

One with the World in Mourning for John Paul II
Circular 2005-06

To: All Parish Priests of the Diocese:

After the news of the Pope's death in Rome last Saturday April 2, 2005 at 9:37 P.M (Local Time at 3:37 A.M. Sunday April 3) has reached our Diocese on Divine Mercy Sunday, I now call the entire Diocese of Novaliches into a period of mourning from today until his Funeral.

As a way of creatively engaging our people in prayer for the eternal repose of our beloved John Paul II, I ask that from today until his funeral in all our parish churches, a picture of our Holy Father be placed near the altar with the image of the Resurrection as background with a burning candle and that Masses be offered daily during the regular schedule of the parishes.

On the day of his funeral, I invite all priests to join the Mass to be celebrated at the Cathedral as a way of uniting ourselves with his Funeral Mass in Rome. The Mass in our Cathedral will be at 7:00 in the evening of the said funeral date.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 4th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, 2005.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor