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**DIVISION ADVISORY**  
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To: Public Schools District Supervisors  
Elementary School Principals  
Public Secondary School Principals  
All Others Concerned

This Office informs all concerned that the Diocesan Catechetical Ministry of the Catholic Church, will be holding catechism classes in public elementary and secondary schools starting this September 2024.

The field is reminded of the provisions of DepEd Order No. 49, s. 2009 titled "Reiterating the Revised Rules and Regulations on the Teaching of Religion in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools".

**No. 1 - (d) of the said Order states:**

*"The religious teachers/instructors who teach religion classes in the public elementary and high schools shall be formally sourced or recruited by the respective principal or school head in accordance with the corresponding request for optional religious instruction. After their designation or nomination by their respective religious authorities, said teachers shall submit to the school head their proper authorization papers and request for time allocation and schedule for the optional religious instruction."*

**No. 1 – (e) further states at the last part:**

*"No student/pupil shall be allowed or permitted to attend religious instruction classes without written application and duly accomplished request of his/her parent/guardian."*



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**No. 1 – (j) of this Order also clarifies that:**

*Optional religious instruction and Values Education are separate, different, and distinct subjects. As such they shall be allotted separate class hours...*

For more information, attached is the letter from Rev. Fr. Ernesto B. De Leon, Director, Diocesan Catechetical Ministry, Diocese of Balanga.

  
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*In compliance with DepEd Order No. 8 s. 2013, this Division Advisory is issued not for endorsement per D.O. 28 s. 2001 only for the information of DepEd Officials, personnel as well as the concerned public.*

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**DIOCESE OF BALANGA**  
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**Dear Dr. Violeta,**

Grace and peace!

Once again, the Diocesan Catechetical Ministry would like to ask for your endorsement for our catechists who will be holding catechism classes in our public elementary and secondary schools this Academic year 2024-2025. With classes opening on July 29, our catechists will or can start going to our elementary schools on September with your permission/ endorsement. The diocese assigns our women religious from the Franciscan Immaculatine Sisters (FIS), Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (DHS) as well as the priests and seminarians of the Marian Missionaries of the Holy Cross (MMHC) to public secondary schools for the Catechetical and Youth Ministry in the campus.

Thank you even now for your kind support to this important ministry of the Catholic Church which will certainly help our young people in the secondary schools cultivate a deeper relationship with God as their knowledge and understanding of the basic tenets of their faith and its moral implications increase. It is through the catechism classes in the elementary schools that our children are being prepared sacramentally for their reception of the Sacraments of the Eucharist on their First Communion and eventually, Confirmation.

Invoking God's choicest blessings on all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

- Rev. Fr. Ernesto B. de Leon

**REV. FR. ERNESTO B. DE LEON**

Director, Diocesan Catechetical Ministry