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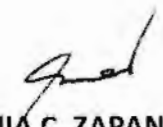
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51st INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

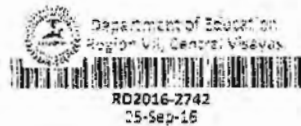
TO: All School Heads
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. This to disseminate the updates re: **51st International Eucharistic Congress**, through the Commission on Youth Archdiocese of Cebu in cooperation with the Regional Director DepEd, Region 7, Cebu City with the attached details of the congress.
2. For your guidance and compliance, please read attached program of activities.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination is highly needed.


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Schools Division Superintendent *sc*



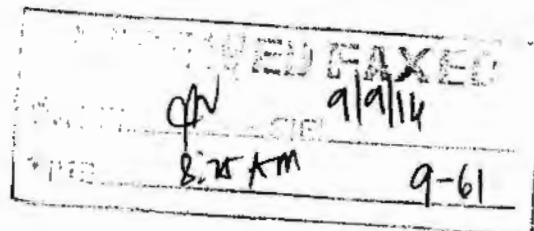
**Commission on Youth
Archdiocese of Cebu**



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Dr. Juliet A. Jeruta, Ph.D.
Director III
Department of Education - Region 7
Office of the Regional Director
Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City



Dear Dr. Jeruta,

Greetings of Peace and Joy!

In the recent 51st International Eucharistic Congress, Papal Legate His Eminence Charles Cardinal Maung Bo said in his homily at the Statio Orbis: "People of the Philippines, you have two great graces: your family integrity is strong; you have the least diverse rates in the region. Second, the number of young people. What a blessing! If only leaders invest in your youth, you will be the strongest and richest country. The future belongs to a nation with young people. That way, your future is blessed. Christ is in you, but the Church has a great duty; you need a new EDSA revolution, a revolution for human development. Human development is the new evangelization and let this evangelization start today."

Because of this, the Education Committee of the Commission on Youth of the Archdiocese of Cebu invites priests, nuns, youth directors, youth ministers, teachers and catechists from the Archdiocese of Cebu to join the 1st Archdiocesan YouCat (Youth Catechists) Congress.

Details of the Congress:

Theme: "ECHOES" of the "pearl of great value" (Mt. 13:46)
(Know, Share, Meet, Express)

Objectives:

1. To embody the loving presence of Christ through a matured understanding of faith and putting it into the language of the young people;
2. To provide an avenue for studying and understanding the Catechism, and for sharing faith-experiences;
3. To gather for meaningful sacraments, celebrations; and
4. To lead the persons involved view YOUCAT as a book that can be translated into LIFE and be transformed into PERSONS.

Date: September 16-18, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)
12:00n.n. of Sept. 16 to 5:00p.m. of Sept. 18, 2016

Venue: DepEd - Ecotech Center
Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City

No. of Participants: A maximum of three (3) participants per setting.

Registration Fee: Php 3,500.00 per participant

Fee covers in-house accommodation with meals, ID, kit and a YouCat Book

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Registration period: July 15 (Friday) to Sept. 08, 2016 (Thursday)

Registration Procedure:

Step 1. Initial Phase of Registration

- ✓ Each participant must fill-up the individual registration forms.
Note: Please make sure that the portion for the endorsing priest or youth director is being filled-up and signed (for Youth/lay participant's).
- ✓ Together with the **Php 1,500 down payment** as fee for the venue rental.
Note: Down payment is non-refundable.

→ You can send your payment to this account:

- **Kit Sestoso and Gay Fondaviila**
BDO-Ramos Cebu City Branch
Account Number: 006100108924

→ Payments thru Money Transfer can be made by:

- Districts 1, 6, 7 and 8 should be made to:
Cherry Ruth "Ching" Cacanog
Mobile No.: 0943-128-5844
- Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5 should be made to:
Therese Anne A. Abarquez
Mobile No.: 0943-128-5844
- Schools and other interested participants
Fatima Q. Piodos
Mobile No.: 0943-128-5844

Important: Please do not forget to text the tracking numbers, sender's full name, parish and district number and the amount sent.

- ✓ Send a scanned clear copy of the individual registration forms together with a copy of the deposit slip or money transfer form in jpeg format as proof of down payment for the registration to: recebu.educ@gmail.com with the subject: **Registration**

or bring the Individual Registration Forms and payment/s to San Pedro Calungsod Youth Center between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Mondays to Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays by appointment.

Step 2. Confirmation of Participation

- ✓ When all the documents sent, verified and confirmed to be valid and true, an email confirmation will be sent to the email you used to sending your documents to confirm one's reservation as participant to the congress.

Note: Processing period for every document sent would be two (2) to four (4) days upon receipt. If within the scheduled time the organizers failed to give an update or feedback, please make the necessary follow-ups.

Step 3. Full Payment of the Registration Fee

- ✓ Collection Period: **August 09 (Tuesday) to Sept. 8, 2016 (Thursday)**

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Note: The remaining Php 2,000 is expected to be paid within this time frame.

- ✓ Upon payment, kindly refer and follow through the last bullet of Step 1.

Step 4. Other Important Details

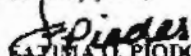
- ✓ Participants must notify the Registration team his top 3 choices for the Concurrent Sessions. Each session can only accommodate 60 participants. A first-come-first-served basis will be followed and participant shall be advised before the congress date the concurrent in which he will join.
- ✓ For those who have sent their documents via email, kindly present all your original documents on the first day of the congress during the confirmation of attendance.
- ✓ In case of replacement of participant/s, replacement/s will only be entertained until **September 2, 2016 (Friday)**. Replacements will only be allowed granting replacement will have the same gender (for accommodation purposes) and will submit complete individual registration forms.
- ✓ There will be no refunds for the payments made. However, a representative with authorization letter and ID can claim participant's ID and kit for and in his/her behalf.
- ✓ If you have allergies and food preferences, kindly inform us through the individual Registration Forms.
- ✓ We would also like to request the participants to bring the following:
 - a) Appropriate clothing for the 3 day congress and in-house stay
 - b) Personal toiletries
 - c) Personal medicines and/or vitamins
 - d) Food to share for the Fellowship Night (2nd Night)

Attached herewith are the Individual Registration Forms, copy of the program, copy of the "History of YouCat" and Archbishop Jose S. Palma's Endorsement. For more of your queries please do not hesitate to call (032) 520-5234 or Ching Cacanog thru 0942-291-2622 or email us at coycebu.educ@gmail.com.

We really look forward to collaborating with you as we are invited to be God's echoes of His being a "pearl of great value" to all young people.

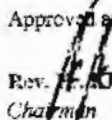
Thank you and May the good Lord continue to bless us thru the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Pedro Calungsod.

Sincerely yours,


CATALINA O. PIODOS

Chairman
COY-CDYCC
Education Committee

Approved and Noted by:


Rev. **FR. LUIS S. SESTOSO**
Chairman
Commission on Youth (COY)
Archdiocese of Cebu

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San Pedro Calungsod Youth Center

YouCat Congress
Registration

ECHOES

The Archdiocesan Youth Congress
16-18 September 2016
DepEd Starech, Lahug, Cebu City

Day 1 - Registration and Opening Day: LISTENING TO THE ECHOES

- 12:00 NN - 2:00 PM Registration and Check-in | House Rules Orientation, Congress Guidelines | Lunch this time is not included in the registration fee
- 3:00 PM *Mass for the New Evangelization*
Catechesis Session 1
Youth Catechism and the New Evangelization
- 4:30 PM SNACKS
- 5:00 PM Opening Program / Congress Overview
- 5:30 PM *Catechesis Session 2:*
Mary, Living Catechist
- 6:30 PM Group Sharing, Journal Writing, & Processing
- 7:30 PM DINNER
- 8:30 PM Living Rosary
- 10:00 PM Lights Off

Day 2 - RELATING TO AND INTEGRATING THE ECHOES OF JESUS IN OUR LIVES

- 6:00 AM Rising and Wash-up
- 7:00 AM BREAKFAST
- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer and Mass for the Youth
Catechesis Session 3:
Youth and Catechesis: Echoing the Good News of Christ
- 8:30 AM Animation | Recap of First Day
- Life Story Sharings and Testimonies
Wayward Home: A story of conversion
From Famine to Flame: The Story of a Hungry Soul
Vocation: Catechist to Priest
- 10:30 AM Group Dynamics
- 11:00 AM Concurrent Sessions Part 1
Topics:
1. Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Dimension of Catholic Catechesis
2. Catechism in Schools
3. Parents as Proto-Catechists
4. Young and Catechesis

ECHOES: Archdiocesan Youth Congress Program

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5. Communication, Media, and Catechesis
6. Catechesis in Music and Arts
8. Youth Ministry and Catechesis
9. Teaching Methodology and Catechesis: Teaching the Young

12:30 NN	LUNCH
1:30 PM	Concurrent Sessions Part 2
4:30 PM	SNACKS
5:00 PM	Group Dynamics Orientation for Callejeros de la Fe Preparation for Fellowship Night
6:00 PM	Wash-Up
7:00 PM	Dinner and Fellowship
8:30 PM	Fellowship Night Program
10:00 PM	Lights Off

Day 3 – RELAYING AND REECHOING THE NEWS OF JESUS

6:00 AM	Rising and Wash-Up
7:00 AM	BREAKFAST
7:45 AM	Animation Settling Down Recap of Second Day
8:00 AM	Catechesis 4: <i>Catechesis despite life struggles: living the faith</i>
9:00 AM	Journal Writing and Sharing Final Preparations for Callejeros de la Fe
9:30 AM	CALLEJEROS DE LA FE <i>(Snacks and Lunch served on site)</i>
12:30 PM	Processing of Callejeros de la Fe
1:00 PM	Workshop on the YOUCAT Covenant per district and other youth settings
2:15 PM	Presentation of YOUCAT Covenant
3:00 PM	Commissioning and Closing Mass
4:00 PM	Photo-Ops Signing of YOUCAT Covenant
4:30 PM	Home Sweet Home for YOUCAT participants



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HEALTH DECLARATION

This Health Declaration will help the YOUCAT CONGRESS Organizers understand the health conditions of a YOUCAT Congress Delegate so as to provide timely support and to make necessary arrangements in the event of an emergency. Please provide accurate data.

1. Allergy: have you ever suffered from any allergy (e.g. medicine, food, etc.)?

No

Yes, Please Provide:

2. Are you on regular Medication?

No

Yes, Please Provide:

3. Do you have special diet (e.g. vegetarian, meat, fish, less salt, etc.)?

No

Yes, Please Provide:

4. Will you require mobility assistance?

No

Yes, Please Provide:

Remarks: If you have an allergy (#1) or on a long-term medical treatment (#2), the YOUCAT CONGRESS Organizers requires that you seek your doctor's advice before joining this event and submit documentary proofs (e.g. doctor's certification or medical allergy card).

CONFIRMATION

I confirm that all the information herein are correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge and authorize the Archdiocesan YOUCAT Congress Organizers to use with discretion the information contained herein as the Archdiocesan YOUCAT Congress Organizers deem necessary in view of my participation to the Archdiocesan YOUCAT Congress. I also understand that the Archdiocesan YOUCAT Congress Organizers will not be held liable for any untoward incident that may occur to me during the event. By signing this form, I hereby vouch for the veracity of the above statements.

Forms accomplished by:

(Signature over Printed Name)

Witnessed by:

(Signature over Printed Name of endorsing Priest/Youth Creator)





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Individual YOUNG! Congress
Registration Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

Origin (Group)*

Title*
 Fr. Sr. Ms.
 Bro. Vn. Miss

Last Name* _____ First Name* _____ Nick Name* _____

Gender* Male Female
Civil Status* Single Married

CONTACT DETAILS

Residential Address (House number, Street, City/Town, Province, Postal Code)

Mobile Phone Number* _____

Residential Phone Number* _____

Email Address* _____

CONTACT PERSON IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Full Name* _____

Relationship _____

Preferred Contact Number* _____

Choose your top 3 CONCURRENT SESSION:

On the space provided before every concurrent session, write down number 1, 2 and 3 to which concurrent session you want to part.

- _____ Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Dimension of Catholic Catechesis
- _____ Catechism in Schools
- _____ Parents as Proto-Catechists
- _____ Liturgy and Catechesis
- _____ Communication, Media and Catechesis
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ARCHDIOCESE OF CEBU
 "MAGNA MISA A-KATHISOP"

ENDORSEMENT

TO ALL PARISH PRIESTS, ADMINISTRATORS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, SCHOOL HEADS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CEBU

Your Excellencies, Rev. Monsignori, Rev. Fathers, Sisters and Brothers:

His Eminence Charles Cardinal Maung Bo, Papal Legate to the 31st International Eucharistic Congress said in his homily at the Santo Orbis: "The FABC documents beautifully say: 'The Youth are not only the hope of the future but they are the present precious treasures. Thus, the church needs a deep examine of its conscience. What is the status of the Youth in our churches? In many churches they are the missing generation. Are they around the Eucharistic Altars? Are they the lost sheep? Are the shepherds going in search of the lost sheep? A church that neglects the youth writes its own death sentence.'"

In response to this challenge, I write to endorse the Archdiocesan YouCat (Youth Catechism) Congress, which was organized by the Commission on Youth of the Archdiocese. I would like to invite you to send participants in this congress, our young people who are the future leaders of the church and country.

With gratitude for your kind attention to this endorsement, I wish to assure you of my prayers and blessings as I remain.

Given on this 11th day of February in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen at the Archbishop's Residence, D. Jaconatem St., Cebu City, Philippines

Jose S. Palma
JOSE S. PALMA, DD
 Archbishop of Cebu

KNOW YOUR MEET. EXPRESS

Pope Benedict XVI and YOUCAT



Dear young friends!

Today I recommend for your reading an unusual book. It is unusual both because of its content and because of the way it came to be. I would like to tell you a little about how it was written, because then it will be clear why it is so unusual.

You could say that it came to be from another work, whose origins go back to the 1980s. It was a difficult time for the Church and for society worldwide. New guidance was needed to find the path to the future. After the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) and in a changed cultural situation, many people were confused about what Christians actually believe, what the Church teaches, whether in fact she can teach anything at all, and how everything can find its place in a culture that had changed from its very foundations. Is it still reasonable today to be a believer? These were the questions that even good Christians were asking.

At that time Pope John Paul II made a bold decision. He decided that bishops from all over the world should together write a book in which they would answer these questions. He gave me the task of coordinating the work of the bishops and seeing to it that from the contributions of the bishops a book would result—a real book, not just a haphazard collection of all sorts of documents. This book would have the old-fashioned title Catechism of the Catholic Church but would be something entirely new and exciting. It would show what the Catholic Church believes today and how one can with good reason believe.

I was alarmed by this task. I must admit that I doubted whether something like this could succeed. How was it possible that authors scattered all over the world could together produce a readable book? How could men who not only geographically but also intellectually and spiritually lived on different continents create a text with an inner unity, one that would also be understandable throughout all those continents? And there was the further difficulty that these bishops would not be writing as individual authors but would be in contact with their brother bishops and with the people in their dioceses.

I must admit that even today it still seems to me to be a miracle that this project really succeeded.

We met for a week three or four times a year and vigorously discussed the different individual sections that had taken shape in between meetings. First, of course, we had to determine the structure of the book. It had to be simple so that the individual groups of authors that we established would have a clear task and would not have to force their work into a complicated system. It is the same structure you will find in this book. It is simply taken from centuries of catechetical experience: What we believe—How we should celebrate the Christian mysteries—How we have life in Christ—How we should pray. I will not describe now how we slowly made our way through so many and varied questions until finally a book came from it all. One can, of course, criticize some things or even many things in such a work: Everything that man makes is inadequate and can be improved. Still it is a marvelous book: a witness to unity in diversity. We were able to form a single choir from many voices because we had the same score, the faith that the Church has borne through the centuries from the apostles onward.

Why am I telling you all this?

We realized at the time we were working on the book that not only are the continents and cultures diverse but that even within individual communities there are again diverse "continents": The worker thinks differently from the farmer; a physicist differently from a philologist; an executive differently from a journalist; a young man differently from an old man. So we had to find a way of thinking and speaking that was in some way above all these differences, a common space, so to speak, between different worlds of thought. In doing this it became ever more apparent to us that the text needed to be "translated" for different cultural worlds in order to reach people in those worlds in ways that correspond to their own questions and ways of thinking.

In the World Youth Days since the introduction of the Catechism of the Catholic Church—Rome, Toronto, Cologne, Sydney—young people from all over the world have come together, young people who want to believe, who are seeking God, who love Christ, and who want fellowship on their journey. In this context the question arose: Should we not attempt to translate the Catechism of the Catholic Church into the language of young people? Should we not bring its great riches into the world of today's youth? Of course, there are many differences even among the youth of today's world. And so now, under the capable direction of the Archbishop of Vienna, Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, YOUCAT has been produced for young people. I hope that many young people will let themselves be fascinated by this book.

Many people say to me: The youth of today are not interested in this. I disagree, and I am certain that I am right. The youth of today are not as superficial as some think. They want to know what life is really all about. A detective story is exciting because it draws us into the destiny of other men, a destiny that could be ours. This book is exciting because it speaks of our own destiny and so deeply engages every one of us.

So I invite you: Study this Catechism! That is my heartfelt desire.

This Catechism was not written to please you. It will not make life easy for you, because it demands of you a new life. It places before you the Gospel message as the "pearl of great value" (Mt. 13:46)

for which you must give everything. So I beg you: Study this Catechism with passion and perseverance. Make a sacrifice of your time for it! Study it in the quiet of your room; read it with a friend; form study groups and networks; share with each other on the Internet. By all means continue to talk with each other about your faith.

You need to know what you believe. You need to know your faith with that same precision with which an IT specialist knows the inner workings of a computer. You need to understand it like a good musician knows the piece he is playing. Yes, you need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents so that you can engage the challenges and temptations of this time with strength and determination. You need God's help if your faith is not going to dry up like a dewdrop in the sun, if you want to resist the blandishments of consumerism, if your love is not to drown in pornography, if you are not going to betray the weak and leave the vulnerable helpless.

If you are now going to apply yourselves zealously to the study of the Catechism, I want to give you one last thing to accompany you: You all know how deeply the community of faith has been wounded recently through the attacks of the evil one, through the penetration of sin itself into the interior, yes, into the heart of the Church. Do not make that an excuse to flee from the face of God! You yourselves are the Body of Christ, the Church! Bring the undiminished fire of your love into this Church whose countenance has so often been disfigured by man. "Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord!" (Rom 12:11). When Israel was at the lowest point in her history, God called for help, not from the great and honored ones of Israel, but from a young man by the name of Jeremiah. Jeremiah felt overwhelmed: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth" (Jer 1:6). But God was not to be deterred: "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you you shall go, and whatever I command you you shall speak" (Jer 1:7).

I bless you and pray each day for all of you.

Benedictus P.P. XVI