Inspiring quotations

To the editor:

As we celebrate this year's Christmas season, allow me to express my admiration and respect to the people around us who are tirelessly and unselfishly doing service to others without expecting any rewards in return.

I appreciate the way they help others simply for the simple joy of being of service to them. They are the people in our midst: the religious, the teachers in schools, the men and women in uniform, the workers in the factories, our seafarers, miners, the farmers, businessmen, government employees, the students, the bankers, private citizens, our seniors, public officials, hospital workers, care givers, the artists, people in the entertainment industry and everyone including the crowd we see in the streets and everywhere.

They refer to all, ourselves included, exemplifying and putting into practice the virtues of generosity. They know by heart that extending service wholeheartedly to others is by far the best and most rewarding deeds one can offer.

Because Christmas is a season of giving, I wish to share to all generous people a couple of quotations found hereunder to inspire us (to) persevere more in making us continue to do good work:

"Only a life lived to the service to others is worth living." Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." – Muhammed Ali

"Some people give time, some money, some skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood…but everyone has something to give." – Barbara Bush

And for Jesuit schools' alumni and other individuals with inherent passion to help others unconditionally, may I share to them St. Ignatius' Prayer for Generosity:

"Lord, teach me to be generous,
Teach me to serve as you deserve;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to ask for reward,
Save that of knowing that I do Your Most Holy Will. Amen"

-s- Rolando A. Ansay
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