

3rd CBCP-BEC National Assembly
Circular 2015-12

To: All Parish Priests

The 3rd CBCP-BEC National Assembly will be held on November 11-14, 2015 in Metro Manila. With the theme, “50 Years of Vatican II Renewal: BEC as Community of Missionary Disciples and Church of the Poor”, this event serves as the Philippine Church celebration of the 50th anniversary of Vatican II and the official culmination of the Year of the Poor. The entire event is divided into two parts. The first part, to be held on November 11-13 (Wednesday to Friday) in Paco Catholic School Auditorium, Paco, Manila, is the plenary assembly of all diocesan delegates from different dioceses nationwide. We have selected diocesan delegates from our Diocese to attend in the Plenary Assembly. The second part serves as the Culmination event, to be held on November 14 (Saturday) in Cuneta Astrodome, Pasay. It is where the mass mobilization of all practitioners, leaders and agents of BECs from parishes in the dioceses within the NCR region, are expected to mobilize as a show of force and sign that BECs are real in the metro cities.

As a corollary to the whole event, the Diocese of Novaliches will be hosting several delegates from twenty (20) dioceses coming from different regions of the Country. A diocese will have a maximum of 15 to 20 delegates. They will be assigned to selected parishes of our Diocese. The selected parishes will then arrange for their accommodations in the BECs at night and will also provide the transportation for fetching and bringing them back to the event venue during their three-day stay.

In the light of this important event, I request that you take the upcoming 3rd CBCP-BEC National Assembly as an official pastoral program of your parish as an expression to our commitment to the mission of renewal and being Church of the Poor through building and sustaining Basic Ecclesial Communities. Concretely, I would like to ask your participation on this endeavor by spearheading together with your PPC officers, the preparation and mobilization of your parish community, especially the BEC members and leaders, for the Culmination event on November 14 at Cuneta Astrodome, Pasay. For this Culminating Activity, the parishes may coordinate with their respective Vicariate to come up with ways and means to provide the materials,

transportation and food for those attending to the said event. Kindly find attached documents for further details about the 3rd CBCP-BEC National Assembly.

The Diocesan BEC Pastoral Team will provide you with technical support and information on how to drum up the preparatory planning and actual mobilization to ensure a meaningful participation. Meanwhile you may also initiate your own creative ways of promoting this Big Event in your own parish community. For further details, you can contact Karl Comiling, the Diocesan BEC Animator, through his cell number: 0915-449-2193, or the telephone numbers in the Chancery office: (02) 461-50-51, (02) 461-50-74 and (02) 461-6847. I expect as always your fullest cooperation!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 6 August 2015.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
Chancellor