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Manila

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DECS MEMORANDUM  
No. 210 s. 1987

CELEBRATION OF LORENZO RUIZ MONTH

To: Unconsecrated;  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Presidents, State Colleges and Tive Schools  
Heads of Private Schools, Colleges and Universities  
Vocational School Superintendents/Aggregators

1. The Filipino layman, Lorenzo Ruiz, will be elevated to the altar by canonization on October 13, 1987 by His Holiness Pope John Paul II in the Vatican City. Lorenz Ruiz was known in his history as the first Filipino martyr for the Faith and the first Filipino saint. He was executed in February 18, 1571 in Manila.

2. In view of the importance of the event to a very large sector of the Philippine Society, President Corason Q. Aquino signed Proclamation No. 100 declaring the period from September 26 to October 18 as "Lorenzo Ruiz month." The celebration for the October 10 events will last until December 8, 1987.

3. Lorenzo Ruiz, native of Tondo, married and father of three children, was martyred in Japan in 1572 because he refused to renounce his Christian faith. He told his executioners that he was ready to die for God and give up for Him many thousands of lives if he had them.

4. Because of his rare Christian courage, fortitude and tenacity of spirit, which exemplifies the Filipino character to its noblest and loftiest measure, he is also considered a hero of the Filipino people. In view of the important example of true moral values thrust in the educational system, the sacred message of Lorenzo Ruiz should be included in classroom lessons, especially in the Social Studies subject area.

5. An exhibit on the life and martyrdom of Lorenzo Ruiz is going on in the Cathedral Basilica of Intramuros, Manila. Schools in Metro Manila are invited to bring their students to view the exhibit which is highly educational and artistic.



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6. Materials on Lorealis (Lorealis) are available at the National Office, Room 104, Blue Hill Catholic Center, 1175 U.S. Ave., Faco, Manila.

7. Immediate and widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

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Secretary

Reference:

None

Attachment: (2-7-44-44-44-44-44)

To be indicated in the Regressed Index  
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