

Some Instructions
Circular 2006-31

To: All Parishes, Schools, and Religious Communities:

- 1) Bp. Arturo Bastes, SVD, DD of Sorsogon wants all Cathedrals in the Philippines to hold a Coordinated Mass for the Environment on Oct. 27 at 6:00 am and all parishes on the same date at their own convenient time. In the light of their sad experience with the Rapu-Rapu Mining, as well as our national experience on the Country's National Patrimony, let us be in solidarity with Bp. Bastes. I, therefore, ask all parishes and Religious Communities in the Diocese to devote our Mass on Oct. 27 for this intention.
- 2) As a follow-up to my earlier Circular 2005-09, The CBCP Media Office encourages all parishes, schools and Religious Communities in the Diocese to subscribe to the CBCP Monitor. Please pay your subscription fee to the Chancery (Php. 400 for one year and Php. 750 for two years) as soon as possible so the Diocese can avail of bulk orders.
- 3) I am sending to all the parishes under the Diocesan Priests a flyer on Priest Associate Program of the Missionary Society of St. Columban. The Columbans have a program where Diocesan Priests who feel called to engage themselves in overseas mission can do so by being a Columban Associate for a period of three (3) to six (6) years. As your Bishop, in spite of our shortage of priests in our own Diocese, I would not stand in the way for those of our priests who feel they have the calling to be released temporarily from the Diocese to go to foreign missions. Let it be clear from the outset though that in my practice as a Bishop, I only allow those priests who have had enough grounding in their home Diocese for at least ten (10) years from Ordination. For those who want to know more about this program, please read its Primer which is in the hands of:
 - 1) Fr. Jun De Peralta, in charge of Diocesan Priests and Guest Priests
 - 2) Fr. Allan Samonte, Diocesan Vocation Director
 - 3) Fr. Venerando D. Agner, CM, Vicar for Religious
 - 4) Mr. Darryl Cuntapay, Chancery

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 23rd day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, 2006.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor