

**Diocesan Marian and Eucharistic Congresses**  
**Circular 2004-37**

**To: All Parish Priests and School Directors, All Local Religious Superiors of Men and Women and All Heads of Ministries in the Diocese:**

Our Bishops have merged a National Eucharistic and Marian Year from August 15, 2004 to December 31, 2005 in order to accommodate the previously-approved celebration of a Marian Year and the Holy Father's designation of October 2004 to 2005 as the International Eucharistic Year. The CBCP launched this National Eucharistic and Marian Year last August 15 in the Diocese of Tarlac.

The Diocese of Novaliches, while being busy with its launching of *Pondo ng Pinoy* on the diocesan level last September 11, 2004 to be followed by individual launchings on the parish level, has launched our National Eucharistic and Marian Year with the official visit of the Pilgrim Images of Our Lady of *Peñafrancia de Naga*, at the Good Shepherd Cathedral last September 22 and again on October 4-10 with the visit of Our Lady of *Manaoag* at The Immaculate Conception Parish, Greenfields III, Bar. San Agustin, Novaliches, Quezon City. We welcome parish celebrations like these and Fiestas of Marian parishes to arouse devotion to Mary.

As for the Eucharistic Year, I would encourage parishes to step up Eucharistic devotions in their respective churches and that in response to the Holy Father, our Bishops have agreed to hold simultaneously our own Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in May 2005 leading to the Feast of Corpus Christi. In 2005, Corpus Christi falls on May 29. Hence, our Eucharistic Congress would be ideal in May and we set our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress on May 26-28, 2005 at the new *Santuario de San Vicente de Paul* at Tandang Sora.

Similarly in 2005, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on December 8, Thursday. Hence, the best time for our Diocesan Marian Congress would be in December and we set our Diocesan Marian Congress on December 5-7, 2005 at Our Lady of Consolation Church, Mira-Nila Homes, Tierra Pura Subdivision, Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

I also further set that our two Theological Schools in the Diocese; namely, St. Vincent School of Theology and The Recoletos Formation Center, would take care of designing the theme and the content as well as the flow of the proceeding of The Diocesan Congress to be held in their respective premises, inviting known speakers and facilitators on the subject in the name of the Bishop. The delegates for these Congresses will come from the parishes and the mandated organizations and Charismatic groups and Transparochial communities as well as from the schools, including the public and private non-sectarian ones, in the Diocese.

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

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Bishop

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara**  
Chancellor