



Statement of EDSOR Consortium of Schools on the continuing significance of February 25

Last October 11, 2023, President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. issued Proclamation No. 368. It effectively excluded February 25 from the list of Special Non-Working Holidays for 2024. We, the Heads of Schools that comprise the EDSOR Consortium of schools (Immaculate Conception Academy, La Salle Green Hills, Xavier School, and Saint Pedro Poveda College), strongly oppose and denounce the action of the President, for the following reasons:

- The EDSA People Power Revolution put an end to the era of Martial Law under the Presidency of the late Ferdinand E. Marcos, Sr., and acknowledged the truth about the dark days of that period;
- The EDSA People Power Revolution is a symbol of Filipino resilience and unity in times of oppression and was an act recognized and widely admired by the international community;
- The EDSA People Power Revolution was indeed a true and effective catalyst for change in the very fabric of society and strengthened the democratic process by providing a check and balance mechanism against power and authority that was unjustly exercised and grossly abused;
- The EDSA People Power Revolution is a significant event in Philippine history and in the heart of every Filipino, and therefore merits due importance, attention, and recognition.

Anchored in our faith in God and motivated by selflessness and love of country, we, as educators, are particularly conscious of our tremendous responsibility and fully determined to enlighten the young on the aspirations embodied in the 1987 Constitution, that of upholding a society built on social justice and respect for human rights.

We acknowledge our responsibility, as Educators, to ensure that the EDSA People Power Revolution will continue to be relevant, especially for our current and future generations of students. We have resolved to continue with the study of the historical significance of the event in the Araling Panlipunan/Social Studies classes, as well as in other subjects related to values formation that will help mold our students into honest and trustworthy citizens. We will also continue to organize the annual Grade School and High School Peace Camps, and activities for the Faculty & Staff, attended by representatives of our four schools, with the aim of keeping the spirit of EDSA alive.

Lastly, the EDSOR Schools will continue to celebrate, as a Special Non-Working Holiday, the EDSA People Power Revolution on February 25 of each year. We will continue to give due recognition not just to the event itself, but more importantly, to the spirit of freedom and patriotism exemplified by the Filipino people.



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