

**National Teacher's Month
Circular 2016-11**

To: All Parishes, Schools, and, Religious Houses

September 5 – October 5 every year is National Teacher's Month as declared by Presidential Proclamation No. 242 signed in 2011. This grand multi-sectoral celebration honors the Filipino Teacher and his important role of nurturing minds.

This year 2016 is another milestone for the NTM Movement with Republic Act 10743 or an Act Declaring the Fifth of October of every year as National Teacher's Day which was signed into law last 29 January 2016.

As we celebrate the gift of Teachers, we would like all Parishes and Schools – Elementary, High School, Colleges Public and Private: Sectarian and Non-Sectarian as well as all Religious Houses of Men and Women in the Diocese to be part of the National Teacher's Month celebration by:

1. Inclusion of this Prayer for Teachers, approved by the CBCP, during all Masses from September 5 to October 5.

Prayer for Teachers

God of wisdom, greatest Teacher of all, look with love and kindness on teachers everywhere.

Give them strength of body, largeness of hearts and soundness of mind so that they may perform their task with vigor, competence, compassion, and patience.

Help them to be committed to their mission to shape the tender minds of the young in the knowledge of the truth, the love for your creation and the value of peace in this world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

2. Inclusion of Petition for Teachers in the Prayers of the Faithful
3. A Special Blessing for all Teachers attending the Sunday Mass on October 2, 2016 as well as during the Anticipated Masses of October 1 (Saturday)

Just as we celebrate the gift of our respective mothers and fathers on their Special Day, we also can join in celebrating the gift of teachers and the vocation of teaching on their Special Day.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 17 August 2016.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
Chancellor

P.S. The Knights of Columbus Fr. George J. Willmann Charities, Inc. will be hosting a Family TV Mass in September 14, 2016 at 9:00 AMM at San Agustin Church in Intramuros, Manila, in commemoration of the 39th Death Anniversary of the Servant of God, Fr. George J. Wilmann, the Father of Knights of Columbus in the Philippines. The September 14 TV Mass will be covered at IBC 13 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM on September 18, 2016.