

Abay-Pamilya Partylist and Operation Tule
Circular 2004-17

To: All Parish Priests and Local Superiors of Religious Houses

Archbishop Paciano Aniceto of San Fernando, Pampanga, and Chairman of the Episcopal Commission on Family and Life has endorsed to the Bishops *ABAY-PAMILYA* Partylist as one who is Pro-Family and Pro-Life. Please endorse *ABAY-PAMILYA* to your parishioners! Endorsing a Partylist is not being partisan.

The Department of Surgery of Ospital ng Maynila Medical Center along with other hospitals like Philippine General Hospital, Philippine Children Medical Center, and Zamboanga City Medical Center have already stopped doing routine circumcision (*Operation Tule*), because

1. 80% of the male population in the world are not circumcised and do not believe they should be circumcised in order to live a normal life.
2. Medical researches have shown that there are no benefits to health with this routine practice of circumcision.

In view of this, I now enjoin all parishes of Novaliches to help stop this practice by desisting from holding *Operation Tule* in the parishes from now on.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 22nd day of April in the Year of our Lord, 2004.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda
Vice-Chancellor