

Christian Unity Octave 2013
Circular 2012-27

To: All Parish Priests

“The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to men as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways... But the Lord of Ages wisely and patiently follows out the plan of grace on our behalf, sinners that we are. In recent times more than ever before, He has been rousing divided Christians to remorse over their divisions and to a longing for unity.” – *Unitatis Redintegratio*

And so, on January 21-26, 2013, “this longing for unity” will once again be re-invigorated with the world-wide observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the Philippines, this annual *ecumenical* celebration, particularly the ecumenical liturgical services held at various venues in Metro Manila and nearby cities, is jointly observed by the Roman Catholic Church through CBCP and by other Protestant denominations through NCCP.

In our Diocese of Novaliches, the celebration will be held in Santuario de San Vicente de Paul Parish and Shrine, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, on January 22, 2013 at 7:00PM. Therefore, we are requesting that all sixty four (64) parishes of the Diocese send a delegation of 20 persons to this event so that your parishioners will become aware of the ways and means by which they can respond to the grace and to the divine call – the prayer of Jesus: “That all may be one.”

RSVP required on or before December 31, 2012. Please confirm the number of your delegation to Fr. Rudy Tulibas of Our Lady of Fatima Parish through contact nos. 939.4228 / 935.6125.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 19 December 2012.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda
Chancellor