

Varied Developments
Circular 2005-05

To: All Parish Priests of the Diocese:

Attached is a Prayer for His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, endorsed by the Episcopal Commission on Liturgy to be recited in all the Masses celebrated in our Diocese. The Prayer is also found in the CBCP website: www.cbcponline.net.

I wish to thank all the priests who attended our Bohol Conference last February 21-24. The Holy Spirit worked in all of us during our meeting but also during our R & R together. The prayers of all our Faithful was felt so palpably those days. I hope to see all of you again together with your Parish Delegate at our First Pastoral Assembly for our Diocesan Vision-Mission on March 11-12 at Mater Carmeli, Sacred Heart Village, Lagro, Quezon City.

Thank you also for sending your Family Life workers to the Rally at Liwasang Bonifacio last March 4. Enclosed is a copy of the latest CBCP Pastoral Letter against HB 3773 and *Ligtas Buntis*, issued by Abp. Fernando Capalla last Feb. 18. **I want to have the CBCP Circular read in all Masses of Palm Sunday, March 20.**

Our Chrism Mass will be on March 24 at 7:00 A.M. at The Good Shepherd Cathedral Shrine. Please come with a delegation from your Parish. The newly consecrated oils will be distributed after the Mass. Kindly return the unused oils in the old bottles given to the parishes last year for proper disposal.

Now allow me to send to you a leaflet and a brochure of the Missionary Society of Saint James Apostle from its Director, Rev. Fr. Robert W. Thomas who I was told had written to each of you previously. The address and e-mail for anyone of you interested can be found at the end of both materials describing the Society. Those of you, who know the former Rector of San Carlos Seminary, Rev. Fr. Allen Aganon, might be interested to know that this is the Society he joined as a Missionary in Puerto Rico! Fr.

Thomas hopes to be given the opportunity to be invited in one of our Clergy Meetings next time he will be around. Please excuse me if I give the diocesan priests some missionary invitations like this one. Who knows this will somehow bear fruits someday?

I wish all of you a very Holy Lenten preparation to our Easter 2005!
Happy Easter to all of you!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 7th day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, 2005.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor