

# CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

August 16, 1978

### **Re: OPTIONAL COMMUNION IN THE HAND**

In a secret vote made on the Optional Communion in the hand, the affirmative votes (37) failed to get the needed 2/3 majority votes of the Conference.

### **Re: GRODEN METHOD FOR FAMILY PLANNING<sup>1</sup>**

The CBCP has issued the following statement: STUDIES UP TO NOW HAVE SHOWN THAT THE GRODEN METHOD IS CERTAINLY ARTIFICIALLY CONTRACEPTIVE AND MAY EVEN BE ABORTIFACIENT; THEREFORE, THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES DECLARES ITS USE FORBIDDEN.

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1. See: Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas, 563, October 1976, pp. 718-727.