

**Save Sierra Madre Day 2016
Circular 2016-12**

To: All Parishes, Schools, and, Religious Houses

President Benigno S. Aquino III's Proclamation No. 413, S. 2012 has declared September 26 of every year as "Save Sierra Madre Day."

The Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance Inc. at Room 232, St. Anthony Bldg., 891 cor. Cambridge St., Aurora Blvd., Cubao, Quezon City with C.P. # 09209684982 and Email savesierram@yahoo.com, has suggested activities for this year's celebration:

1. Tree planting is usually the activity organized but we also suggest visiting planted trees of the National Greening Program or of the organizations to sustain the growing trees or to replace the dried ones.
2. An outdoor program or a symposium on the Sierra Madre can be launched. We can share video materials on biodiversity, the study of Dr. Godilano, why the dams are not renewal energy, the opposition to the Kaliwa Dam, we can help look for needed resource persons and that includes Dumagat resource persons. This could be followed by a parade of the endemic species in the Sierra Madre.
3. We have a play performed by the Kalipaya on the environment: *Kalikasan ay Pag-asa* which communicates the issues of the Sierra Madre in an entertaining and engaging way. It includes the message of Pope Francis' Laudato Si to take care of our common home.
4. The Kalipaya can be available to train youth to present to many audiences the issues of the Sierra Madre.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 30 August 2016.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
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