

**More From The CBCP
Circular 2005-03**

To: All Priests in the Parishes, including Religious in the Diocese:

Here are some other pieces of information from the CBCP which I pass on again to all the Priests of the Diocese:

1. Further to Circular 2005-01 on marriage involving a Japanese National, CBCP wants us to warn our people against trafficking of persons to Japan. "There were more than 80,000 Filipino entertainers in Japan in 2003," says Archbishop Fernando Capalla, President of CBCP, "We are told that this amounts for about 60% of all entertainers in Japan and that almost all of them are illegally working as hostesses in amusement and sex related industries; is that not alarming?" While the CBCP has listened to and fully supports the Government of Japan's Action Plan regarding the trafficking of persons, particularly women, between the Philippines and Japan -- which action plan can be found in the CBCP website: www.cbcponline.net. -- we still urge the Catholic Faithful to refrain from going to Japan as entertainers there, if they do not want to be imputed a bad name!
2. The CBCP Circular No. 2005-07 has asked prayers for the release of Roberto "Bobby" Tarongoy, the Filipino hostage in Iraq. Instead of saying the long Prayer for this intention, may I ask that this intention be included in The Prayer of the Faithful on all Sunday Masses, including the anticipated Masses on Saturdays, until the actual release of the said hostage takes place.

It is a pity that these two CBCP communications, both dated February 1, we received rather late in our Chancery only February 9. These would have been good input in our celebration of and for your homily on February 13, Migration Sunday.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 10th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, 2005.

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