

I started my journey of formation in ICAM (Institute of Catechetics of the Archdiocese of Manila) last April 02, 2018. I was quite excited and on the other hand, worried because I do not know how to do lesson planning and has no background in teaching. At first, I do not know what to do because I know none of my classmates, but then after I also find myself comfortable with them.

My days in ICAM were fruitful. I learned many things which I did not know before and experienced things which I did not experience before. We were grouped into four and every week each group took a turn in different tasks such as liturgy, service, education, and arts. Every session of the course is a new learning for me, which I hope I could apply as I go on in my formation. I have also learned how to do lesson planning and methods which are useful for teaching catechesis. And in Methodology, I have overcome my shyness in facing other people which is my weakness in teaching. ICAM have helped us particularly me, to be equipped as we go further and in the future, to become a good catechist who bears the good news of Jesus Christ to other people.

But, aside from all those things those happy moments inside ICAM, on the other hand, was a challenge in the spiritual and community aspects of my formation which I was not able to guard very well, and it let me dried up spiritually. I did not recognize that I have already missed my prayer and community life and when I realized it I am already halfway. I was lost at that moment and I am recovering right now after I have shared it with my formator. She helps me to realize things and guided me gradually.

Furthermore, my days in ICAM gave me a very memorable experience. My formator always tells that in every moment of bad or good, we must learn from it and charge it to experience.

With full of gratitude, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given in my formation.

