

**Pontifical Mission Societies  
Circular 2012-10**

**To: All Parish Priests and Religious Institution of Men and Women in the Diocese**

Greetings!

The Pontifical Mission Societies, which celebrates their 80<sup>th</sup> year of presence in the Philippines this year, call on all parishes to celebrate July 1, 2012 as St. Peter the Apostle Sunday. This is in line with the promotion of 2012 as “Year of the Missions” declared by no less than the Catholic Bishop’s Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). The Pontifical Mission Societies are composed of the following: Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Propaganda Fide), Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood (*Sancta Infantia*), Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle (*Sancto Petro Apostolo*), and Pontifical Missionary Union (*Unione Missionaria*).

In view of this, I hereby decree that Votive Masses in honor of St. Peter the Apostle be held in all parishes in the diocese. At the same, I wish to remind Parish Priests to promote the works and objectives of the Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle through their homilies and, if possible, through seminars and talks so that our people may know its endeavors.

Although we have consistently supported the Pontifical Mission Society through our financial donations, may I remind Parish Priests, that part of the usual second collection on that day will be allotted for this society. Please encourage our parishioners to give generously.

Please be guided accordingly.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 4 June 2012.

**Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD**  
Bishop

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda**  
Chancellor