

THE TEACHER CATALYST

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The modern world is facing new challenges due to the pandemic and economic disruptions. The worth of money is getting less and the cost of living is getting high. Same as in education, there is a great demand on catching up the two-year hiatus brought by the covid restrictions. Truly, it greatly affects not just the students but also the teachers and parents.

As an educator during these hard times, we need to do more than our job description. This is the time to show even more of what we are capable of. First by starting on the creation of lesson plan. Teachers should think of new teaching strategies, utilize new technology for a better learning experience, and conducting enrichment classes that can address the learning gap brought by the pandemic. Second teachers should widen their network even more, with the help of stakeholders, parents, and other organizations, some of the needs of the students may be provided and can help them during the return of face-to-face classes. Third, teachers are natural service providers but this time they need an extra help from the community. In this way teachers can easily identify what are the problems that each student is encountering in their daily life and how it may affect them. Fourth, teachers should extend help by giving counseling services which is very in demand nowadays due to the lockdowns and other challenges of distance learning modality. Lastly, teachers must show initiative and leadership by actively participating in rendering services to the school and community.

A teacher is not just a person who teaches inside the four corners of the room but a catalyst or an agent of change. The person who can bring a light of hope, give

unconditional love, provide a conducive learning environment, and can give more than what they have.

Truly, the teaching profession is the noblest job that does not require any return. To see the success of the learners is the success also of the teacher. They play as the motivator and support system. This is the biggest role of a teacher.

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