

Two QC dioceses to be used as vaccination sites

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina Belmonte on Sunday lauded the offer of the Dioceses of Cubao and Novaliches to be used as coronavirus vaccination sites.

“We are very thankful for opening their churches in support of the city’s vaccination plan. It will be a great help to the city once the vaccines arrive,” she said.

The Diocese of Cubao, led by Bishop Honesto Ongtioco, and the Diocese of Novaliches, led by Bishop Most Rev. Fr. Roberto Gaa, volunteered their parishes as inoculation sites in addition to the 24 designated sites by the city government.

Diocese of Cubao Vicar General Fr. Steve Zabala said three of their parishes — Our Lady of Pentecost Parish, Santa Maria Dela Strada Parish and Cathedral of Cubao — met the conditions set by the QC Health Department.

“Based on our meeting with the city health department, the parishes should have a good Wi-Fi connection and good ventilation to be qualified as inoculation sites,” Zabala said.

The vaccination will be held at the parish hall and garden. The diocese will also help the city government in promoting its vaccination plan.

“The church has been always working with the government because it is a communal response especially now that we are facing a pandemic,” Zabala said.

The QC government is also negotiating with the Ateneo de Manila University through its president, Fr. Bobby Yap, for the school to be used as a vaccination site.

“We welcome these help coming from our churches, schools, and even the private sector. They have been the city’s force multiplier even from the start of our battle against Covid-19,” Belmonte said.