

Forty-Day Prayer and Fasting for H.O.P.E.
(Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Elections)
Circular 2004-08

To all Priests, Religious Men and Women, CLaN Members, Catechists, School Directors, Principals and Teachers, Heads of Lay Organizations and Movements, and Youth Representatives in the Diocese of Novaliches:

Greetings of Peace!

In concretizing our response to the call of honest, orderly and peaceful electoral process this coming May 10, 2004, we line up three (3) major activities in the Diocese, re:

1. **Voter's Education:** Our PPCRV trainers in the parishes are now conducting the new module called "*PULONG BAHAY*" to assist our voters specially the "*masa*" and the out-of-school youth in their choices of right leaders for the country.
2. **Pollwatching:** We can now start recruiting PPCRV volunteers. We need around 15,000 volunteers to man 5,010 precincts under our Diocese. After Holy Week celebration, we will conduct orientation seminar and training for them.
3. **Forty-Day (40th) Prayer and Fasting for Honest, Orderly and Peaceful Election (H.O.P.E.).** The EDSA People Power Commission (EPPC) has initiated this activity nationwide in coordination with interfaith groups. This is a good opportunity for us to stir up interest among our people. We encourage that those who will participate in this year and fasting will also volunteer in pollwatching.

Here are some mechanics:

1. February 25 – March 30, 2004 – Sign Up Period

- Sign up forms are provided for
- This can be done in Sunday masses in Parishes, Chapels, Schools and Religious houses
- Signed up forms must be submitted to the Parish Office c/o PPCRV Coordinator

2. March 31 – May 9, 2004 – Prayer and Fasting Period

- The Parish can organize prayer vigils so that the people can join. This serves as a venue for their communal prayer and fasting.
- We will organize Launching and Culmination activities: The culmination on May 9, 2004 can be done simultaneous with the commissioning of PPCRV volunteers.

Our Parish PPCRV Coordinators in coordination with the BEC leaders will take charge of this activity. Let us unite for peaceful and credible elections. Be part in this electoral exercise either by praying or by volunteering and by financial assistance.

Thank you and more power to you.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 3rd day of March, in the Year of our Lord, 2004.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, D.D.
Bishop

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