

**Abolition of Arancel**  
**Circular 2017-01**

**To: All Parish Priests**

In order to implement the PCP II Decree Article 118 “Tithing, after a good pastoral catechesis, shall be introduced with the end in view of the gradual abolition of the Arancel System” which has been long desired by Vatican II, the Presbyterium of this Local Church of Novaliches **immediately and wholeheartedly implements this 2017 the Balik-Handog Program**, currently being practiced in several parishes of the Diocese, **and** in the spirit of the Stewardship Pastoral Letter signed by all the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Manila in 2016, **hereby abolishes all fees connected with**

1. The Sacrament of **Confirmation**, conferred by the Bishop or by any delegated minister, **this 2017**
2. The Priests’ Assistance at **Weddings, in 2018**
3. The blessings of and Masses for the Dead in **Funerals** at home or in churches and chapels within or outside the parishes, **in 2019**
4. The Sacrament of **Baptism starting in 2020.**

In lieu of fixed fees, **donations marked for the Support of the Church** placed on an envelop will be submitted to the Parish Office **and recorded accordingly as income** for Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and Baptisms in the Canonical Books of the Parish and on the Financial Registry.

**This Circular is to be announced in summary form in all Sunday Masses and Anticipated Masses from 2017 to the end of 2020 for the general information of the Faithful.**

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 19 January 2017.

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

Attested by:

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