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**ANGELUS AT 12:00 NOON AND THE THREE O CLOCK PRAYER TO THE DIVINE
MERCY AT 3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON**

Attached herewith the invitation letter from Most Rev. Gilbert A. Garcera,
D.D.

Participation of public and private schools shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" and the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law).

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August 1, 2025

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Dear Dr. Ibañez,

Greetings of peace in Christ!

I pray that this letter finds you well in body, mind, and spirit as you continue your important service to the young learners of Batangas.

In these times when our students face many pressures both inside and outside the classroom, I write to humbly encourage the integration of two beautiful and time-honored Catholic devotions into the daily rhythm of our schools: the praying of the **Angelus at 12:00 noon** and **The Three O'clock Prayer to the Divine Mercy at 3:00 in the afternoon**.

These moments of prayer are short yet powerful. The **Angelus** draws our hearts to the mystery of the Incarnation - God becoming man - and reminds us of Mary's humble "yes" to God's call. The **Divine Mercy prayer**, on the other hand, is a plea for God's mercy upon the whole world, and a beautiful reminder to pause, reflect, and trust in Jesus, especially at the hour of His death.

I believe that allowing our students a few minutes of sacred pause each day can bring about many benefits - not only spiritually, but also emotionally and intellectually. Daily prayer provides students with moments of quiet that foster inner peace, self-discipline, focus, and mental clarity. It teaches them to ground themselves in something deeper than the stress of academics or the noise of the world. For many, these prayers become anchors of comfort and reminders that they are not alone, especially those who may be silently carrying burdens.

More importantly, these practices can help nurture virtues such as compassion, humility, gratitude, and respect - values that strengthen both character and community. I am confident that a child who learns to pray learns also to listen, to care, and to lead with integrity.

I hope that through your leadership, this gentle initiative can be introduced in schools throughout the province. It need not be elaborate. A simple bell or the "pre-recorded prayers - already used in radio broadcasts and voiced by myself" may be played over the school's public address system, followed by a moment of silence. Even a few minutes of reflection can leave a lasting impact on the hearts of our learners.

May this simple practice bear fruit in the hearts of our young learners - not only for their academic and intellectual growth, but for their formation as persons rooted in faith, guided by values, and inspired to serve.

Rest assured of my prayers for you and your office. Thank you for considering this invitation with an open heart.

In Christ and Mary,

Most Rev. GILBERT A. GARCERA, D.D.
Archbishop of Lipa



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