

**First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2012: New English Missal Enforced  
and also National AIDS Sunday  
Circular 2012-24**

**To: All Priests, Diocesan and Religious; Heads of Catholic Schools, Diocesan and Congregational; Local Religious Superiors of Men and Women, Heads of Mandated Organizations, Movements, and Charismatic Communities, Parochial and Trans-Parochial:**

December 2, 2012 (First Sunday of Advent) will be enforced throughout the Universal Church the New English Missal Translation and in the Philippines, will also be National AIDS Sunday.

All places where English is used as a medium of communications at Mass must by now have ready the new English Missal. Pastors must see to it that this is available in those places.

In the Philippines, this Sunday is also National AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) Sunday. AIDS Awareness is necessary these days especially among young Filipinos where 3 out of 10 new HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) cases belong to the 15-24 age range. The CBCP through Bp. Broderick S. Pabillo, DD is proposing to our Parishes several ways to go red on this Sunday:

1. The HIV red ribbon symbolizes the campaign to stop HIV
2. The big HIV red ribbon can be placed in a conspicuous place in the church
3. The CBCP-HIV 8 minutes video clips can be shown before, during, or after Mass (downloadable from [www.nassa.org.ph](http://www.nassa.org.ph); or from [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) CBCP HIV AVP)
4. The formation of giant human AIDS ribbon with parishioners wearing red t-shirts.

Enclosed too is a reflection for this National AIDS Sunday, written by Fr. James McTavish, FMVD.

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

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

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores**  
Vice - Chancellor