

**Clarification on the Moratorium to Leave
Circular 2018-16**

To: The Six Member Groups of the Alliance:

Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts (OATH) male
Leaven of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters (LIHM) female
Contemplatives of the Two Hearts (COTH) female
Contemplatives of the Pierced Hearts (CPH) male
Secular Institute of the Two Hearts (SITH) female
Secular Male Institute of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary (SMITH) male

Let me clarify my original prohibition on departures from the institutes for the next two years. The prohibition affects only the ordained, either Deacon or Priests and those professed men and women in vows whether temporary or perpetual.

Those allowed to leave temporarily for discernment of their vocation are obliged to return to their community for recollection and prayer, if not monthly at least quarterly. This rule does not bind anymore those who leave permanently.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 31 July 2018.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
Chancellor