

**Collaborating with PPCRV and Namfrel  
Circular 2004-03**

**To all Priests, Religious Men and Women, Catechists, School Directors and Teachers,  
Heads of Lay Organizations and Movements, and Servant Leaders of Charismatic  
Communities in the Diocese of Novaliches:**

Peace and blessings!

In line with our latest CBCP Pastoral Letter on the coming 2004 elections, I reiterate the call to all our faithful, especially the Catholic Laity, to carry out their Christian responsibility by actively involving themselves in politics through voter's education programs and non-partisan pollwatching.

Let us support the formation and networking of citizens' groups like the National Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) and the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), both of which have consistently shown us through the years what it means to be empowered as a people and actively work for positive social transformation.

I am instructing our beloved priests in the diocese to ensure that all necessary assistance will be given to these two citizens' groups in the exercise of their respective but mutually beneficial roles in the May 10, 2004 National Elections.

We have to believe in our own power to transform society. Clean and meaningful elections and transformed politics depend on ordinary people and on each one of us.

At the same time I warn all those planning to disrupt the Electoral Process in any way will be a betrayal of the Country and cannot enjoy the support of our people.

Let us take courage and be guided by the Gospel as we hope for a brighter future for our Nation. As Jesus sent his disciples, Jesus sends us now with the same promise, "I am with you always." (Mt. 28:20)

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the Year of our Lord, 2004

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