

**Chapel Policy  
Circular 2010-10**

**To: All Parish Priests**

For the sake of clarification on our previous Circulars 2007-08 and 17, I want to reiterate our agreed policy on chapel remittances:

1. The Chapel remittance for the Sunday Collection to the Parish follows the same scheme as the Parish remittance to the Diocese:  
35% gross for Parishes remitting 35% gross  
20% gross for Parishes remitting 20% gross  
12% gross for the rest of the parishes under the Diocesan Clergy  
10% gross for the parishes under the Religious Clergy
2. Any oral exception given previously are hereby abrogated unless put into writing.
3. Oratories belonging to Religious Congregations with permission from the Bishop to have Sunday Masses thereat are exempted from such remittances. However, they must submit to the Chancery within two weeks the national (universal) collections set by the CBCP.
4. Throughout this Diocese, there are regular Masses being said in Malls, in Funeral Parlors and in offices of Government or Corporations, where collections are left to lay hands without any accountability. This is a problem we, as a Clergy and as a Diocese, have to confront sooner or later and come to a common stand. The faithful contribute in good faith thinking these go to church projects but actually they do not. The Metropolitan Bishops of Manila have earmarked these to go either for charities or to form part of the Catechetical Fund for salaries of catechists in preparation for 2013. Parish Priests are being asked to identify these Masses being said within their respective territorial jurisdictions and get hold of the collections for submission to the Chancery. However, your Bishop is helpless to implement this without an expressed understanding between the Clergy and the undersigned Bishop on the matter.

Please be guided accordingly!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Year of Our Lord, 2010.

**Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD**  
Bishop

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda**  
Chancellor