

***Mutuae Relationes* Consultation
Circular 2016-15**

To: The Religious Women and Men of Novaliches

First of all, I want to thank you for your active participation in the Consultation on the *Mutuae Relationes* called upon by our two Vicars General of the Diocese, Msgr. Jesus Romulo C. Rañada and Fr. Antonio E. Labiao, Jr., on my instruction, even in my absence, as I was in Krakow with our delegates to the World Youth Day in Poland. Thank you for pointing out the evangelizing mission of Consecrated Life in its different charisms, however humble. Indeed all of you are needed in the Diocese.

There were not a few who took issue with me with my remark that “they (i.e. the exempt religious) do not want to support the Diocese.” My dear Religious in the Diocese, I was just verbalizing the common comment of my brother bishops during our sharing. I was pointing out to them that all Religious in charge of parishes, including shrines, in Novaliches all give their share or quota to the Diocese. Of course, those without parishes to take care, even if they are not obliged to give, help the Diocese through their various missions they extend to our people and at times even give financial help to the Diocese. That is why I appreciate you all and every time I think of you, I thank God for you with joy!

I was so touched by your participation in the discussion which by the way has been submitted to the Episcopal Commission on Mutual Relations on time for the deadline. I can only hope that this will also be the start of your interest in the regular meetings of ACLIND as well. ACLIND stands for the Association of Consecrated Life in Novaliches Diocese. Our new Vicar for Religious is Fr. Marlou V. Lemaire of St. Peter Parish-Shrine of Leaders. You too are leaders by your own right who are gifts of God to this Local Church.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 2 September 2016.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

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