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Reflection Paper on the IEC

During the IEC, my field is not more on ushering but on security. My assigned area was the new parking lot near the study hall. With me was a second year seminarian and two police officers. My task there was not only to arrange every car that would park in that place but also to secure the area so that no IED would be placed there. I was not able to hear the good speakers in the pavilion because I was not assigned there unlike some of the college seminarians.

As I looked at the front page of the newspapers at the lobby, I could see the picture of a great crowd gathered in every event of the IEC like the procession from the Capitol going to the Plaza Independencia, the Children’s mass at the Abellana, and the Closing Mass in the SRP. As I stared at these pictures, I said to myself that catholic leaders are very lucky in the sense that they do not need to force people to attend religious activities unlike the pastors from other religions.

In my reflection, I said to myself that if I will become a priest, I will take good care of my parishioners. How lucky am I that they voluntarily come to my parish to attend my mass. Pastors from other religions go house to house to recruit new members but there’s no need for priests to do so. Sad to say that there are some Catholics that will transfer to another religion because the priest lacks care to his parishioners. Catholic leaders should treat his parishioners as good as he can.