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Reconstituting the Curia of Lingayen Dagupan

From the very outset of my ministry as Metropolitan Archbishop of Lingayen Dagupan, the spirituality of communion has been our guiding light and further confirmed by the Second Synod of Lingayen Dagupan. Fidelity to this ecclesial communion requires that the present archdiocesan structures be regularly evaluated so that the structures of participation as envisaged by canon law and the ecclesiology of *communio* are safeguarded, promoted and rendered relevant for the Church's task of evangelization.

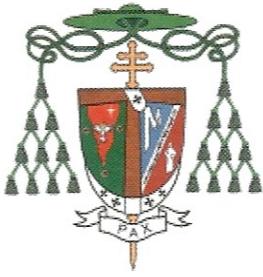
For the glory of God, the right care of souls and the prudent administration of the good of the Church, I decree that the membership of the Board of Consultors be reconstituted to include the following members: Bishop Fidelis Layog, Msgr. Oliver Mendoza, Msgr. Manuel Bravo, Father Emmanuel Ferrer, Father Arvin Soriano and Father Joseph Fernandez as Chancellor in conformity with Canon 502 #1 of the Code of Canon Law.

The members are to exercise their functions as determined by law and prevailing archdiocesan customs for a period of five years ending on December 31, 2025 and should be convoked monthly only under the presidency of the Archbishop.

By this same instrument, we establish the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council to be composed of the members of the Board of Consultors *ex officio*, vicars forane who must be elected by the priests of the vicariate and confirmed by the Archbishop, the seminary rectors *ex officio*, the judicial vicar *ex officio*, the episcopal vicars for religious men and women, the post synodal episcopal vicars for worship, social services and development and evangelization *ex officio* and a representative from the retired clergy to be appointed by the Archbishop. All members of the presbyteral council serve *ad nutum episcopi*.

The presbyteral council, representing the presbyterium, is to be like a consultative body of the archbishop assisting him in the governance of the archdiocese according to the norm of law, meeting every three months presided by the Archbishop or his delegate, to promote as much as possible the pastoral good of the portion of the people of God entrusted to the archbishop. (Canon 495). It should be recalled that at the start of my ministry in 2009, the assembly of priests opted to consider the assembly of priests as *de facto* presbyteral council due to the small number of clerics at that time, a scenario duly considered in the Apostolic Letter *Apostolorum Succesores* par. 182.

Finally in conformity with Canon 493 of the Code of Canon Law, we reconstitute the Archdiocesan Finance Council whose task will be to prepare each year, according to the directions of the Archbishop, a budget of the income and expenditures which are foreseen for the entire



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governance of the archdiocese in the coming year and at the end of the year examines an account of the revenues and expenses of the archdiocese and the other archdiocesan institutions such as parishes, chaplaincies and schools. The Finance Council is to be composed of the following members: Father Emmanuel Ferrer and Father Leo R. Macaraaeg and Father Alfredo Dimaano, Jr. mandated to meet at least monthly under the presidency of the Archdiocesan Finance Officer and reporting to the Archbishop on a monthly basis.

Our identity is Christ and His life is our vocation. In the spirit of docility to the Holy Spirit, we reconstitute our archdiocesan structures to help us serve the people of God more devoutly, to help us grow in holiness through ministry and to seek the glory of God in all things.

Everything to the contrary notwithstanding same to be effective by January 1, 2021.

From the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Dagupan City, December 3, 2020, Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier

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