

**AKAP Novaliches  
(Abot-Kamay Alang-Alang sa Pagbabagong Buhay):  
A Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP)  
Circular 2018-06**

**To: All Parish Priests, Parochial Vicars, Diocesan or Religious as well as Guest Priests of the Diocese, and All PPC Leaders**

This Circular aims to highlight the significant development of **AKAP NOVALICHES (Abot-Kamay Alang-Alang sa Pagbabagong Buhay): A Community-Based Drug Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP)** of the Diocese of Novaliches.

**Looking back how it all began**, the need for this Community-Based Rehabilitation Program (CBDRP) of the Diocese was conceived last **July 14, 2016** when the Clergy of Novaliches unanimously agreed **“to do something as a Diocese!”** to help curb the increasing number of people being killed by unknown assailants or by so-called “legitimate” police operations as a result of the nation-wide “War on Drugs” by PRD.

The Pastoral Affairs Office organized **two Drug Summits**: one in Quezon City district held at St. Peter Shrine last **September 9, 2016** with 376 attendees and followed by another one in Caloocan City district held at Sto. Nino de Congreso Parish last **September 17, 2016** with 222 participants. **The objectives of the Summits**: to gather all the stakeholders of CBRP in the two districts within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Novaliches and to present AKAP as the CBRP in the Diocese.

On **October 13, 2016**, the Clergy of the Diocese had an orientation seminar on Drug Addiction which aimed to help the priests understand addiction and its effects on the person, family and community.

During the **Annual Clergy Renewal Program last June 14, 2017**, the Priests approved the decision to set up AKAP Center or CBDRP in at least one Parish or Barangay in every Vicariate.

As of March, 2018 the following **Parishes have established** their AKAP-Community Based Drug Rehabilitation Project:

1. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Camarin) and Brgy. 173 and Brgy.174
2. Sto. Nino Parish (6 Parishes in Ba. Silang, Barangay 176)
3. Holy Cross Parish (Barangays 179 and 180)
4. Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy (Brgy. Novaliches Proper)
5. San Antonio de Padua Parish (6 Parishes in Brgy. Batasan Hills)
6. Immaculate Conception Parish (Brgy. San Agustin)

7. San Jose, Ang Tagapagtanggol Parish (6 Parishes, Brgy. Holy Spirit)

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Given in the Chancery in Obispado de Novaliches, Fairview, Quezon City, 7 March, 2018.

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Bishop

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