

**Election Endorsements  
Circular 2007-13**

**To: All Parish Priests and School Principals of Diocesan and Congregational Schools in the Diocese:**

On May 14, 2007, we will determine the future of our nation with the votes we will cast. As Catholics, it is our moral and spiritual obligation to vote based on principles we uphold.

One of these principles is the value of life. Thus, we cast a ‘pro-life’ vote—a vote that affirms the value of human life. We must choose leaders and lawmakers who will legislate and implement laws that protect the integrity of human life, marriage, sexuality and family.

I, therefore, endorse to all the faithful the party-list **ABA-AKO** for their pro-life stand. I call on all to support their cause which they will bring to Congress.

I also endorse the party-list **A TEACHER**, which will bring to the Congress issues on education particularly the well-being of all stakeholders of diocesan, parochial and congregational schools. This party-list is also endorsed by the Parochial Schools Association of Novaliches (PSA-Nova), Manila Archdiocesan and Parochial Schools Association (MAPSA), and the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP).

Let us remember that we cast our votes as Catholic citizens. Let us express the values we believe in by electing leaders who will lead our nation to be God-fearing and life-affirming.

Lastly, I call on all parishes not to forget to orient our youth to participate meaningfully in the electoral process through education and mobilization. I ask all the faithful to heed the call of the Catholic Bishop’s Conference of the Philippines to **Light a CANDLE for HOPE this May 13, 2007**, the eve of elections, as Bishop Joel Baylon of Masbate appealed to all youth to do and to organize in all parishes Holy Hours and Prayer Vigils between May 5 and May 14, as our CBCP President Angel N. Lagdameo of Jaro, Iloilo, exhorted last April 24 and to accompany all our prayers with our active participation at the PPCRV, NAMFREL, COMELEC, CBCP-NASSA, and LENTE (Legal Network for Truthful Election).

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, 2007.

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Attested by:

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