

**One-Year Certificate Non-degree Program for Catechists
Circular 2014-01**

To: All Parish Priests, Principals of Diocesan Schools, and Local Superiors of Religious Institutions of Men and Women in the Diocese

The formation of catechists/religious educators/CLE teachers is a priority in the Education Ministry of the Church. We want to be assured that those who are responsible in bringing the Good News to those who are “to be evangelized” must be *able to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with JESUS CHRIST: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the HOLY TRINITY*” (CT #5). Thus, this is only possible if they are given the needed formation.

I have requested Mother of Life Center, a Graduate School offering a Master’s Degree in Religious Education to propose a program of formation that would respond to this call of evangelization and specifically addressing this need in the Diocese.

I am then, recommending to you this proposed **One-Year Certificate Non-degree Program on the Transmission of Faith**. The details on the Description of the whole program are attached for your perusal. There will be 30-35 students who will be accepted on a first come first served basis for the first batch of participants of the program that starts in June 2014. I would encourage every parish in the Diocese to send your Catechists, Professional or Volunteer, to this Program from year to year.

For your information and guidance!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 3 January 2014.

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