

Circular 2011-23
Status of Fr. Efren Avenido and Fr. Roque Bacayo

To: All Parish Priests and Local Religious Superiors in the Diocese

Greetings!

Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Daet, forwarded to our Chancery Office the Circular (no. 34, series of 2011), informing us of the status of the following priests: **Fr. Efren Avenido** and **Fr. Roque Bacayo**. The Bishop has asked to disseminate to the Faithful and to warn the Clergy that the said priests are **SUSPENDED** and cannot discharge their ministerial duties.

The faculties of Fr. Efren Avenido were withdrawn since February 18, 2008 due to *delicta graviora* mentioned in the “*Sacramentorum Sanctitatis Tutela*.” He is irregular but has actively ministered even after the revocation of faculties.

The faculties of Fr. Roque Bacayo were likewise withdrawn, and thus he has been suspended since December 21, 2008 due to violations of Canon 1371, 2°, specifically disobedience to his Ordinary, and refusing to assume parish assignments and open resistance to work, and known trafficking of Masses mentioned in Canon 1385.

This present Circular is a clarification of the previous Circular (2008-18) we signed.

Please be guided accordingly.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 4 November 2011.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
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