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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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ARCHDIOCESAN MUSEUM OF CEBU (AMC)

To: Assistant Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

1. For information and guidance of all concerned, attached is a letter from Rev. Fr. Brian C. Brigoli, Director of the Archdiocesan Museum of Cebu, **encouraging all students of your school to visit the museum to learn the rich history of the church from the Spanish era until today.**
2. For details, refer to the attached communication.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this memorandum is desired.


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DR. RHEA MAR A. ANGTUD
Schools Division Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Angtud:

Greetings in Christ!

I am writing to your good office to introduce the **Archdiocesan Museum of Cebu (AMC)** and to offer it as a unique tool for evangelization through its exhibits and events, especially for the students of your school.

The museum in downtown Cebu City is managed by the Archdiocese of Cebu through the **Archdiocesan Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church**. We hope to be of service as a partner in upholding the values of Catholic education through guided tours of our growing collection of artifacts, exhibits, and lectures on special topics.

Every year, hundreds of visitors, including foreign tourists, come to the ecclesiastical museum, which was inaugurated in 2006. It includes a chapel and a garden set in a historically significant Spanish-era “balay nga tisa” or “bahay na bato” that used to be the convent of the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral.

The museum houses seven galleries, an archive room, a museum shop and a lecture/audio-visual room.

The exhibits include a collection of *santos* and sacred images from different parishes of Cebu, sacred vessels, liturgical vestments, *cantorals*, *retablos*, ecclesiastical records, to name a few, which are no longer in regular use, a sample of a priest’s chambers and memorabilia of the late Archbishop Emeritus Ricardo Cardinal Vidal. Of special note is the Msgr. Virgilio Yap Memorial Chapel on the first floor, which welcomes visitors with a collection of first-class relics of saints for veneration.

The museum is open daily from 9 AM to 5 PM.

As an ecclesiastical museum, **AMC** is designed and mandated to serve as a tool for evangelization and re-evangelization. It is a depository of ecclesiastical artifacts and the cultural

patrimony of the Church gathered from parishes within the Archdiocese of Cebu. This has been the venue as well for book launches, art exhibits, musical performances and lectures on faith, history, and Cebuano culture. It is therefore a place of catechesis, enjoyment, knowledge and spirituality.

The **AMC** building itself is an ongoing work of heritage conservation to preserve its architecture of timber posts, coral stone masonry and hardwood floors. The structure is a fine example of adaptive reuse as a museum from its original function as a rectory of the Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral parish.

It is our desire to make the **AMC** a part of your School's program.

As I mentioned earlier, the museum offers guided tours. This would be a rich experience for students of your school to orient them on the mission of the church from the Spanish era to today, framed by the history of the Archdiocese of Cebu. This is also a good way for the youth to integrate themselves in the life of the Church.

We believe the museum is not just a storehouse of artifacts but an enduring nursery in which the genius and spirituality of the community of believers is handed down.

I would be happy to discuss with them how to arrange a visit to the museum.


For more information about **AMC**, I can be reached by phone:

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Hoping for your kind response, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,


Rev. Fr. Brian C. Brigoli, MSTh, MCHS
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Chairman – Cebu Archdiocesan Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church

Our vision:

The Archdiocesan Museum of Cebu communicates the sacred, the beautiful, the old and ever new, through the artistic, historic and cultural patrimony of the church.