



**ASSUMPTION COLLEGE
SAN LORENZO, MAKATI METRO MANILA**

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In 1992, Assumption celebrated its 100th Year in the Philippines. As a significant Act in honor of the centennial, the Marie Eugenie Institute (MEI) was founded. It was envisioned to be a Center of Research and Formation on the teachings of St. Marie Eugenie, Foundress of the Religious of the Assumption.

MEI built an organizational structure of Religious and Lay both in the Board of Trustees and in the Co-Executive Directors. Mother Carmen Reyes researched and designed the topics for each of the 8 Modules. Stella (Chinit) Rufino managed and facilitated the planning, coordination, and documentation of the Modules that took over 7 years to complete. These have been given to all teachers and staff of all Assumption schools in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao for the last 17 years. It was from Chinit's deep immersion into the teachings of Marie Eugenie that she felt a desire to go beyond the walls of Assumption.

Thus, in 2003, the Mentoring the Mentors Program for Public Schools was established in a partnership with the Worldwide People Power Foundation Inc. headed by Eggie Apostol. Eggie Apostol launched the program with a "call for an Education Revolution." The Mentoring the Mentors Program with the UP College of Education represented by Dr. Eve Mejillano and Dr. Celia Adriano and the Covey Center of Leadership represented by Lirio Mapa jointly designed a 3-day program.

This program has served 15,000 Public School Principals & Teachers nationwide. Responsive to the call of the times, together with persons who had existing programs, Mentoring the Mentors has expanded to include: Mentoring the Mentors + Kinder with Dr. Elnora Montemayor; Mentoring the Mentors + Reading Readiness for Gr. 1 with Dr. Sol Francisco; Mentoring the Mentors + Parochial Schools with the Evangelion Foundation headed by Fr. Edwin Mercado which has further expanded to Mentoring the Mentors + Be-Attitudes for Teachers starting in 2018. In 2017, In response to the growing concern of drug addiction among the young, Mentoring the Mentors Program + Education for the Prevention of Drug Abuse (MMP+EPDA) was designed and 16 professors from the Iloilo Science and Technology University were trained to run the program in 65 Public Schools in the same city. In January 2019, a pilot program for Mentoring the Mentors + Instructional Supervision for Principals and Subject Coordinators was piloted by Dr. Celia Adriano and Letty Martin in Bani, Pangasinan.

Chinit has been one of the foundation stones and energy of MEI since its birth. Her passion and tireless work is a testament of love, following the light of Marie Eugenie, it is a love that never says “I have done enough.”

Therefore, with deep gratitude, Assumption College San Lorenzo bestows on:

**Ma. Stella Delgado Rufino
the Emerita Award
for her successful leadership of the Marie
Eugenie Institute
and Recognition for her dedicated work in
Mentoring the Mentors**

To quote Chinit’s own words,
“For all that has been, we praise God; for all that is yet to be, God will show us the way”

