

**Intern Theologians
Circular 2018-13**

To: All Theological Schools in the Diocese (SVST; Recoletos; OLAS)

All Schools of Theology in the Diocese of Novaliches are hereby directed by the undersigned Bishop in admitting students coming from **Pious Union of Clerics or Public Associations of the Faithful**, the admitting schools should see to it that **those students live as interns in the Theological School and not as Externs only returning after classes to their individual “Houses of Formation.”** This means that those students not only attend the academic classes in the school but are also lodged in the school with room and board to receive also the basic Religious Formation in the spirit of John Paul II’s *Pastores Dabo Vobis*.

The rationale for directive is this: such Pious Unions or Associations of the Faithful *in itinere* hardly have enough qualified formators unlike those Religious Congregations of Pontifical or Diocesan Right. Any claim for exemption to this directive must have their *Ratio Formationis* approved by the Episcopal Commission on Seminaries and checked by the undersigned.

The Pious Unions and Public Associations affected by this Directive are:

1. Alagad ni Maria (AM)
2. Disciples of Hope (DS)
3. Emmanuel Servants of the Holy Trinity (ESHT)
4. Oblate Apostle of the Two Hearts (OATH)
5. Secular Male Institute of the Two Hearts (SMITH)
6. Contemplatives of the Pierced Hearts (CPH)
7. Eucharistic Healers of Mary (EHM)
8. Franciscans of Our Lady of the Poor (FLP)

The Clerical Pious Unions and/or Public Associations who will not comply will not have their candidates promoted to Orders. The undersigned will not give delegation to the ordaining Bishop outside of this ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Please be guided accordingly.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 10 July 2018.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores

Chancellor