

**The CBCP Pastoral Letter
Circular 2005-12**

To: My Dear People of God,

Because the CBCP Pastoral Letter of July 10, 2005 occupied the scoop news in all local and international communications media of the day, you are all aware now of the stand of the Catholic Bishops regarding our present political crisis. I send you anyway a copy of our stand so anxiously waited by everyone. I thank the Clergy for waiting for the CBCP stand before issuing any statement of any kind. I thank also the more than 600 delegates to our consultation of July 9 to get the pulse of our people, especially the poor in the Diocese. Novaliches acted prudently on this issue, even if I had my own personal stand that gave way to the collegial thinking of my brother bishops for the sake of peace in our land. The common good became the prevailing moral principle that guided all my actions leading to our Pastoral Stand.

The Pastoral Letter along with this Circular must still be read in all the Masses of one Sunday of July underscoring its most salient points. I want it also discussed in all meetings of all mandated organizations and movements in every Parish, as well as of all Charismatic Parochial and Transparochial Communities in the Diocese and even of our Basic Ecclesial Communities. In this way, we shall do justice to the plea of our Bishops: “to come and pray together, reason, decide and act together always to the end that the will of God prevail in the political order... and dialogue in order to help move the country out of its present impasse.”

Thank you as always for your most appreciated cooperation!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 13th day of July in the Year of Our Lord, 2005.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by;

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