



# Samantha A. Borrigo

I am Samantha A. Borrigo, born on August 25, 2008 in Barangay Mahayag Villareal Western Samar, the eldest of the four children of Samuel N. Borrigo and Rose Marie M. Aboga. My mother left us when I was still one years old. Growing up, I learned the importance of responsibility and hard work at an early age because I often helped take care of my younger siblings, accompanying my father in fishing and balancing my studies with all the house chores.

During my elementary years, I participated well in class especially in subjects that challenge my thinking and creativity though sometimes my stomach is growling because of hunger. In spite of the hardship of life, I still have this burning desire in my heart to study hard and fulfill my dreams someday and I know that education is the only key to my success, and entering the Sisters of Mary gives a lot of changes, hopes, and joy I ever had. I never expected that the best experience of my life has been my time at this school, where I received training of discipline, strengthened my values, have excellent religious or spiritual formation, and created bonds of sisterhood with my dormmates, classmates and friends.

Dreaming to become a Certified Public Accountant, becomes a strong force that urge me to never stop learning whenever difficulties and hardships comes in to my life, and I do believed that "Miracles do happen" because I am also one of the miracle of our dear founder, Ven. Aloysius Schwartz, and God has given me an opportunity, an open door to my humble dreams as a form of an scholarship, wherein it gives another ladder for me to step on to reach my dreams. As a scholar, I will do my best to strive hard especially on academics but embodying the good values, strong spiritual formation and disciplined I have acquired in this school.

Lastly, I am focused on developing my skills and pursuing my dreams. I aim to finish my education and build a career that will allow me to help my family and contribute positively to society. My life story is still being written, and I look forward to learning, growing, and becoming the best version of myself, through the good Lord I was able to enter the Sisters of Mary with the humble heart and passionate dreams. Life could be tough sometimes but it should not be a reason to just stop immediately even though we are poor. Right now, I am striving hard maintaining good grades as my responsibility with discipline and moral values that shape my whole character and ready for the battle of life that awaits for me outside this institution.