

OF BECOMING A TEACHER

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I never dreamed of becoming a teacher, of being a part of this industry. It was never been in my wildest imagination that I will become an educator. Looking back, my journey to this noblest profession was unexpectedly adventurous, lively, painful and yet challenging. Who would have thought that a 34-year-old plain housewife with seven children would land a career in teaching profession?

I graduated a Bachelors Degree from a university but end up to work as a factory worker for almost 2 years. Then given the chance, I was able to finish another course, Baccalaureate in Teachers Education and passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers. Opportunity started to knock, I was hired as a tutor for Korean children and later has been qualified to teach at a public school nearby.

I became a teacher in my own right but I don't know how to teach. My first years of teaching was hard. The year I spent in the university to get my diploma in education was not enough to become a competent teacher. I spent most of the nights studying the lessons and be prepared before facing the class. I have to embrace the dilemma of coming to school every day and overcome all the challenges of this tedious job. I have to earn a living for my family. But until when...I am tired...bored..not compensated enough.. am not happy?

Bravely, I continued. Years passed by, I never realized that I always looked at the smiling faces of my students whenever I came to teach them. Thanking me and loving me as their mother. I was able to inspire, help and comfort them with my own little way.

Treating them as my own children and loving them unconditionally. They made me to stay in this profession and become a teacher.

Indeed, God has a way of turning things around. His ways is not our ways. His plan for our life is greater than ours. Only God knows our hearts... I am Ma'am Ma. Dolores T. Romero I am a Teacher!

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