

BIO - NOTE

CLARENCE M. BATAN, PhD is Professor and head of *Department of Sociology*, and former Director of the *Research Center for Culture, Education, and Social Issues (RCCESI)* from 2015 to 2016 at the *University of Santo Tomas (UST)*, Manila, Philippines. Clarence was instrumental in reorganizing the *RCCESI* that led to the establishment of two multi-disciplinal-based centers namely, the *Research Center for the Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED)*, and the *Research Center for Culture, Arts, and Humanities (RCCAHA)* in 2017. He was President of the *Philippine Sociological Society* (2017-2018) and *Vice President for Asia in the Research Committee on the Sociology of Youth (RC34)* (2014-2018) of the *International Sociological Association*. His research interests are sociology of childhood and youth, sociology of work and employment, and qualitative and mixed methods. He obtained his *AB in Sociology* from UST; *MA in Sociology* from the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Having completed his graduate studies in North America (including a PhD in Sociology at *Dalhousie University* in Canada and an international research fellowship at *Brown University* in USA) he has been challenged through his involvement in Global South youth studies project to center the works of Southeast Asian theorists and Filipino academics in his sociological research. He actively serves as policy consultant in the *Department of Education*, and the *Commission on Higher Education* of the Philippine Government. He continues his *istambay* research through the project, *Pilipinong Kabataang Naghahabi ng Buhay* (Filipino Youth Weaving Lives) and leads *The National Catechetical Study (NCS) 2021: Pastoral Action Research and Intervention (PARI) Project*, a joint-research with the Catholic Bishops' Conference in the Philippines (CBCP) Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE). This project allows him to investigate more closely the present-day dynamics of the Sociology of Catholicism in the Philippines. Recently, the *NCS 2021: PARI Project* launched a seven-book collection on *catechetical ministry* made of four catechetical modules and three research outputs envisioned to energize the teaching and learning of catechesis in the Philippine Catholic Church in celebration of the 500 years foundation of Christianity in the country.

