and Grammar) **20%**  
-the correct use of punctuation, capitalization and grammar

**Mechanics:**

**POSTER MAKING CONTEST**

**Theme:** "EDSA@40: Powering the Truth, Planting the Future"

**Date:** February 27, 2026 | **Time:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

**Category A: MANUAL POSTER MAKING**

*Focusing on traditional artistry and raw expression.*

**1. Materials & Equipment**

- The organizers will provide the **official illustration board** (15" x 20").
- Participants must bring their own coloring materials: oil pastels, acrylic, watercolor, ink, or mixed media.
- **Prohibited:** Use of "found objects" (beads, glitters, 3D materials) and pre-sketched templates.

**2. Guidelines**

- **Time Limit:** Exactly 2 hours and 30min.
- All artworks must be done on-site.
- No textual labels or slogans are allowed on the artwork unless they are an integral part of the design and do not identify the participant or school.

**Category B: Digital Poster Making**

*Focusing on modern graphic design and digital storytelling.*

**1. Technical Requirements**

- **Software:** Participants may use Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Canva (Pro features allowed if provided by the student), or Procreate.
- **Canvas Size:** A3 (11.7" x 16.5"), 300 DPI, CMYK color mode.
- **Hardware:** Participants must bring their own laptops or tablets and drawing peripherals.

## 2. Guidelines

- **Time Limit:** Exactly 3 hours.
- **Originality:** Use of AI-generated imagery (Midjourney, DALL-E, etc.) is **strictly prohibited** and will result in immediate disqualification.
- All elements must be created from scratch or use royalty-free stock assets (maximum 20% of the composition).
- **Submission:** Entries must be exported as a high-resolution PDF and JPEG, named as Digital\_Surname\_School.

### Criteria for Judging (Both Categories)

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
<b>Relevance to Theme</b>	How well the art interprets the "Powering Truth" and "Planting Future" concepts.	40%
<b>Creativity &amp; Originality</b>	Uniqueness of the idea and visual metaphor.	30%
<b>Visual Impact</b>	Overall composition, color harmony, and "wow" factor.	20%
<b>Workmanship</b>	Mastery of the chosen medium and technical execution.	10%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

### General Rules for All Participants

- **Eligibility:** Open to all currently enrolled Junior and Senior High School students.
- **Integrity:** Any form of plagiarism or assistance from coaches during the contest hours will lead to disqualification.
- **Ownership:** All winning entries will become the property of the organizing committee for exhibition purposes.

**Note:** Please arrive at the venue by 1:00 PM for registration and workspace setup. The "Start" signal will be given promptly at 1:30 PM.

## **INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION**

in Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the People Power Revolution  
Official Guidelines and Mechanics

### **I. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**

1. This Inter-School Quiz Bowl Competition is organized by the Diocesan Commission on Social Action (DSAC) in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the People Power Revolution of 1986. The competition will be held on February 27, 2026 at the Parish Hall, Holy Rosary Parish, Naval, Biliran.
2. The activity aims to keep alive the memory of the historic EDSA uprising as a peaceful movement that restored democracy in the Philippines.
3. It seeks to provide young learners with an opportunity to understand, reflect upon, and learn from the events and lessons of the People Power Revolution.
4. The competition intends to promote historical consciousness, civic responsibility, patriotism, and moral courage among the youth.
5. It further aims to encourage academic excellence and healthy competition among secondary schools within the Diocese of Naval.

### **II. ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION**

1. The competition shall be open to all high school learners from public and private schools within the Diocese of Naval.
2. Each participating school shall be represented by one official team composed of three bonafide enrolled secondary students.
3. Each team may designate one alternate member, provided that substitution shall only be allowed prior to the start of the competition.
4. Each participating team must be accompanied by one official coach or faculty adviser duly recognized by the school administration.

5. Registration forms must be duly accomplished and certified by the School Head and submitted within the deadline prescribed by the Organizing Committee.

### III. SCOPE AND COVERAGE

1. The competition shall cover the historical background of Martial Law from 1972 to 1986 and the events leading to the People Power Revolution.
2. Questions shall include key personalities, significant events, and institutions involved in the democratic transition.
3. The role of the Church, media, military, and civil society during the EDSA uprising shall form part of the coverage.
4. The 1987 Philippine Constitution and its democratic principles shall also be included.
5. Questions may assess factual knowledge, comprehension, and critical analysis of the significance and continuing relevance of People Power.

### IV. COMPETITION FORMAT

1. The Quiz Bowl shall consist of three stages: Elimination Round, Semi-Final Round, and Final Round.
2. Advancement to each succeeding round shall be determined based on cumulative scores.
3. All questions shall be prepared and reviewed by the Academic Committee designated by DSAC.
  - a. Elimination Round
    - i. All registered teams shall compete in the Elimination Round.
    - ii. The round shall consist of fifteen toss-up questions.
    - iii. Each question shall be read clearly and may be repeated once upon request.

- iv. Teams shall have ten seconds to answer after recognition.
- v. No conferring shall be allowed during toss-up questions.
- vi. Each correct answer shall earn two points.
- vii. No deduction shall be imposed for incorrect answers.
- viii. The top four teams with the highest scores shall advance to the Semi-Final Round.

**b. Semi-Final Round**

- i. The Semi-Final Round shall consist of ten toss-up questions and five bonus questions.
- ii. Toss-up questions shall be answered individually without conferring.
- iii. Bonus questions shall be answered collectively within fifteen seconds.
- iv. Each correct toss-up answer shall earn three points.
- v. Each correct bonus answer shall earn five points.
- vi. No negative marking shall apply in this round.
- vii. The two teams with the highest cumulative scores shall advance to the Final Round.

**c. Final Round**

- i. The Final Round shall consist of ten toss-up questions and five bonus questions.
- ii. Negative marking shall apply to toss-up questions, with a deduction of two points for every incorrect answer.

iii. Bonus questions shall not carry deductions for incorrect answers.

iv. In case of a tie, clincher questions shall be administered.

v. If the tie persists, a sudden-death question shall determine the Champion.

#### V. RULES ON ANSWERING

1. A buzzer system shall be used during all toss-up questions.
2. Teams must wait until the Quiz Master finishes reading the question before buzzing, unless otherwise permitted.
3. Only the recognized team may provide an answer.
4. For toss-up questions, only the team captain shall state the final answer.
5. For bonus questions, team members may confer before giving the final answer.
6. All answers must be stated clearly and directly responsive to the question.
7. The Board of Judges shall determine the correctness of all answers.
8. Decisions of the Board of Judges shall be final and irrevocable.

#### VI. BOARD OF OFFICIALS

1. The competition shall be administered by a Quiz Master or Moderator who shall oversee the proper conduct of the Quiz Bowl.
2. A Timekeeper shall strictly enforce the allotted answering time.
3. A Scorekeeper shall record and publicly display all scores.
4. A Board of Judges composed of at least three qualified individuals shall validate answers and resolve disputes.

5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to appoint additional officials when necessary to ensure orderly proceedings.

#### VII. PROTEST AND APPEALS

1. Any protest concerning a question or answer must be submitted in writing by the official coach.
2. The protest must be filed within fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the contested round.
3. The Board of Judges shall deliberate and issue a final ruling on the matter.
4. All decisions regarding protests shall be final and non-appealable.

#### VIII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

1. The team with the highest score in the Final Round shall be declared Champion.
2. The team with the second highest score shall be declared First Runner-Up.
3. The team with the third highest score shall be declared Second Runner-Up.
4. Certificates of Participation shall be awarded to all participating teams.
5. Additional awards or cash prizes shall be determined and announced by DSAC.

#### IX. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. All contestants, coaches, and supporters shall observe proper decorum and professionalism throughout the event.
2. Coaching, signaling, or unauthorized assistance from the audience is strictly prohibited.
3. The use of electronic devices during the competition is not allowed.

4. Any act of cheating, misconduct, or disruption shall be grounds for disqualification.
5. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend these Guidelines when necessary to ensure fairness, order, and integrity of the competition.

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## OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM

### I. SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Type:

Public

Private

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### II. TEAM MEMBERS

The undersigned certifies that the following students are bona fide enrolled secondary learners of the above-mentioned school for the Academic Year 2025-2026:

#### Official Contestants

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Alternate (Optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. OFFICIAL COACH / ADVISER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Designation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above-named students are officially enrolled in this institution and are authorized to represent our school in the Inter-School Quiz Bowl Competition organized by the Diocesan Commission on Social Action (DSAC) of the Diocese of Naval.

I further certify that we have read and understood the Official Guidelines and Mechanics of the competition and agree to abide by all the rules and decisions of the Organizing Committee and Board of Judges.

School Head: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_