MEMORANDUM TO:

OIC, Office of the Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Elementary and Secondary School Principals
Officers-in-Charge
Public and Private Schools

Attached is a letter from + Francisco M. de Leon, D.D., Bishop of Antipolo, Roman Catholic Bishop of Antipolo re: request to allow the catechists to teach the Catholic Faith to catholic students, content of which is self-explanatory, for information.

This Office interposes no objection provided that the following are complied with:
1. This activity is in cognizant with Deped Order No, 49, s. 2009 entitled “Reiterating the Revised Rules and Regulations in the Teaching of Religion in Public and Secondary Schools” and
2. necessary arrangements shall be made with the principal concerned so as not to interfere with the regular program of the school, in compliance with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith”;

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Maka-Diyos, Makatao, Makakalikasan at Makabansa
April 26, 2019

DR. JOEL T. TORRECAMPO
Officer-In-Charge
Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education
NCR Marikina City

Dear DR. TORRECAMPO:

The joy of the Lord be with you!

I would like to express my profound gratitude to the Department of Education that has always been supportive of the endeavor to accommodate the teaching of the Catholic Faith in order to strengthen spiritual values, develop moral character and personal discipline of pupils and students.

This school year 2019-2020, I would like to request once again to allow only the catechists to teach the Catholic Faith to catholic students in the Diocese of Antipolo within regular class hours in accordance with the Department of Education Order No. 49 s. 2009 and the 1987 Philippine Constitution Art. 14, paragraph 3, section 3:

The mandate provides for religious instruction of pupils/students in public elementary and high schools within regular class hours at the option expressed in writing by parents or guardians without additional cost to the government.

My sincere thanks and may God’s blessing be with you always!

Yours truly,

+ FRANCISCO M. DE LEON, D.D.
Bishop of Antipolo

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