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**RENEWAL OF PARTNERSHIP FOR CATHECHETICAL PROGRAM
FOR SY 2026-2027**

Attached is a letter from Sr. Benita Esguerra, FDCC, Archdiocese of Palo Commission on Evangelization and Catechesis (APCEC), seeking permission for the Catechists to teach Religion classes to Elementary and Junior High school students for School Year 2026-2027.

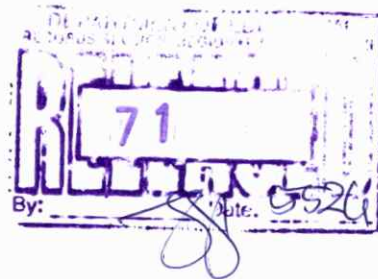
Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

You may send your queries to:

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Considering that this is an Advisory, the Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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Archdiocese of Palo- Letter of Request to conduct Catechesis

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Benita Esguerra <esguerrabenita@gmail.com>
To: region8 <region8@deped.gov.ph>

Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Dear Director Jimenez

Peace!
Please find the attachment for the Archdiocese of Palo request to conduct Catechesis (Religion Classes). Thank you and God bless

Sincerely yours,

Sr Benita Esguerra, FdCC

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Office of the Regional Director
Salustiano T. Jiménez, CESO III
Regional Director

April 23, 2026

Dear Director Jiménez

RE: Renewal of Partnership for Catechetical Program (SY 2026–2027)

Greetings of the joy of the Risen Lord,

It is our joy to write to you to renew our partnership in our common mission of educating the minds and hearts of young learners for the School Year 2026–2027.

We hope that through Catechesis, young believers may experience God's love, so that, in turn, they may grow in faith, live with greater dignity, and foster a lively hope for what they can become as children of God.

Once again, we thank you for allowing our volunteer catechists, considered as frontliners of the Church, to have access to your school for this noble purpose.

In this regard, the Archdiocese of Palo Commission on Evangelization and Catechesis respectfully seeks the permission of your good office for our catechists to teach Religion Classes (Catechesis) in both Public Elementary Schools and High Schools during regular class hours, as stated in DepEd Order No. 26, s. 2002.

May the abundant blessings of the Lord be upon you and your staff as you continue the sacred mission of education entrusted to your care.

Sincerely yours,

Benita Esquerra, fdcc

SR. BENITA ESGUERRA, FDCC
APCEC Coordinator

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APCEC Coordinator