

August 14, 2017

Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Circular 2017-14

RE: Eucharistic Celebrations for the Second Synod

My dear people of God:

You are invited to join the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit on the occasion of the Opening of the Synod of Lingayen Dagupan to be held on Saturday **September 2, 2017** at the **Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist** at **nine o'clock in the morning**. The catechists, lay liturgical and social action ministers and our youth leaders must attend this Opening Mass.

All the members of the synod must be at the Mass to make their oath of office before assuming their ecclesiastical function. The Sacred Penitentiary will grant a plenary indulgence with Apostolic Blessings upon all who will attend the opening Mass.

The closing Mass will be held on **September 9**, Saturday, at the **Minor Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag** at **three o'clock in the afternoon**. The medallions of participation at the synod will be bestowed at this Closing Mass as well as the usual plenary indulgence and Papal Benediction.

We are at the threshold of a new chapter in our pilgrimage as a people of God in Lingayen Dagupan. This a wonderful time to be Catholics!

Sincerely yours,

+SOCRATES B. VILLEGAS

Archbishop of Lingayen Dagupan