



*"I believe that being a public servant is not merely an honor but also a privilege. It is also a big responsibility as it demands service to the public with transparency, integrity, perseverance, and sincerity."*

His thirty seven (37) years of being a public servant is a testimony of his dedication and passion for serving the people of Benguet. His initiation as public servant began in 1976 when he served as a casual tax mapper, assessment clerk, and engineering aide at the Provincial Government of Benguet.

The challenges of fulfilling the demands of public service started when at age 29, he was appointed as Councilor of the Municipality of Itogon. He would continue this service as Vice Mayor in 1986 during the term of President Corazon C. Aquino. In 1988, he was elected number one Councilor and Senior Member of the Sangguniang Bayan. He would later be elected as Municipal Mayor of Itogon and completed three consecutive terms from 1992 up to June 2001. During his tenure, he was elected President of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) Benguet Chapter. He was also a member of the LMP National Executive Board, and served as Presidential Adviser on Economic Affairs at the National Level.

The opportunity to serve the Benguet Province came when he was elected as senior Board Member of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Benguet Province from 2001 to 2004. His service to the Province was sustained from 2004-2013 with his three term election as Benguet Provincial Vice Governor. Concurrently he also served as the National Auditor of the League of Vice Governors of the Philippines.

In 2013, circumstances provided him some time off from his political career to indulge into farming, one of his passions that was put on hold for a long time. This was eventually cut short with his election in May 2016 as Benguet Provincial Governor. His current administration is focused on striving for excellence in social services (i.e. education and health), and furthering agriculture and mining industries in the context of the challenges posed by climate change and the need for disaster risk and reduction management (DRRM) preparedness.

Crescencio Cariño Pacalso was born on June 27, 1952 at Gumatdang, Itogon, Benguet to the late Alicia Fianza Cariño and the late and former Mayor Alejo M. Pacalso both of Itogon. He is happily married to Jane Afidchao Galpo – Pacalso and their union is blessed with two children, Kresdale May and CJ Nathaniel, an MBA and CPA graduate respectively.