

Appeal and Information
Circular 2005-09

To: All Priests, Diocesan or Religious, in the Diocese:

- 1.) The CBCP Monitor is the official publication of the CBCP. CBCP Monitor promotes Church news to our Faithful but currently on its 8th year its subscription level is still below 1,500.

May I appeal to all our Parish Priests, School Principals, and Heads of Lay Mandated Organizations, and Charismatic as well as Transparochial Communities to help to get more subscriptions for CBCP Monitor. One year subscription is P400.

- 2.) Also may I call the attention of all priests to a recent reminder from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith regarding the Minister of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Code of Canon Law (Can. 1003 § 1) and Code of Canon Law of the Eastern Church (Can. 739 § 1) repeats exactly the doctrine of the Council of Trent (Sessio XIV, canon 4: DS 1719) and also the Catechism of the Catholic Church that only priests (Bishops and presbyter) are the ministers of the Sacrament of the anointing of the Sick. This doctrine is *definitive tenenda*. Thus, neither Deacons nor lay people can exercise this ministry and any action would constitute simulation of the sacrament. (Joseph Card. Ratzinger, Prefect, Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, February 11, 2005)
- 3.) In mentioning the name of the Pope and of the local Bishop at the Canon of the Mass, the name of Pope Benedict is mentioned without the numeral XVI and the official translation of Benedict in Pilipino is Benito. In the case of the local Bishop, only his first name is mentioned without the surname or titles. Hence, in Novaliches, only the name Antonio is mentioned without his surname Tobias or any other titles like Msgr. or D.D., etc...
- 4.) The French Episcopal Conference in Coordination with The Congregation for the Clergy and The Pontifical Council for the Laity is organizing during the International Year of the Eucharist an International Retreat for Priests at Ars, France, parish of the holy pastor, Jean Marie Vianney, international Patron of Priests on

September 25-October 1, 2005. Keynote speakers will include Fr. Kevin Scallon, CM, and Sr. Briege McKenna, OSC.

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- 5.) Caritas Kalookan is tying up with the Diocese of Novaliches on its recently effected affordable and respectable memorial services, called Caritas Kalookan Memorial Homes, Inc. (CKMHI) to provide the urban poor a decent Catholic burial for their departed loved ones. Please refer and promote these services in your Parishes.

With a referral letter signed by the Parish Priest or his designate, such as the Parish Coordinator for the Urban Poor Ministry, or that of the Social Services and Development Ministry (SSDM), our parishioners can avail discounted rates on CKMHI's services. Furthermore, the CKMHI will donate ten percent (10%) of the cost of funeral services (*except on Caritas Niño and Caritas Handog Plans*) to the Parish. For further details, please contact the Marketing Assistant, Ms. Myra Jacinto, at tel. # 364.0158 or 323.8807.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 24th day of June in the Year of Our Lord, 2005.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD

Bishop

Attested to by;

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara

Chancellor