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18<sup>TH</sup> PHILIPPINE CATHOLIC CONGRESS ON DEAFNESS

To: Bureau Directors  
Directors of Services/Centers and Heads of Units  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. The 18<sup>th</sup> Philippine Catholic Congress on Deafness will be held on November 23-26, 2007 at the Capitol Convention Center, Pili, Camarines Sur with the theme **"We Care: Creating an Enabling and Inclusive Environment for the Deaf"**. It will take into account the BIWAKO Statement made 5 years ago and the Philippine Action Plan on Deafness. The Congress is in partnership with Gov. LRAY Villafuerte and the Provincial Government of Camarines Sur, Couples for Christ-Bicol Chapter, Liliane Foundation Philippines, National Council for the Welfare of the Disabled Persons (NCWDP), Archdiocese of Caceres and the Mission for the Deaf General Council, Italy.

2. In this regard, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Little Mission for the Deaf, (SLMD) Inc. will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of its founder, the Venerable Msgr. Joseph Gualandi. In the occasion, SLMD together with the St. Francis De Sales Hearing Impaired Foundation-Bikol Chapter have joined hands to remember Fr. Joseph's apostolic fervor united with the church in celebrating the Year of Social Concerns with a Congress on Deafness.

3. The congress aims to initiate and increase the accessibility of the deaf and hard of hearing in the family by:

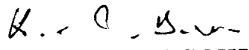
- a. increasing the level of awareness of parents on deaf concerns;
- b. initiating or expanding parents' involvement as advocates for the deaf;
- c. promoting parent-driven support system and advocacy approaches for the deaf;
- d. initiating coordinated programs and services for the deaf through the formulation of a development agenda for the deaf; and
- e. creating mechanism that will coordinate programs and services for the deaf through the forging of networks or alliances of parents, deaf and service providers at the local and national levels.

4. Special Education teachers who are actually handling children with hearing impairment and a representative to sit as one of the panel reactors on Advocacy and the Vocabulary of Power are invited to attend. Attendance of participants from public schools is **on official time only**.

5. The registration fee of Three Thousand Pesos (PhP3,000.00) shall be charged each participant to cover food, conference kit, speakers' fee and socials. Likewise, an additional fee of Five Hundred Pesos (PhP500.00) for the Tour shall be charged each participant which will be done on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November. The participants can avail of the foster home or be accommodated in a hotel of their own choice at their personal expense.

6. For more information, please call up tel. no. 829-6450 or send a message to cellphone no. 0920-5873-773 and look for Sr. Mary Ann.

7. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**RAMON C. BACANI**  
Undersecretary

Reference:

None

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