

**Ang Paglalakbay ng Krus ng Sierra Madre**  
*(The Journey of the Cross of Sierra Madre)*  
**Circular 2012-12**

**To: All Parish Priests and PPC Chairpersons**

The Cross of Sierra Madre Mountain will visit and stay our Diocese from July 19 to 24, 2012. This campaign is spearheaded by Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance, Inc. led by Fr. Pedro V. Montallana, OFM are. The purposes of the visit are:

- To awaken the citizenry on the ill-effects of the continuous destruction of the Sierra Madre Mountain due to continuous illegal logging and indiscriminate mining activities;
- To gain the support of the citizenry for the continuous protection and preservation of its biodiversity;
- To instill in the hearts of the citizenry the spirit of caring for our environment and our oneness in all the creations GOD; and
- To strengthen man's belief in the mystery of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection by continuing our mission to make GOD's love flowing in all His Creation.

The Cross will visit San Isidro Labrador Parish in Bagong Silangan, Santa Lucia Parish in Sta. Lucia, Novaliches, and Good Shepherd Cathedral-Shrine in Fairview. These parishes were heavily affected by typhoon "Ondoy" in September 2009. Brgy. Bagong Silangan is traversed by Marikina River, while Brgys. Sta. Lucia and Fairview are traversed by Tullahan River, whose headwater is the Sierra Madre Mountain. Their continuous destruction is one of the identified causes of "Ondoy." Thus, they were chosen because of the Cross's significance to them.

I am encouraging all Parish Priests, whose parishes are not part of the Cross's itinerary, to include in their homilies and prayers for the faithful the importance of environmental protection.

All Parish Pastoral Councils, with a least ten (10) members, are likewise invited to join us at Good Shepherd Parish for the culminating visit and send-off mass on 24 July 2012, Tuesday.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 5 July 2012.

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

Attested by:

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