

Attendance at Meetings Circular 2012-02

To: All Parish Priests

Our Regular Clergy Meetings are important occasions to discuss important matters that pertain to the life of our Diocese. It is our venue for exchange of ideas, and where I hope each one may have aired his side and be heard. I put high premium on the importance of attendance to these meetings. I believe it is an important obligation of each one of us.

I have asked from our Chancellor a summary of attendance at our Meetings of the Curia, The Presbyteral Council, and the Clergy. I am giving you a copy of the summary submitted.

Allow me to make comments:

1. Next time I also want to get a summary of attendance of our Clergy at the Advent and Lenten Recollection and of our Retreats.
2. The Curia Meeting is well attended except by our Vicar General for Administration and by the Representative of the Vicar Foranes. Their input I also need.
3. The Presbyteral Council is generally well attended by the Consultores but not always by the Council members, i.e. The Vicars and Vicar Foranes, especially the Vicars Forane of Our Lady of Lourdes (Rev. Fr. Danilo P. Pajarillaga) and the Vicar Forane of Holy Spirit Vicariate (Rev. Fr. Wilfredo S. Benito, OFM).
4. The following are regular absentees: Religious Priests taking care of parishes in the Diocese. No wonder they do not know diocesan policies and guidelines in running parishes. They tend to manage the Parishes their own way. That is why it is demanded that the Parish Priest is the one to attend the regular Clergy meetings and updating.
5. Among the priests of the Diocese, the following are regular absentees: Frs. Jun de Peralta (7), Rino Tomas (7), James Nitollama (6), Tom Flores (5), Eleno Tepace (5), Nonette Legaspi (5), Msgr. Rañada (5), and Bienvenido Luke Dobles (5). These people are being warned to attend to their failures.

6. The Bishop's attendance at the Curia and Presbyteral Council Meetings are posted but not the Clergy Meetings. Why? The Bishop should not be made an exception.

Fathers, I wish to thank those who take time to be present. As a brotherly reminder, may I encourage all of us to attend more often and set aside the Thursdays of the month for meetings, depending on your responsibility in the Diocese. As we are finding more ways to make our meetings relevant, please match these with your presence.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 7 February 2012.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

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Chancellor