



7 NOVEMBER 2013

**TO : CEAP NATIONAL BOARD, CEAP MEMBER SCHOOLS,
AND SUPERINTENDENTS**

**RE : ADVISORY ON THE BIR'S
REVENUE MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. 20-2013**

The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) through its lawyers, Salvador and Associates, received verbal notice from the office of BIR Commissioner Kim Henares regarding our request to withdraw CEAP schools from the coverage of RMO 20-2013.

BIR remains adamant concerning the validity of RMO 20, despite the declared CEAP's position that its non-stock non-profit schools are tax exempt by virtue of a self-implementing constitutional provision, and that RMO 20 was issued without due consultation. The Commissioner's Chief of Staff, Atty. Larry Barcelo, told CEAP's lawyers that "*[t]he Commissioner cannot accommodate the request for a meeting and it is the BIR's position to stick with the RMO.*"

Due to this development, CEAP is meeting with its lawyers on Tuesday, November 12, 2014 at 4:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza, Ortigas to work out a legal strategy to assert the constitutional rights of the CEAP's Member Schools.

CEAP is renewing its call to all CEAP Member Schools to delay cooperation in the implementation of the said RMO until further notice.

Please forward all your concerns and inquiries regarding this advisory to the CEAP Advocacy Officer, Mr. Anthony V. Coloma at ton.coloma@ceap.org.ph.