“REMEMBERING DR. REX D. DRILON”

Binhi sang Pagtuo

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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

Last February 21, Central Philippine University celebrated Dr. Rex D. Drilon Day in honor of the First Filipino President of CPU.

Let me share a brief reflection that I delivered during the memorial service last week.

There are three things that Dr. Rex D. Drilon has taught us:

First, We must walk with a purpose.

Proverbs 19:21 says, “Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails.”

Dr. Drilon is remembered as someone who would always say, “Centralians, walk with a purpose.” He is telling us to always seek God's will in our lives.

Dr. Drilon wrote, “The World Outside is greedy, parasitic, deceitful, selfish, slanderous, quarrelsome – also kind, generous, noble, truthful, if you know how to reach hard enough beyond the superficies. You will be discouraged at first, but you need not be. For with your training at CPU, you are theoretically armed with the weapons of Christian character and Christian liberal-minded intellect that can make the difference in the eternal contest between the forces of darkness and the forces of light.”

Second, We must learn to listen.

The prophet Elijah was reminded by God that he has given us two ears and one mouth. God was not in the earthquake, not in the fire, and not in a howling wind. Elijah had to really listen because God was in a still small voice.

Dr. Drilon said, “The burden of my message is simple. In this day when the country is on fire, we must talk less and do more. The university world, as well as the outside world, is in terrible agony because we talk too much and do too little. Everybody is talking and nobody is listening. We must learn to listen so we can cure ourselves.”

Third, We must always remember the CPU badge.

“The CPU badge that you will carry all your life long is a badge of honor…You tarnish that badge and you tarnish yourself and your precious heritage. You live up to it and you place all that is best on a pedestal for the world to see and perhaps to emulate…

We who remain on the campus will watch you make your mark in the world — a world that will test you by means fair and foul as to the kind of man or woman Central Philippine University has prepared you to be.

Stand fast by your Christian principles…, but in doing so do not be self-righteous. Self-righteous people are not trusted and they do not go very far.

When you do all these things — and more — you will be the salt of the earth wherever you will be and whatever you do — big or small. Remember — always remember your CPU badge!!”

We thank God for the words of wisdom of Dr. Rex D. Drilon.

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

Rev. Francis Neil G. Jalando-on