

**Regular Monthly Confirmation
Circular 2006-21**

To: All Parish Priests

The Presbyteral Council in its meeting of July 13 has approved the following Churches in the Diocese as centers for our regular monthly Confirmations:

<u>Place</u>		<u>Schedule of Conformation</u>		<u>Schedule of Seminar</u>
1. Saint Peter	-	2 nd Saturday at 1:00 PM	-	1 st Saturday
2. Mary the Queen	-	3 rd Saturday at 11:00 PM	-	1 hour before
3. San Bartolome	-	4 th Saturday at 2:00 AM	-	3 rd Saturday

These Churches may not change at will this schedule because this concerns the whole Diocese. Please refer to my previous Circular 2004-45 for the other instructions on this matter.

Only our two Vicars General in the Diocese are delegated to administer this Sacrament. The Bishop will administer if any of them is not available.

The parishes have still at least one opportunity annually to have Confirmations by the Bishop on or near their Fiesta.

As of the moment, following the previous practice from Manila, Vicars Forane may still confirm a particular engaged couple about to be married. In the light of those three churches as centers for Confirmations in the Diocese, I am asking the kind opinion of our Clergy, if this practice of delegating Vicars Forane to confirm *ad casum* an engaged couple preparing for marriage will still be continued. The practice actually encourages special confirmations which, as you all know since Vatican II, has been very much discouraged by the Church. I do hope this can be discussed in your Vicarial Meetings where the voice of the lay Faithful can also be heard in consultation. I hope for the day when special Baptisms/Confirmations/Funerals will be a thing of the past in this Diocese but instead make every celebration – baptism, funerals, and weddings – special for the whole community to remember.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 31st day of August in the Year of Our Lord, 2006.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor