**Acceptance, and learning from mistakes**

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Conflicts are situations we can't avoid once we start living independently. But somehow, we also learned and grew from it. Our emotions also reflect why a conflict thrives. Anger, envy, and rejection lead to unacceptable behaviour and misunderstandings. But how do we learn to deal with conflicts? I'm Juliana Dennise V. Tanguilig, a Grade 8 student studying at PGMNHS and here are some conflicts that made me realize that we should accept other people's opinions and attitudes because in the end, they will also help us.

Have you ever felt like you no longer feel your true home? Almost every day, you will hear the fights because of a misunderstanding. Do you feel that the people you live with inside that home do not understand each other and are distant? I would like to share with you a conflict that is not only for me but also with people who are close and important to me. This may not be a huge conflict to others, and I know it is not really a big deal. But I hope that this will also show that no matter what your parents show you, let's still recognize them as the people who loved and guided us.

Growing up, I witnessed that people close to me often have misunderstandings, to the point that I'm used to seeing and hearing them. As a young person who doesn't have much experience in life but is already aware of it, I ignore it because I don't want to get involved and create more problems and tension between us. But one day when they had a misunderstanding again, I knew I needed to step in because I saw my mother crying. Actually, that wasn't the first time I saw her crying because of the person who had done this to her. I knew I had to stop myself from feeling bad for that person because he played an important role in my life. But the fact that I couldn't take the words he was saying to my mother made me angry and upset. I accidentally slammed the door, which I had only done for the first time because of the anger and mixed feelings I was feeling at that time. It's not the first time they fought because it happens almost every day at home. But every word he says makes me angry, as if he doesn't consider us as important people in his life and he has to lie to get what he needs and wants without thinking about us. Out of anger, I realized that tears were falling from my eyes because of what I was feeling. What he shows to my mother and brother is not new to me. I don't even know if he is still fulfilling his duty to us, nor do I know if he is proud of me. I didn't pay attention to him for a few days because of what happened and the way he said hurtful words to my mother. I hate most of all to see my mother crying because I'm not used to it, and I know she doesn't deserve it because she's been a good parent. But I was also guilty for what I felt and did, because I knew that we/I were still important to him. Maybe I should accept what he did, right? But there may be two outcomes: I may not speak or express my thoughts about him, but someone will continue to be hurt, or I will say all my thoughts to him, but he will be hurt because those words will come out from me that will hurt him the most. I don't know how he will change.

This conflict made me realize that telling our parents what we think is important. No matter their mistakes, we accept them because we love them, and they love us. But it's also important that we correct them when they make mistakes; it's not wrong to show our feelings and opinions, but always remember to do it in an acceptable way that won't hurt their feelings. It is important to know our limits and not forget the responsibilities that need to be done.