

**Formation for Our Lay
Circular 2007-20**

To: All Parish Priests in the Diocese

Formation of our lay leaders in theology as they are involved in the pastoral concerns of the Church is important in their growth to become mature Christians. It is because of this The Basic Ecclesial Community Pastoral Team of the Diocese in partnership with St. Vincent School of Theology has organized a Basic Theological and Pastoral Formation Program for Lay people. The formation program consists of fourteen sessions that is basic and central to the Christian Faith. It hopes that the participants will have gained better and deeper knowledge on the faith that is grounded in the Scriptures and Tradition of the Church and relevant to the experiences and concerns of our time.

The formation program is open to all lay people from the parishes of the Diocese. Classes will be held at St. Vincent School of Theology, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month (twice a month), from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for seven months, beginning August 2007 until February 2008. A participant, who attended all the 14, or at least 12 sessions, will earn a certificate of participation to be given by the Diocese of Novaliches and the Saint Vincent School of Theology.

To help in the expenses of the program, each participant will be charged Php 1,500 for the whole course. Only 100 participants will be accepted for every course. Registration is ongoing now. I encourage lay leaders very much involved in the apostolate to take advantage of the course for their own growth as church people.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 31st day of July in the Year of Our Lord, 2007.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor