

PRESS RELEASE

Sex ed modules now with CBCP

Education Secretary Mona Valisno took the opportunity to discuss with Bishop Oscar Cruz of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Tribunal the controversial sex education modules of the Department of Education (DepEd) when they met in an evening talk show on Friday.

"Even when we were preparing at the make-up room, I had the opportunity to discuss with Bishop Cruz the contents of the learning modules," narrates Valisno. "The good bishop told me that the modules we gave them are now with the Commission on the Family and Life."

For her part, Dr. Margie Holmes, a know expert on sexuality, suggested during an interview with GMA-7s Arnold Clavio that, "The three letter word s-e-x should be accompanied by four letter words: love, care, give."

Bishop Oscar Cruz on the other hand emphasized that "Sex is sacred. Done inside marriage, which is held as a holy union of two souls, it is a component of procreation" in that same interview.

"This exchange in ideas is good," said Valisno. "We have always maintained that we are open for dialog with any interest groups so we assuage their fears and assure them that what we are doing is child-friendly."

DepEd has repeatedly explained to the public that their sex education learning modules focus on adolescence, health and wellness, and proper values and character development. Valisno adds that they will also include lesson guides in spiritual development as recommended by Bishops Reuben Abante and Efraim Tendero of the Presidential Council for Values Formation.

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