

October 22, 2018
Memorial of Saint John Paul II

Circular 2018-18
RE: Pananabangan Month

My dear people of God:

The core message of the Second Vatican Council and the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines is that the Church is *communio*. In the Archdiocese of Lingayen Dagupan, we have adopted *communio*, which is *PANANABANGAN* in Pangasinan, as our nature, our mission and our vision. Without *communio* our faith in God cannot be proclaimed; that same faith cannot be lived and our identity will be lost. *PANANABANGAN* is our spirituality--it is our way of knowing God, serving Him and being with Him. *Pananabangan* is our way to God.

The month of November is Pananabangan Month in the Archdiocese of Lingayen Dagupan. Although Pananabangan is a yearlong and daily commitment, in November we highlight it, study it more and celebrate its beauty.

1. We shall have an ARCHDIOCESAN PANANABANGAN ASSEMBLY on November 10, Saturday, in the Parish Church of Saint Dominic in San Carlos City from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm. The parishes and Catholic schools are kindly advised to send their **Pananabangan Team Members** and **five youth leaders**. This assembly will also be the occasion to launch the Year 2019 as **Pananabangan na Kalengweran** as part of the Decade of *Communio* for the centennial year of the See of Lingayen in 2028. The CBCP will also observe 2019 as Year of the Youth. There will be no registration fees but the assembly participants are kindly requested to bring their food for sharing.
2. The parish priests, team ministry moderators and school directors are to set aside a date to observe a school or parish **Pananabangan Day** within the month of November. This local *Pananabangan* observance can include a shortened renewal seminar on the values of stewardship and a reporting of the current status of the *Pananabangan* ministry in the school or community. In the spirit of the Filipino fiesta, please have an agape within the parish or school Pananabangan Day.
3. The **Credo of Stewardship** should be prayed in all Masses from **November 1 to 30** after the Post Communion Prayer before the final blessing. A copy is enclosed.

4. There will be a SECOND Collection in all the Sunday Masses of November for the **Archdiocesan ICTHUS Pastoral Fund** which must be remitted to the Chancery before **December 8, 2018**. This fund is used to finance the pastoral programs of the archdiocese as well as the support of the financially challenged new parish communities.
5. You will receive **HOMILETIC Guides** for all the Sundays of November in order to help our Catholic faithful renew their passion for *Pananabangan*.

I plead with you to renew your commitment to *Pananabangan*.

Pananabangan is who we are. *Pananabangan* is what the Church is. God is *Pananabangan* of Father and Son and Holy Spirit. *Pananabangan* is the cure to the social and ecclesial maladies of our age.

Set your heart on *Pananabangan*. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Archbishop of Lingayen Dagupan