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**DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL MINISTRY TO HOLD CATECHISM CLASSES
ACROSS BATAAN SCHOOLS FOR AY 2026–2027**

This Office informs all concerned that the Diocesan Commission on Evangelization and Catechesis, Diocese of Balanga will conduct the Diocesan Catechetical Ministry to hold catechism classes for both public and private elementary and secondary schools this Academic Year 2026-2027 in the entire province of Bataan

Attached herewith is a letter from Most Rev. Rufino C. Sescon Jr., D.D., Bishop of Balanga, for further details and inquiries.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Advisory is desired.


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**DIOCESAN COMMISSION ON EVANGELIZATION
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Dear Dr. Violeta,

Grace and hope in the Lord!

Pope Leo XIV in his dialogue to Italian religion teachers dated April 25, 2026 upheld that *“that teachers’ efforts to help young people learn to listen is not only by means of inculcating knowledge but more so touching the students’ “restless hearts” is an impetus in establishing a more listening and caring community of persons.”* At present, our young people face a lot of challenges from homes to schools and from schools to the communities they belong. Many among them, if not all are misled by the emerging culture that influences them not to have faith in God and worse to deny and remove God in their lives. Such a culture intensifies the “restlessness of their hearts,” and because of that they find life purposeless and meaningless. Having confronted by this phenomenon, our communal vocation as Church and Schools compels us to be sincere to come together and walk together in finding and providing our young people the necessary “help-hinge” that will guide and direct them in achieving a holy and heroic life every day. And as such can only be obtained by making ways **to teach their minds with the Truth of God, to form their hearts with the Virtues of Heavens and to guide their actions by being Witnesses to Christ’s life.**

With this in mind, may I have the pleasure again of requesting for your endorsement for **The Diocesan Catechetical Ministry to hold catechism classes for both public and private elementary and secondary schools this Academic Year 2026-2027 in the entire province of Bataan.** Our diocesan Catechists will start going into our schools beginning August furnished with your kind permission and/or endorsement letter to be presented to all School Heads for their reference. As in the past, the Franciscan Immaculatine Sisters (FIS), the Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (DHS) and the seminarians and priests of the Marian Missionaries of the Holy Cross (MMHC) will likewise be assigned for Catechetical and Youth Ministry in the campuses.

Grateful even now for this shared effort to be God’s instruments in making our schools a seedbed of holiness and heroism for our young people. May the Good Lord bless you with all the graces you need now and always!

In Christ I remain,

+ Rufino C. Sescon Jr.
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Cc: Rev. Fr. Jason C. Balan

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