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Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BATANGAS

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 223, s. 2025

**MEETING OF SELECTED SCHOOL HEADS RELATIVE TO
NATIONAL YOUTH PILGRIMAGE**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Chief- Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)
Chief- School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. In Reference with the letter of Minor Basilica & Parish of the Immaculate Concepcion and Archdiocesan Shrine of Sto. Niño ng Batangan, the Department of Education, Schools Division of Batangas Province thru the School Health and Nutrition Unit will conduct a Meeting of Selected School Heads relative to National Youth Pilgrimage on May 6, 2025, at the SDO Conference Room at 8:00 am onwards.
2. This meeting aims to discuss matters relative to the National Youth Pilgrimage.
3. The participants in this meeting are as follows:
 - a) Agoncillo NHS- Maria Josefa E. Bolilan
 - b) Agoncillo SHS- Bernardita D. Andam
 - c) Balayan NHS - Dr. Crispin I. Magpantay
 - d) San Pascual SHS 1- Marcela Agdan
 - e) San Luis SHS- Angelo B. Manalo
 - f) Sta. Monica NHS – Marites C. Bonifacio
 - g) Bauan National Agricultural and Vocational HS – Juvy Landicho
 - h) Pantalan SHS Nasugbu – Maria Elizabeth S. Andino
 - i) Lucsuhin NHS – Simeona Rechie C. Ojales
 - j) San Vicente Manalupang NHS – Jocelyn C. Adarlo
 - k) San Antonio ES – Christopher A. Dalisay
 - l) Lobo SHS – Donna Susana A. Godoy
 - m) San Pascual NHS – Atena A. Rivera
 - n) Calumpang ES – Malinda R. Padua
4. This memorandum serves as a Travel Order for the participants.
5. Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is earnestly desired.

MARITES A. IBANEZ, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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February 18, 2025

MARITES IBAÑEZ, CESO V

Schools Division Superintendent

DepEd Batangas Province

Respected Ma'am,

Recent studies indicate that a significant number of young people are struggling with mental health challenges, including anxiety, depression, and stress-related disorders. Factors such as academic pressure, social media influence, the ongoing effects of the global pandemic and family concerns have contributed to a rise in these cases. These challenges can have profound effects on their daily lives, impacting their academic performance, relationships and overall well-being thus leading them to question their very existence and even the presence of God.

As response to this concern a group of youth from all over the Philippines will gather and give witnesses on how their experience with God changed their lives, transcending from sufferings and now are living witnesses to the Risen Christ.

A National Youth Pilgrimage will be held on May 27-31, 2025. Around 900 youth pilgrims of the Neocatechumenal Way communities from Iloilo, Leyte, Masbate, Bicol and Quezon province will be passing in Batangas province on May 28-31. In this regard, we are asking permission from your good office if these group of youth can give testimonial to the students in your institution on a specific day within the period of the pilgrimage? We believe that addressing the needs of the youth covers more than mental health concerns but answering the questions about their existential being resulting to deeper longing for affection and love, a problem which often extends and roots from their families. The program flow will be discussed with you in details at your most convenient time. Attached with this letter is the program flow.

As Pope Francis said, "The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire," thus the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. We are strong in faith that the testimonials of the memorial of God's mercy to the lives of the youth will be a ray of hope for the students in whatever situations they are in.

The coordinators of the communities would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this further and address any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to the possibility of working together to help our youth.

Sincerely,

Roger Doble
Head of the Team of Catechists
Batangas Neocatechumenal Communities

Noted by:

Rev. Fr. Angel Marcelo M. Pastor
Rector and Parish Priest
Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception