

**No Guest Priest Staying alone in Subdivision Chapels  
Circular 2004-33**

**To: The Parish Priests and Guest Priests in Novaliches**

The undersigned Bishop would like to put a stop to the practice of guest priests, staying alone in Subdivisions Chapels either on agreement with the Pastor or on invitation of the homeowners.

As a general rule, guest priests should stay in the Parish Rectory, but never in private homes and alone. Any contrary arrangement should be with the knowledge and explicit permission of the Ordinary. When staying in the Parish Rectory is not at all possible, the Bishop prefers to give the care of Subdivision Chapels to a Religious Community of priests but never to diocesan priests staying on their own and alone without the company of another guest priest!

This should put to stop also the practice of homeowners inviting their own priests who at times become beholden to them, making requests that cannot be acceded to according to approved laws of the Church.

Please be guided accordingly!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, 2004.

**Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD**  
Bishop

Attested to by:

**Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara**  
Chancellor