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**ALLOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY BIBLE FOR FREE
TO PUBLIC SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

TO: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau Directors
Regional Directors
School Division/City Superintendents
Public Secondary and Elementary School Principals

1. Article XIV, Section 3(3) of the Constitution provides:

“(3) At the option expressed in writing by the parents or guardians, religion shall be allowed to be taught their children and wards in public elementary and high schools within the regular class hours by instructors designated or approved by the religious authorities of the religion to which the children or wards belong, without additional cost to the Government.”

2. In this connection, an association of Christian business and professional men is offering to distribute for free the Holy Bible to all schools, colleges and universities in the Philippines.
3. The distribution of the Holy Bible for free in all public secondary and elementary schools will help support the optional religious instruction provided in the Constitution. All public secondary and elementary school principals are hereby directed to allow all interested groups to distribute the Holy Bible for free in their respective schools.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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"Bawat Graduate, Bayani at Marangal"

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