

**The 10th San Agustin International Music Festival
Circular 200820**

To: All Parish Priests, Principals of Diocesan and Congregational Schools, as well as all Local Religious Superiors, Men and Women

The San Agustin Museum will be holding the 10th SAN AGUSTIN INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL on November 18, 19 and 20, 2008. This Music Festival is dedicated to Fray Andrés de Urdaneta, the great Augustinian scientist and pioneering cosmographer in the Far East, who led the expedition to the Philippines in 1565 and discovered the “*tornaviaje*” which opened the route of the Manila Galleon. This year (2008) has been declared as the Year of ANDRES DE URDANETA, OSA, by no less than Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to commemorate the 5th Centenary of his birth in 1508.

This festival will feature the best performers of sacred and classical music, both from here and abroad. The list includes the Spanish organist **Joxé Benantzi Bilbao**, Spanish Tenor, **José Maria Berenguer**, the **College of the Immaculate Conception Chorale** of Cabanatuan City, the **Chiang Kai Shek Youth Choir**, the **Philippine Women’s University Choral**, the PPO principal trumpeter **Fredeline Parin** and the **Philippine Pilharmonic Orchestra**.

Please promote this event in your parishes so as to highlight the rich spiritual and cultural legacy of the San Agustin Church, the San Agustin Museum and the San Agustin Festival. In spite of the economic crisis around the world, music has a universal uplifting and soul filling power that strengthens people’s inner self.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 6th day of November in the Year of Our Lord, 2008.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda
Chancellor