



Michelia Mae N. Dayongnan

I am Michelia Mae N. Dayongnan from Capisaan, Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya, born on August 26, 2008. I am second among the four children of Ofelia Dayongnan and Michael Dayongnan. My parents are both farmers, earning income enough to support our daily needs.

As early as 5 years old, I lived with my aunt for convenience especially when going to school. My aunt Jane and her husband have their only child studying in college by that time. So they only have me as their daily companion. They treated me as their own child, provided my needs, sent me to school and taught me a lot of things. At the age of ten, I decided to go back and live with my parents since I am old enough to help them in the farm. During weekends, we harvest beetlenuts and other planted products that can be sold so we can have allowance for the proceeding weekdays. During our summer vacations, we usually plant ginger on banana. That was a regular routine until Grade 6.

For my whole elementary life, I've been an academic achiever, trying my best at every competition to win awards which makes my parents proud. In that way, I get this feeling of fulfillment. After elementary, there was this COVID-19 outbreak, I am supposed to enter the Sisters of Mary by the year 2020, but the admission was cancelled because of the virus.

I started high school after one year of waiting for the second admission at the Sisters of Mary School. From grade 7 until grade 10, I excelled in my academics, I learned a lot, gained experience and fostered an attitude of leadership, discipline, and responsibility. Now, I am looking forward to a productive college life, seeing myself as a successful civil engineer ten years from now.