

General Reshuffle 2007
Circular 2006-27

To All: Priests – Diocesan and Religious in the Parishes

After our On-Going Formation at Good Shepherd Spiritual Center in Antipolo last April 11-15, 2006, I still made some follow-up talks with some of you to be clarified of their personal stand on:

1. Our on-going Standardization of Clergy Honorarium that has started last April 2006.
2. The General Re-shuffle of Assignments agreed upon by the Clergy in Bohol.
3. The configuration of our Schools in the Diocese once The General Re-shuffle is implemented.

As all of you may have noticed by now, these three constitute the benchmark of my administration since I took over since June 2003 first as Apostolic Administrator and then as Bishop since January 2004. I thank the Clergy for your frank feedback about these matters and others during our last processing in Antipolo with Miss Eva Galvey. Your feedbacks showed me clearly that by far a greater majority than I thought are satisfied with the direction our Diocese is going. Hence, after having consulted the Clergy both as a group as well as individually, I now take it upon myself to announce the following:

1. Our General Re-shuffle will take place in April 2007. The assignment will be known at the Chrism Mass 2007 with the Clergy Lenten Recollection to put everyone in the right spirit in the tradition of “*Paring Manilenyo.*”

2. Prepare now your Budget for 2007 and your budget is to be submitted on or before December 15, 2006. Budget Hearing for all fifty-six (56) parishes will be in January 2007.

3. The one-Directorship of our PSA-Nova Schools will take effect simultaneously with the General Re-shuffle of 2007. However, the General Re-shuffle will not affect one’s diocesan positions.

4. The four remaining School Directors will turn over to the Bishop and the Superintendent all school funds and other essential records at the end of the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2007.

5. Other guidelines to effect a smooth transfer in 2007 will be agreed upon by the Clergy in due time.

6. Individual priests who may want to discuss special considerations about their next assignment other than those already manifested in writing by the Personnel Board are always welcome anytime to see the Bishop.

7. So as not to unduly jeopardize the Re-shuffle, anyone considering not being included in the General Re-shuffle should manifest that intention in writing on or before November 30, 2006. After that date, I would take it to mean that everyone is included.

To me, these are now for the moment what I deem as necessary to know about our forth-coming General Re-shuffle! As I ask as always your cooperation, I beg your prayers for this important undertaking to be blessed by the unction of the Holy Spirit.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 29th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, 2006.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

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