

**On RH Bill
Circular 2011-01**

To: All Clergy both Diocesan and Religious, Religious Superiors, Teachers of Diocesan and Religious Schools, and Lay Leaders of the Diocese

My Dear People of God in Novaliches,

Your Bishops have spoken and made clear the position of every Christian on the issue of RH Bill. This is only the first of a series of responses that our Laity has long been waiting for – a clear statement of our stand from the Bishops as Teachers of the Faith.

The first step does not and cannot stop there. Now I call on all collaborators of the Bishop in the Diocese to disseminate this to all their constituents by reading and some discussions. It would be good if the Bishops' Pastoral Letter be put on bullet points to be displayed on power point. This is the portion of pastors catechizing their people:

1. The priests to their parishioners in all Sunday Masses, including the Saturday Anticipated Masses, and Area Masses in the BEC, as well as in their meetings with mandated organizations and charismatic communities, including the transparochial ones.
2. The Local Religious Superiors of men and women to their local communities, including their schools, if they have any in the Diocese.
3. The School Principals to their Teachers (Faculty) and Staff in all Diocesan and Congregational Schools in the Diocese: Every Homeroom Teachers/Advisers to their respective students and their parents.
4. All PPCs' and BECs, even Sub-Pastoral Council, Presidents to all their members.
5. All Parents' to their Household.

I give two weeks for this phase in February: from 6th February to 20th February.

After 20 February 2011, your Bishops will go to our Congressmen of Quezon City and Caloocan to give them a copy of the Pastoral Statement and talk with them to withdraw support to the RH Bill as their benevolent act to their constituents. This will be followed by a Congress Watch of our Legislators on this issue. All Parish Priests are to give a copy of the Statement to their Barangay Captain and the Barangay Council and talk with them as Pastors on the stand of the Church as your Bishops do with the Legislators.

The Bishop reserves the right to himself on further action to be taken on those Legislators and LGU officials who are Catholics but do not comply. Only God knows what is in store for our dear Country after this. God bless the Philippines.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 5 February 2011.

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Bishop

Attested by:

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