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TO: ALL THE PRIESTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CACERES
RE: LAUNCHING OF THE YEAR OF MISSIO AD GENTES AND SAINT JOSEPH

In 2012, the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines designated 2021 as the Year of *Missio Ad Gentes*. On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph.

In our Archdiocese, we shall launch the celebrations of the Year of *Missio Ad Gentes* and Saint Joseph on January 3, 2021, the *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord* in a **Solemn Eucharistic Celebration at 6:00 A.M.**, at Saint John the Evangelist Cathedral, Naga City.

All parishes will have their own launching of the celebrations on the same day. A simple rite prepared by the Caceres Commission on Liturgy will be used. A pastoral letter will be read in all masses. Flash drives that contain some materials to be used for the event and for the year will be distributed to parishes. Archdiocesan and parish Facebook pages and bulletins can be used to disseminate information about the launching and other celebrations for the Year of *Missio Ad Gentes* and Saint Joseph.

The *Missio Ad Gentes* reminds us all peoples have the right to know about Jesus Christ. At the same time, to evangelize is inherent in all Christians. All, especially Catholics, should be inspired by Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." (Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*).

Given at the Chancery, Pilgrim City of Naga, Republic of the Philippines, this 31st day of December, in the Year of our Lord, 2020.


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