

17th Prison Awareness Celebration

Circular 2004-36

To all Parish Priests, PPC Coordinators, Parish Prison Ministry Heads, Religious Men and Women in the Diocese:

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) will hold the 17th PRISON AWARENESS CELEBRATION with the theme: "Challenging Despair... Creating Hope" (*Sa Pagkalugmok... Hamon ay Pag-asa*). The celebration coincides with the observance of the National Correctional Consciousness Week. The celebration will be on October 25-31.

In this connection, the Prison Restorative Justice Program of our Diocese are preparing various activities in the jails and planning a forum or discussion in issues and concerns affecting the prison ministry, e.g., congestion, treatment of children in conflict with the law, basic services to those incarcerated, restorative justice interventions, plight of the victims.

During the week, please find time to visit any of the jails or national prisons within Metro Manila and be one with the prisoners and their families. For inquiry, contact our Program Coordinator for prison-Restorative Justice, Sr. Zeny Cabrera, SHE, Telephone Number, 962.0818. Kindly facilitate also some support for them.

The CBCP-ECPPC Office sent posters and attached here is a copy of the liturgy for your use.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 17th day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, 2004.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD

Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara

Chancellor