Dr. Lysander Rivera, of De La Salle University-Manila, has been re-elected as a member of the International Council for Catechesis

Dr. Lysander P. Rivera, Director of the Lasallian Institute for Evangelization and Catechesis (LIEC) at De La Salle University-Manila, has been reappointed by Pope Leo XIV for another five-year term as a member of the International Council for Catechesis (Co.In.Cat.), an international consultative body of the Holy See's Dicastery for Evangelisation.

Dr. Rivera was first appointed to Co.In.Cat. in 2021 by Pope Francis. His renewed mandate continues his participation in an international body that brings together bishops, priests, religious, and lay experts from different parts of the world to reflect on major questions concerning catechesis and to foster the exchange of catechetical experiences and initiatives throughout the universal Church.

For the Lasallian Family, Dr. Rivera's reappointment is a recognition of its efforts in forming the faith of the young and represents an opportunity for the Lasallian Educational Mission to contribute to the Church's continuing reflection on evangelization and catechesis.

As Director of the Lasallian Institute for Evangelization and Catechesis, Dr. Rivera leads initiatives in evangelization, catechetical leadership formation, and research in those areas at De La Salle University. He has also been actively involved in catechetical initiatives at the national, regional, and international levels, including collaboration with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines and other Church institutions.

Founded in 1973 by Saint Paul VI, the Co.In.Cat. advises the Holy See on matters related to catechesis and supports the Church's ongoing reflection on its mission of handing on the faith. It brings together catechetical experts from different

regions of the world to study emerging needs, share pastoral experiences, and contribute to the development and renewal of catechetical ministry.

As Lasallian Family, we celebrate this significant recognition of Dr Lysander's career in catechesis and evangelisation, and we wishing him every success in the mission entrusted to him by Pope Leo XIV.

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