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STRENGTHENING FILIPINO VALUES

To : Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
Regional, Staff Bureau, Center and Service Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. It is necessary to transform the challenges of the recent days into opportunities for our schoolchildren to learn valuable lessons. One such valuable lesson is the importance of the Filipino family as a basic unit of society. The character of a young boy or girl and the good values that he/she learns are first "caught" in the home environment before these are even taught in our schools.
2. For this purpose, our schools are reminded to ensure that the national effort to strengthen Filipino family values among our schoolchildren are pursued. The following are declared "Values of the Month":

October 1997	-	"Respect for our elders" Month
November 1997	-	"Cleanliness is next to Godliness" Month
December 1997	-	"Love of Family" Month

3. School programs and activities shall focus on the designated "value of the month" and the revival of traditional practices such as the "kissing of hands of our elders", observance of prayer at "angelus" time and others is encouraged. Schools district and division officials shall monitor observance of this directive.
4. For widest dissemination.


RICARDO T. GLORIA
Secretary

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