

Water is life

Holy Cross High School is located on top of a hill. This makes it difficult for our water system to bring water to us. This has always been a problem since the opening of this school in 1949. However, when the Sisters of Mercy came to administer this school in 1960, a creative water system was built. They built an underground rain water catcher big enough to collect water when there is rain. Then more buildings were constructed so more rain water catchers were built. It is a big problem when there is a long dry season. So a deep well was added. With the increasing population of the school, there is a greater demand for water. So one of the strongest advocacy is the proper and economical use of water. It is a sin to use water wastefully. In the convent, water used for washing clothes and dishes are not just thrown away but are saved to clean or mop the floor and also to water the plants. We hand wash our clothes and the first rinse will be used for cleaning bathrooms or floors and in the succeeding rinses, the water is used to water the plants. We seldom use shower when taking a bath since we budgeted the water for bathing. As much as possible we just use one pail of water. Sometimes when it is really dry, even the water used in taking a bath is recycled. The water is collected by another pail and this will be used for flushing the toilet. We thank God for rainy seasons because we will also have enough water.