

**Guest Priests
Circular 2004-44**

To: All Guest Priests in the Diocese:

Guest Priests in Metro-Manila, even when Novaliches was still part of the Archdiocese, have always been the focus of great pastoral solicitude of the Local Ordinary. More so now that Novaliches has been a Diocese since two years.

While one or other guest priest may pose a problem for the Bishop – both his own as well as the one where he resides; most of them are still priests after the Heart of Jesus and are in the Metropolis for legitimate reasons. The burden of contacting the Chancery within a week upon one's arrival in a Diocese rest on the Guest Priest himself. This is important so that the priest is accounted for immediately in the Diocese. Priests of the Diocese -- weather Secular or Religious -- are not to cuddle guest priests in their parishes without faculties from the Chancery for more than a week after their arrival in the Diocese.

Since, with the division of the Archdiocese of Manila, the number of guest priests in the Diocese has been very much reduced, from now on the Guest Priests belong to the Commission of the Clergy under the charge of Fr. Elpidio de Peralta, Jr., currently Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Kaybiga, Caloocan City. The office of the Vicar for Guest Priests is thus hereby dissolved.

Fr. Jun de Peralta of the Commission on the Clergy thus wants to meet all the Guest Priests in Novaliches on January 10, 2005 at 9:30 A.M. at the Good Shepherd Cathedral Shrine along Regalado Avenue, Fairview Park, Quezon City.

Please take note Circular 2004-33 pertinent to where guest priest may reside in this Diocese still holds true, notwithstanding this present Circular!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 15th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, 2004.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor