

**Funeral Arrangements
for His Eminence Jose T. Cardinal Sanchez
Circular 2012-04**

**To: Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI
His Representative, the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines
Eminences/Excellencies of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of the
Philippines
All Priests, Diocesan and Religious
All Religious Brothers and Sisters
The Catholic Faithful of Bicolandia, Lucena, and Vigan**

His Eminence Jose T. Cardinal Sanchez, DD, Secretary Emeritus of Propaganda Fide, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Clergy, and Archbishop Emeritus of Nueva Segovia and Bishop Emeritus of Lucena, Quezon, died in the peace of the Lord today, Friday, 9th of March 2012, at Cardinal Santos Hospital at the age of almost 92. His remains lie in state at The Dominican Daughters of the Immaculate Mother Chapel at 872 St. Joseph St., Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, today until Saturday 5:00 A.M. tomorrow, 10 March 2012, and from then on until the Funeral at the Cathedral-Shrine of the Good Shepherd, Regalado Ave., Fairview Park, Quezon City.

Please omit Flowers! Instead, donate to his favorite concerns: the support of vocations to the Priesthood and/or Consecrated (Religious) Life. Contributions are being accepted at the Parish Office, at the Chancery of this Diocese, and at a designated table within the Cathedral premise.

Funeral Mass will be on Monday, 12 March 2012, at 10:00 A.M. It will be presided by His Eminence Ricardo J. Card. Vidal who will also be the homilist. Afterwards, he will be interred at a tomb specifically prepared for him in the Crypt below the Sanctuary of this Cathedral. We ask apologies for the rather short wake in his honor because of his wish not to be embalmed but which we could not fulfill for the sake of his many friends and relatives who would want to say a prayer at his bier and make their last farewell.

The Faithful from the parishes, religious congregations and mandated organizations are encouraged to take time to pay their last respects to a Revered Guest who was a Prince of the Church but decided to retire in this little Diocese. **To facilitate concelebrations during the wake**, aside from the regular Masses in the Cathedral on Sundays and weekdays, two more Masses are being added: 9:00 AM and 8:30 PM.

Since the Cardinal loves music during his lifetime, after the last Mass of the day, choirs in the Diocese are asked to render their own repertoire of sacred music for at least half an hour to one hour at night during the wake.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 9 March 2012.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda
Chancellor