

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

My dream job will be anything related to art, photo, video, or audio editing and production or altogether combined into one. The reason for this kind of dream job is that I want to apply my passion and skills. As a former traditional artist who still likes manual drawing and coloring, I challenged myself to step up my game 10 years ago by learning Photoshop and being better at digital designing. I can listen to all kinds of musical genres which opened up my interest in mixing and recording vocals and instruments. My experience as a guitarist and songwriter also opened up my interest in video editing of music videos. If one or even all of these interests will be practiced in a work setting, it will definitely be my dream job. Writing songs, making music, recording it, shooting music videos, editing it, and making creative posts on social media accounts will make it not only a job but a lifestyle.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

I experienced a very stressful situation when I was still working as a high school teacher. I grouped my students into two for an activity. One of my students did not want to be partnered with her classmate for a certain reason she did not want to tell me. As a teacher who want to be fair with all my students who also wanted another partner but still did not complain about the partner that was assigned to them, I stood my ground and told her that she needed to cooperate. She then got her cell phone, which she was not allowed to do, and started texting. I told her to put her phone back but she said that she will go home and she texted her mom to pick her up. I was so angry that I wanted to get her phone and smash it to pieces. Instead of being carried away by my anger, I breathed in and out slowly and counted to ten. I told her to go to the principal's office and she left the room. Hours later, the principal called me to her office and that particular student's mom was also there. I was surprised because she was the one who asked for forgiveness for her daughter's fault and said that she was suffering from a certain illness that made her hair fall more than usual. I told her that I will still receive her daughter in my class if and only if that student will personally ask for forgiveness. The next day, the student approached me and said sorry. I forgave her and realized that there are reasons why people act the way they do.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

I worked as a bank teller before applying here at Pathcutters. I found the task of handling and counting a large amount of money the most challenging for me. There were times when I counted millions of pesos for only one client and it took me a lot of time to count it. There were also clients who will deposit thousands of pesos in coins. Another thing that made being a bank teller challenging was that we must balance our cash on hand at the end of the day up to the single centavo. I enjoyed the times when I already became faster and more efficient with handling the different transactions of clients. I also enjoyed relating to and asking the clients how they are while processing the transactions. I also rejoiced every time balanced my cash on hand and go home early because of it. Overall banking taught me how to be patient and keen when it comes to details.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

My previous managers and coworkers will describe me as someone who is very serious when it comes to working. There were times when they jokingly told me that I must not be too workaholic and must learn to balance my work and life. They will also describe me as someone who is shy at first but can laugh out loud and be fun-loving after being with them for months. As someone who was a seminarian for 11 years, they will describe me as someone who can express my religiosity and faith through conversation with them as well as giving advice whenever they share their problems with me. When it comes to asking me for help regarding my skills in digital design as well as forming a choir and teaching them songs used during the Mass, I can be described as someone who is always willing and reliable. e. I still consider my managers and coworkers not only as previous workmates but as friends whom I can be with and talk to until now.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

My personal accomplishments that I am proud of are being a nerd and graduating from college Magna Cum Laude with the degree on Bachelor of Arts Major in Philosophy, Minor in Psychology. I wanted to be a priest before so we were required to take up additional 4 years of Bachelor of Arts in Theology. I passed the first 2 years of Theology and graduated Cum Laude. I was proud of my accomplishments and my formators, priests who train us, were also proud of me but I feel that there is something wrong. When I was able to finally be honest with myself about what felt wrong, I made a choice. The choice to be honest and courageously tell my formators that I want to be married to my girlfriend and that I am not really for the priesthood is another thing that I am proud of. It took k me almost 2 years to finally let them know about my inner yearning and not to pretend or force myself that I was doing well in my studies so they will send me to Japan for further training and studies. Being able to decline that offer because I honestly knew that it will be the right decision that will benefit the Church was a hard thing to do but a fulfilling and freeing choice for me.