



INFANT JESUS ACADEMY  
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To All Students, Teachers, Staff and Administrators,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank all of you for your donations of goods and cash, for all your efforts in soliciting, packing, and transporting our relief goods and for coordinating with other agencies to ensure the success of IJA I-Give (Operation Bulig/Tindog Pilipinas). I would like to thank especially the students, teachers, administrators and staff of IJA Marikina who worked hard until late at night to make sure that all the goods were packed and delivered as soon as possible. I also thank the members of the school community in IJA Antipolo for their whole hearted support to the effort. The members of the school community in IJA-Kalibo are responsible for repacking all the goods, including the ones solicited from the school community members there, into individual packs and delivering them to the intended beneficiaries.

The relief operation effort that was spearheaded by the Student Coordinating Body together with the IJA Volunteers for the Overall Integration of a Christian Education or IJA VOICE is one way of teaching all of us that faith alone does not make us Christians but it is the integration of our faith and good deeds that make us real followers of Christ. I would like to share this little quote to illustrate the point:

***“How does it help, my brothers, when someone who has never done a single good act claims to have faith? Will that faith bring salvation? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, ‘I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,’ without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? In the same way faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead. But someone may say: So you have faith and I have good deeds? Show me this faith of yours without deeds, then! It is by my deeds that I will show you my faith.”*** (James 2:14-18).

This idea of integrating faith and good deeds inspired those who put together our community service program into calling it **IJA** Volunteers for the **Overall Integration of a Christian Education** or IJA VOICE. The outreach program is indeed the voice of the Infant Jesus, calling out to all of us to put our faith into action. Through our concerted efforts in helping others, members of the IJA school community speak with one voice – that we have received a truly integrated Christian education here in IJA .

Thank you again and may the Infant Jesus continue to bless us and may our faith in Him inspire all of us in doing good deeds for others.

Sincerely,



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