

**Complaints of Some Against Your Pastor  
Circular 2014-23**

**To: All Parishioners of Ina ng Laging Saklolo Parish**

I am in receipt of signed Petition both against and in favor of removal of Rev. Fr. Tristan Jasper D Laforteza from the Parish. The groups by now are fairly delineated between those not re-appointed from their positions previously held and those who see the good efforts of the Priest to improve the Parish.

It is never a good policy born from experience of the undersigned Bishop to act on signed petitions whether to remove or retain pastors because parish priests in this Diocese have a term of office. No matter how difficult, a pastor must finish his term.

Fr. Tristan must continue the changes and good work he has started. Parishioners must learn to responsibly hold position in the Parish but they must also learn not to stay long in a position if they are to be effective leaders. Removed and recalcitrant officers should not be returned to office but as Good Shepherd after the heart of Christ, Fr. Tristan can still reach out to them.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 6 November 2014.

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

Attested by:

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