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BANALING THE "CHILDREN OF GOD" MOVEMENT IN SCHOOL CAMPUSES

To: Regional Directors
School Superintendents
Presidents, State Colleges and Universities
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities
Vocational School Superintendents/Administrators

1. Reports have reached this Office that a religious cult called "Children of God" is secretly but steadily moving outside Metro Manila these past few years. The group is already in Baguio, Naga, Ilocos, Iloilo, Cebu, Zamboanga, Bacolod, Cagayan de Oro and other urban places in the Philippines.

2. This movement is initiated by foreigners and is reportedly using other names like "Heaven's Magic", "Teens for Christ", "Missionaries for Jesus", "Jesus People", "Family of God", "Heaven's Children" and "International Missionary Fund". Various publications about this movement indicate that it follows three critical practices and doctrines, which are:

- a. "All things Common" doctrine which encourages sexual freedom including incest;
- b. "Forsake All" doctrine where people especially the youth are encouraged to forsake their parents, schools, jobs, church and government because the group believes that to follow Jesus one must forsake all;
- c. "Flirty Fishing" activities where sex is used to entice people to join or to contribute to the movement.

3. In view of these unchristian doctrines and which constitute offenses against chastity, morality, decency and good customs and further that their teachings run counter to our values education program, all school authorities are enjoined not to allow the "Children of God" movement to hold any activity in school campuses. It is also suggested that parents and the DIA should be informed about the matter so that they will be aware of this movement which exploits children and youth and misleads them into the development of low moral values.

4. Immediate dissemination of this information to all concerned is desired.

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