

Saint Vincent de Paul Parish: Shrine of the Poor
(Parroquia de San Vicente de Paul: Santuario de los Pobres)
Circular 2012-08

To: All Clergy of Novaliches, Diocesan and Religious

In view of the 150 years of missionary presence in the Philippines of the Vincentians or the Congregation of the Missions, they are asking two things simultaneously from the Diocese within the year 2012:

1. The official recognition of the Santuario de San Vicente de Paul along Tandang Sora as a Diocesan Shrine. Its construction was permitted by the late Jaime Cardinal L. Sin, in 2000 some years before this jurisdiction was created a Diocese.

2. Its creation as a parish within the Vicariate of San Isidro Labrador with its territory bounded by Tandang Sora Avenue, Banlat Road, and Visayas Avenue and same to be under the pastoral care of the Vincentian or CM making thus a new one their second parish in the Diocese.

The undersigned Bishop is quite positive to grant their requests with this nuance: Parroquia de San Vicente de Paul: Santuario de los Pobres, for the following reasons:

1. The CM or Vincentians were the first Religious groups to help and minister to the people of the Tandang Sora area long before Novaliches became a Diocese with the Chapel of St. Vincent School of Theology serving as a center for pastoral outreach to the surrounding areas.

2. Even now St. Vincent School of Theology continues this outreach to the dioceses here and abroad with: 1) The Program of the *Hapag-Layko* to train lay leaders and pastoral workers, 2) Seminary Formation Program to train their own seminarians along with those from other dioceses including our own for Theology, 3) Sisters' Theological Formation Institute: giving at least two years of Theological Formation to Women Religious alongside with the seminarians. In view of the services to the Diocese of Novaliches, raising the stature of their church will raise also the quality of their services to the churches.

3. Shrine and Parish are usually in tandem, first starting with a parish or vice-versa, but complying with the requirements – canonical and diocesan.

I am therefore, writing all parishes (62) and Religious Clerical Institutes (30) in the Diocese to consult their and solicit for their mind in the matter before we implement them. Kindly check your answer but explain a little why you agree or disagree.

Placet! Agree: Because _____

Non Placet! Disagree: Because _____

I would be happy to receive your answer ASAP. Thank you so much for the kind attention!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 11 May 2012.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda
Chancellor