

Bible Agenda for 2012
Circular 2012-03

To: All Local Women Religious Superiors, Parish Priests and Schools Principals, Diocesan and Congregational

With the sabbatical rest of Fr. Gerardo Tapiador, he surely needs help in his diocesan charge as Coordinator of the Biblical Apostolate. I am now assisting him during his absence to promote the Bible Agenda.

There are presently two Bible Agenda I want to push the whole Diocese:

1. Our Support to That-They-May-Be-One Bible: a project of the Episcopal bible Commission to distribute Bible to 5 Million families in 5 years.
2. Being active as a Diocese in the National Catholic Family Bible Encounter, now in its 5th year being spearheaded by the Power to Unite Catholic Family Bible Group, Inc. of Ms. Elvira Go as its National Chair, with this theme for the year: *Family Evangelizing Families through the Word of God and the Eucharist*.

What then do I expect you to do?

1. With regards to That-They-May-Be-One Bible, each Women Religious Congregation and each Parish in the Diocese is to donate for the cause payable to RCBN. The Bible as it is the Word of God should be the concern of every Religious and the priests. I want our catechists under Fr. Aris de Leon to spearhead this in our Diocese!
2. With regards to the National Catholic Family Bible Encounter, each Parish, each Vicariates and the Diocese will organize an Encounter in their level to show the skills of Families in their knowledge of the Bible from the BEC's, for the parishes and from the parishes for the 10 Vicariates and from the representatives from the 10 Vicariates for the Diocese. The best in performance will represent the Diocese in the 5th National Catholic Family Bible Encounter sometime in October 2012. Because I do not believe in contests that re-enforces the *matira ang matibay* mentality in a world of competition that tends to defeat and destroy always the weakest, our representative will be the family that knows the Bible best: This should, even if in the contest he is not the No. 1, be the criterion of our judgment for our Diocesan representative. I want the RCBN-ES to spearhead this in the whole Diocese.

I want to thank all the parents of our students in Catholic School and our catechists for your cooperation to these two Bible Agenda of your bishop in the name of Rev. Fr. Gerardo Tapiador.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 15 February 2012.

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Bishop

Attested by:

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