

Edil's ideals

• Anthony Romnick B. Junio

“Leaders become great not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”
– John Maxwell

Ideal leaders shine with brilliant qualities which pellucidly define vision, charisma, integrity and inspiration. They exude positive attitude and stride beyond the call of duty.

For over three decades, sir Edilberto R. Abalos has spent most of his life being a public servant. At a young age, he already demonstrated his passion to be of service to others. He committed his life in making difference to the lives of those who are in need. Being in the public service for many years made him realize that only a life lived in the service of others is worth living.

Sir Edil, as his colleagues call him, is a true-blue Dagupeño who was born on May 13, 1961. Being the eldest, he grew up in a household that championed excellence in academia. In his family, discipline was the watchword, simplicity was the way of life and contribution to community was the motivation.

Being raised in a family where education is heavily valued, he staunchly finished his bachelor's degree at Pangasinan State University (Asingan Campus). Expanding his horizon in pursuit to higher education, he earned his Master's Degree in Physical Education and Sports from Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila. As he strongly upholds that education is a life-long process, he earned his Doctor's degree in Education at Pangasinan State University (Main Campus, Lingayen).

Married to Madam Dolores Gemino, Sir Edil and his wife are blessed to have three amazing children namely Ydyll Lloyd, Yvette Lynnette, and Yves Lyndon. Having his own family, he makes sure that the values he instills



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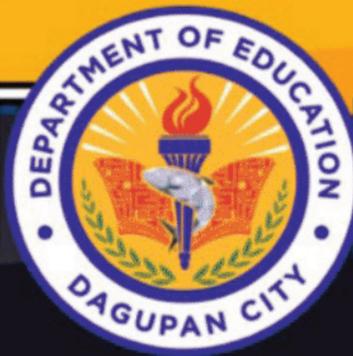
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to his children are anchored to how he was raised by his parents.

With his conviction to nurture young minds and mold them into something great, Sir Edil began his career as a Math, Social Studies, Practical Arts and MAPEH teacher at St. John's Cathedral School in 1984-1988 and as a Practical Arts/Drafting Technology then YDT/PEHM/MAPEH teacher at the Dagupan City National High School from 1988 to 1999. He dedicatedly poured his excellence in teaching and undeniably became a part of his learners' becoming.

In 1999, Sir Edil's normal life as a classroom teacher vastly changed when he decisively accepted the challenge of being a Regional Supervisor II of the PESS (Physical Education and School Sports) Division at the Regional Office until 2003. This gave an opportunity for him to enhance the management and delivery of quality education. After five years in the Regional Office, he transferred as the Education Program Supervisor in MAPEH in SDO-Dagupan City after the retirement of then Mr. Leon Palaganas, Jr. This paved the way for him to focus on his field of expertise since it is a known fact that Sir Edil is a sports enthusiast.

It is important to note that he became the Palarong Pambansa Basketball Tournament Manager from 2000 to 2018, 2021 and at present. He is also the Overall Commissioner of Governor's Cup/Pangasinan Inter-Town/City Basketball Tournament since 2014, Cluster Head of Confederation of Philippine Aquatics (COPA) since 2020, National President and Chairman of DepEd Basketball Referee Association since 2008 and the Regional Director of SBP (Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas) from 2010 up to the present

He was also the Chairman of Dagupan City Developmental Basketball League (DC-DBL) from 1995 to 2015. He also served for three terms as the President of YMCA Pangasinan and currently the Board Director. Moreover, he became the National



Corporate Secretary (1-term) and National Treasurer (1-term) and now the Board of Director of YMCA of the Philippines/National Federation.

More doors opened for Sir Edil when he sought for reassignment to the Regional Office in 2016 and luck was at his side when he got promoted and assumed the position as Chief Education Supervisor at Education Support Services Division in 2018. His commitment and dedication for quality education made him accept the challenge even if he knew it would be tough and would take a big toll on his personal life.

Recently, when travel restrictions and quarantine levels made life hard due to pandemic and when age is catching up for Sir Edil, he made a bold decision to return to his home division and be closer to his family. He sought lateral transfer after the retirement of Dr. Venus Estonilo. At present, Sir Edil is the Chief of Schools Governance Operations Division at SDO-Dagupan City. This has brought joy to him as he always yearns to go back to his hometown and initiate projects that would last-long and benefit his fellow Dagupeños.

Being the SGOD Chief, his goals are as high as his hopes for SDO-Dagupan City. During his term, he aims to support and capacitate schools and learning centers in building a conducive learning environment, ensure effective and efficient delivery of education services from the schools and learning centers, and put premium support services management, planning and research, community level linkages and partnerships, and human resource development and quality assurance.

With his scholarly undertakings and moral compass, Sir Edil is undeniably a man of achievement. However, despite his multitudinous conquests in the field of education, he never forgets to keep his feet on the ground. He always reminds his colleagues that he is just an ordinary person who dutifully performs his responsibilities for the common good.

Sir Edil's life is a testimony of unwavering selflessness and sterling leadership. He has truly touched the lives of many people and put the needs of others before his own. He does not settle for mediocrity and guarantees that his service is always at its optimum. Considering all these, it is worthy to acclaim that Dr. EDILBERTO ROBINOL ABALOS is indeed an ideal leader.

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