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Department of Education  
Region X – Northern Mindanao  
**DIVISION OF MALAYBALAY CITY**  
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**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 209, s. 2015


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MALAYBALAY CITY DIV.  
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**CONDUCT OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE ELEMENTARY AND  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN RELATION TO THE K TO 12 BASIC  
EDUCATION CURRICULUM IMPLEMENTATION**

**TO:** Chief, Curriculum Implementation Division (CID)  
Chief, School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD)  
Division Legal Officer III  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
This Division

1. The field is hereby informed that this Office has received numerous requests hereto attached from the different Religious Groups/Organizations re: conduct of religious instruction by their religious instruction people to the elementary and secondary schools in this division pursuant to the attached DepED Order No. 49, s. 2009 entitled *Reiterating the Revised Rules and Regulations on the Teaching of Religion in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools*. Enclosure No. 1 enumerates the names of the Religious Groups/Organizations of which respective requests have been recognized by this Office.
2. Pursuant to the above-cited Department Order, it is advised that the following conditions/provisions must be observed:
  - a. No classes will be disrupted;
  - b. Schedules as to the date and time must be arranged by the School Heads concerned ahead of time and must be reflected in the Classroom Program;
  - c. No fees shall be collected from the pupils/students and teachers;

- d. No student/pupil shall be allowed or permitted to attend preferred religious instruction classes without a written Guardian/Parent's Permit;
  - e. Students/Pupils not receiving religious instruction from a particular denomination should be under the supervision of their respective class adviser during the time religion classes are going on;
  - f. The Principal or School Head shall fix the schedule of the religion class hours taking into account the number of the religion instructors that can be fielded by the different denominations/religious groups at one time.
  - g. The optional religious instruction shall be allotted at least eighty minutes a week, spread over at least two (2) but not more than three (3) meetings in one week. In no cases shall the class periods be allotted less than ninety (90) minutes per week.
  - h. The optional religious instruction and the values education (EsP) of this department are separate and different. Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao (EsP) is a distinct subject per DepED Order No. 31, s. 2012 (*Policy Guidelines on the Implementation of Grades 1 to 10 of the K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum Effective SY 2012-2013*). As such they shall be allotted separate class hours and in no case shall they be taken together by the students in one and the same class period.
3. It is advised then that a copy of the modified Classroom Program of the grade levels affected by the said arrangement shall be forwarded to this office for proper monitoring purposes.
  4. For information and strict compliance.

  
EDILBERTO L. OPLENARIA, CESO VI  
Schools Division Superintendent

TO BE POSTED IN THE DIVISION WEBSITE

**Enclosure No.1 Names of Religious Groups/Organization**

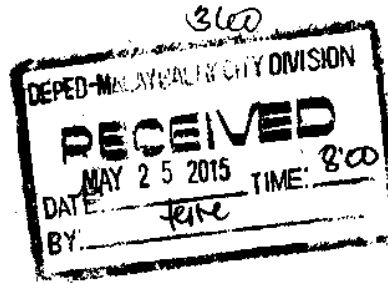
<b>Religious Groups/ Organizations/ Denomination</b>
<p><b>1. Saint Michael d' Archangel Parish Catechists</b>                      - Linabo, Malaybalay City                      Parish Catechist Coordinator: <b>Maria Luisa Eleanor L. Semillano and Ms. Letty Tianero, Ph.D.</b></p>
<p><b>2. Bethel Baptist Church</b>                      - Malaybalay City                      Religious Instruction In-charge: <b>Ernie Tiamson</b></p>
<p><b>3. Central Womisso Organization (CWO)</b>                      - Kalasungay, Malaybalay City                      CWO President: <b>Remedios B. Badajos</b></p>
<p><b>4. DIOCESE of Malaybalay, San Isidro Cathedral Parish</b>                      - Malaybalay City                      Catechist In-charge: <b>Devorah C. Akiatan</b></p>
<p><b>5. Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), Malaybalay Chapter</b>                      - Sumpang, Malaybalay City                      CEF Coordinator: <b>Abelardo A. Ababao</b></p>
<p><b>6. Natid-asan Christian Community Church, Inc.</b>                      - Natid-asan, Casisang, Malaybalay City</p>
<p><b>7. San Lorenzo Deacano Parish</b>                      - Aglayan, Malaybalay City                      Parish Administrator: <b>Rev. Fr. Felizardo R. Tibayan</b></p>
<p><b>8. Catechetical Apostolate St. Ignatius de Loyola Sub-Parish</b>                      - Kalasungay, Malaybalay City                      Catechist Coordinator: <b>Dyzebel M. Okit</b>                      Sub-Parish Administrator: <b>Rev. Fr. Bonifacio C. Cabaya</b></p>
<p><b>9. Student Movement for Christ International (SMCI)</b>                      - Cagayan de Oro City)                      SMCI In-charge: <b>Ingrid T. Torres</b></p>

DIOCESE OF MALAYBALAY  
**Saint Michael d' Archangel Parish Catechists**  
Linabo, Malaybalay City

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May 18, 2015

**MR. EDILBERTO L. OPLENARIA**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Department of Education  
Region X – Northern Mindanao  
Division of Malaybalay City



Sir :

Greetings of peace and goodwill!

May it please you to know that for more than 50 years now the Saint Michael d' Archangel Parish Church of Linabo, has continued to groom many dedicated *catechists* serving not only in the church, but more importantly, in the many public elementary and high schools within our area. Catechists who are committed to be in the *voluntary mission* of becoming partners with your schools' efforts for the integral values and Christian formation of our young.


It is in this line that we humbly request your office once again to allow us to continue **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION** classes for the incoming SY 2015-2016 to Roman Catholic grade school pupils & high school students in the fourteen (14) public schools of the following areas of our parish, to wit :

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| 1. Sitio Lalawan, Brgy. Linabo - [GS]     | 7. Brgy. Managok - [HS /GS]  |
| 2. Brgy. Violeta - [GS]                   | 8. Sitio Dumayas, Brgy. Malligaya - [GS]                                   |
| 3. Brgy. Simaya (Centro) - [GS]           | 9. Brgy. Malagap - [GS]  |
| 4. Brgy. Simaya (P-9 Binalbalagan) - [GS] | 10. Brgy. Sinanglanan - [GS]   |
| 5. Brgy. San Martin - [HS /GS]            | 11. Brgy. Aglayan – [HS = as requested by<br>the Parish Priest of Aglayan] |
| 6. Brgy. Apo Macote - [HS / GS]           |  |

Sincerely conscious of our efforts to be able to give continuous relevant formation and instruction, we ask for your supportive help, Sir, as we now request if we be allowed to arrange our classes in your schools as once-a-week-1 hour session only-per-class. We also hope that your schools would generously tolerate to schedule our classes to be at least, NOT during mid-day lunch breaks (some schools do this), and not within the last periods of the afternoon, as such times would either subject them to unrealistic teaching time with the children, or bear bad weather as they go to school by foot.

We are praying so much to receive your kind permission and utmost consideration on this sincere request. May our good Lord always continue to bless your good office. More power!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

  
**MARIA LUISA ELEANOR L. SEMILLANO**  
Parish Catechist Coordinator  
St. Michael d' Archangel Parish of Linabo

Noted :

  
**REV. FR. DARWIN C. ALCONTIN**  
Parish Priest of Linabo

Central Womisso Organization  
Kalasungay Malaybalay City

May 17, 2015

Edilberto L. Oplenaria  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Casisang Malaybalay City

Sir,

Our partnership with DepEd has been going on for the past 15 years and we are so grateful for the generous accommodation you have accorded to our Religious Instruction People.

This year, we wish to continue with the Religious Instruction Program in 24 schools within Malaybalay Division. About 98 teachers have volunteered to teach this year and we look forward to your usual accommodation and cooperation.

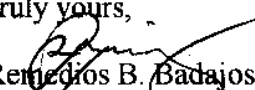
Our group, as with the DepEd, is deeply committed to the spiritual and moral training of the youth believing that this is the key component in their overall development. After all "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom".

Rest assured that we will abide by all rules and regulations governing the program.

The following schools with volunteer teachers:

1. Malaybalay City Central School
2. Sumpung Elementray School
3. BCT Elementray School
4. Laguitas Elementray School
5. Aglayan Elementray School
6. San Jose Elementray School
7. Mabuhay Elementray School
8. Casisang Elementray School
9. Sa Roque Elementray School
10. Apo Macote Elementray School
11. San Martin Elementray School
12. Simaya Elementray School
13. Sinanglanan Elementray School
14. Caburacanan Elementray School
15. St. Peter Elementray School
16. Silae Elementray School
17. Kalasungay Central School
18. Dalwangan Elementray School
19. Patpat Elementray School
20. New Ilocos Elementray School
21. Miglamin Elementray School

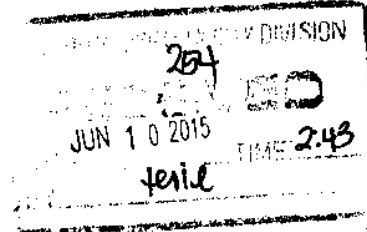
Very truly yours,

  
Remedios B. Badajos  
(Central Womisso President)

**SAN LORENZO DEACONO PARISH**  
AGLAYAN, MALAYBALAY CITY

JUNE 09, 2015

**TO: SCHOOL DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT**  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF MALAYBALAY  
MALAYBALAY CITY



**DEAR SIR/MAAM;**

**GREETINGS OF PEACE!**

The **San Lorenzo Deacono Parish**, Aglayan Malaybalay City, would like to request from your good office due permission to conduct Catholic Catechism as Optional Religious Instruction in the Elementary and Public High Schools in my Area of Responsibility; Aglayan Central School and Malaybalay City Science High School for the school year 2015-2016.

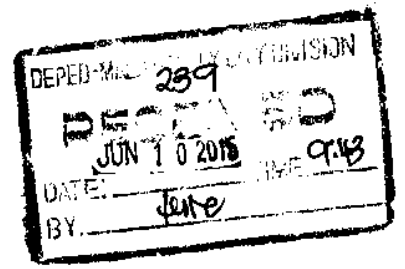
I believe that our Pupils and Students should not only be equipped with academic no how, but more importantly their moral, religious and spiritual life. I hope and pray that this sincere request be granted.

Thank you very much and may God bless us all.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
**Rev. FR. FELZARDO R. TIBAYAN**  
**Parish Administrator**

**CATECHETICAL APOSTOLATE  
St. Ignatius de Loyola Sub-Parish  
Kalasungay, Malaybalay City**



June 9, 2015

**MR. EDILBERTO L. OPLENARIA**  
Schools Division Superintendent  
Malaybalay City

Sir:

Greetings for Peace!

Since a school year 2015 & 2016 starts, the Catechists of St. Ignatius de Loyola Sub-Parish again will do religious instructions to all your schools within the jurisdiction of the said sub-parish.

In line with this, may we request permission from your good office to allow our catechists to teach their respective areas where they were assigned. Classes will start on the first week of July upon your approval.

Thank you so much for your favorable action and for your unending support to the catechetical program of the sub-parish.

Very truly yours,

  
**DYZEBEL M. OKIT**  
Catechist Coordinator

Attested by:

  
**REV. FR. BONIFACIO C. CABAYA**  
Sub-Parish Administrator



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DepED ORDER  
No. 49, s. 2009

**REITERATING THE REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE TEACHING  
OF RELIGION IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

To: Undersecretaries  
Assistant Secretaries  
Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Division/City Superintendents  
District Supervisors  
Heads, Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. For the information and guidance of all concerned, the provisions of DECS Order No. 120, s. 1999 on the abovementioned subject are hereby reiterated as follows:

- a. **Declaration of Policy** - It is the declared policy of the State in conformity with the mandate of the Constitution, to encourage and promote the teaching of religion to children in public elementary and secondary schools within the regular class hours. For the State is cognizant of the vital role that the teaching of religion assumes in citizen formation, particularly the molding of our youth. Hence, the State recognizes the necessity of religious instruction not only in the private schools but also in public schools. For these purposes, this Department shall provide hereunder the mechanics to enable the teaching of religion in all public elementary and secondary schools over the country, fully aware in the process that the Constitution prohibits the government from favoring a particular establishment or religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Furthermore, the implementation of this Order should not entail additional cost to the government;
- b. **Coverage** - This Order shall apply to all public elementary and secondary schools in the Philippines;
- c. **Definition of Terms** - As used in this Order, the following shall mean:
  - Religion - an institutionalized systems of beliefs, attitudes and practices;
  - Values Education - the integration into the school curriculum of universally accepted as well as Filipino human, social, moral, political, economic and cultural values;
  - Optional religious instruction - refers to the religion classes conducted in the public elementary and secondary for students/pupils whose parents opted to exercise their right



to request religious instruction for their children or ward. The optional character of religious instruction in public schools pertains as prerogative or choice of the parents or guardians of the children, who are free to request or not to request that the children under their care be instructed in the religion of their choice. The principal or school head shall accommodate said request by providing or sourcing the needed teacher/instructor. However, in the event said teacher/instructor for the chosen denomination or religion should be unavailable, Item g, below, shall apply;

- Regular Class Hours - refers to the regular or normal scheduled periods of instruction or laboratory work for a student; and
- Class Period - the average length of time scheduled for one session or instructional period in a course.

d. **The Teachers/Instructors** - The religious teachers/instructors who teach religion classes in the public elementary and high schools shall be formally sourced or recruited by the respective principal or school head in accordance with the corresponding request for optional religious instruction. After their designation or nomination by their respective religious authorities, said teachers/instructors shall submit to the principal or school head their proper authorization papers and request for time allocation and schedule for the optional religious instruction. Ordinary teachers teaching in a certain school may also teach religion in the same or another school during the periods when they are free from their ordinary teaching loads, and provided they are authorized to do so by the competent religious authority of their denomination;

e. **Recipient of Religious Instruction** - The teachers/instructors of religion as referred to in Item d shall be allowed to teach those pupils/students whose parents or guardians have opted to request that their children or wards learn religion in school shall be expressed in writing by the parent or guardian who shall likewise accomplish in full the necessary application form. No student/pupil shall be allowed or permitted to attend religious instruction classes without the said written application and duly accomplished request of his/her parent or guardian;

f. **The Application** - The application referred to in the next preceding paragraph, shall clearly indicate the faith or religious instruction the student/pupil should receive from the authorized religion teachers/instructors, and the preferred schedule for religious instruction;

g. **Non-recipient of Religious Instruction** - Students not receiving religious instruction or those with request but there is no available teacher/instructor for the particular denomination requested should be under the supervision of their respective class adviser during the time religion classes are going on;

- h. **Size and Scheduling of Religious Classes** – The optional religious instruction shall be taught during regular class hours only and not before or after class time, nor during recess time. Religious classes should not number more than forty students of the same level and of the same religion, except where the religious authority certifies that his teachers/instructors can allow for a bigger number due to its practicality, availability of time slot/schedule, instructors/teachers, classroom materials and related matters;

The principal or school head shall fix the schedule of the religion class hours taking into account the number of the religion teachers/instructors that can be fielded by the different denominations at one time.

- i. **Duration of Religion Classes** – The optional religious instruction shall be allotted at least eighty minutes a week, spread over at least two (2) but not more than three (3) meetings in one week. In no case shall the class periods be allotted less than ninety (90) minutes per week.
- j. **Optional Religious Instruction and Values Education** – The optional religious instruction and the values education of this Department are separate, different, and distinct subjects. As such they shall be allotted separate class hours and in no case shall they be taken together by the students in one and the same class period, PROVIDED, however, that if the principal or school head cannot find any available time slots for the optional religious instruction in the weekly class schedule, with conformity of the religious teachers or instructors, the optional religious instruction shall be allotted at least two (2) of the present five (5) time-slots assigned every week to Values Education.
- k. **Administrative Sanctions** – Any principal, school head, or teacher who violates any provision of this Order shall, after due process, be subjected to appropriate disciplinary sanctions.

*80 mins. a week  
(2 meetings in a week)*

2. Immediate and wide dissemination of and compliance with this Order is directed.

  
**JESLI A. LAPUS**  
Secretary

Reference: DepED Order: (No. 120, s. 1999)

Allotment: 1- (D.O. 50-97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
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