



Ayel Mecz V. Galdiano

I am Ayel Mecz V. Galdiano from the province of Occidental Mindoro, 17 years of age, born on the 4th day of April 2008. I am the eldest among four children of Geeann V. Galdiano (mother) and Mayel B. Galdiano (father). My siblings are Maezle V. Galdiano, grade 10, Edriel V. Galdiano, grade 4, and Gabriel V. Galdiano, the youngest, grade 2. My mother is a maid while my father is a construction worker but even they both have work, it is still not enough for the needs, expenses, and debts we have. Since I was a child, I already like creating design and building something. I'm also good in Math and became the top when I was second grade.

I studied my primary education in Tangkalan Elementary School. I've maintained a good performance, excelled in academics and became a secretary and president of our section. But it was hard for me to balance my studies and my responsibilities at home since I'm the eldest. At a young age, I've learned to cook rice, wash the laundry and take care of my siblings while my parents are working. There were times that my parents would ask me to help them in the rice field to plant even if I have class. Despite of these hardships, I did not think of ending up to nothing and be like my parents but I think of how am I going to make a difference to my life and to my family. When I was about to graduate in primary, pandemic strike, that was 2019. Life was very hard at that time, my parents cannot work and food was hard to access. But I was one of luckiest girl who was chosen to study at the Sisters of Mary School. It was a great opportunity not only for me but also for my family.

At first, life at the Sisters of Mary was difficult, the schedules, rules and regulations, but as time passes by, I became used to it. I've maintained a good grade since I was grade 7. Honestly, it is not that easy because I have to sacrifice my time wisely because there is schedule. I survived my junior high school through perseverance and resilience. I am now a senior high school students where I enjoy learning about science and technology. I aspire to become a civil engineer because I want to design buildings and structures that can improve people's lives and to help my family financially. Outside school, I love spending time with my friends, studying, and volunteering in community activities. I am also a helping sister of grade 8 students when I was in grade 10, and became a coordinator of our family saint for one year. These experiences have taught me teamwork, leadership, and the value of helping and serving others.

My journey towards my dream has just began, I still have a lot to experience, but I believe that these experiences will shape me for who I am in the future.