



San Beda College Alabang

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JUST IN

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STATEMENT ON THE ERRONEOUS AND MALICIOUS CLAIMS OF NETIZENS ON THE SCHOOL'S NOTICE OF OUTSTANDING BALANCE

Peace. A recent online news article circulating in social media has essentially painted San Beda College Alabang, our beloved institution, in a bad light as the article contained several heavy allegations regarding the billing notices of San Beda College Alabang and its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, among others. The allegations hurled against the institution are untrue and unacceptable. Adding insult to injury, many reactors have made fun of the institution's sincere efforts at assisting parents in their need to be updated, given this difficult time of ECQ. The fact is that San Beda College Alabang has taken the following courses of action regarding its billing notices in view of the COVID-19 situation, to wit:

1. As stated in the Notice to Parents regarding payment extensions for tuition fee dues:
"Individual billing statements through email [is] for updating purposes only."
2. The school issued two such notices both in its website and official FB page on March 26 and April 14, 2020 in its commitment to community service during these troubled times.
3. All penalties are waived by the extensions of due dates during the ECQ.

In responding even further to the needs of all in this economically trying times, a refund scheme is currently being studied, as well as the consideration of extending even further the tuition fee payment due dates. The school will release a separate advisory on the details of the refund scheme and extension of payment due dates.

As Rector-President, I believe that we cannot stand idly by, especially when the name of our beloved institution is being defiled through false information and allegations. I wish to remind everybody that one of the institution's core values is Community Service, which is committed to the welfare of all, especially in these difficult times.

I call on all stakeholders of our beloved San Beda College Alabang to be circumspect in dealing with false and provocative assertions lest they unwittingly give themselves in to their own folly. Perpetrators of this and similar false and malicious claims will incur administrative and possibly criminal consequences following due process. Accordingly, San Beda College Alabang expressly reserves its right under the law to prosecute, as it deems fit, any further malicious activity that seeks to malign or defame our beloved institution, and that nothing in this statement is intended to waive any rights, remedies, causes of action, claims or defenses of San Beda College Alabang.

We are all facing unprecedented, challenging and strange times, which may lead to heightened and stressful moments, but please know we face them together as a community of faith and action. In time, things will get better; we will get through this and emerge stronger - together.

In the service of Christ,

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Ut in omnibus glorificetur Deus

