

Begging Missions
Circular 2005-22

To: All Diocesan Priests and Pious Union of Lay Faithful and/or Clerics

This Chancery has been receiving inquiries and complaints from various quarters about Priests and Religious going abroad for begging missions, thus giving a bad name to this Diocese and to the Parish or Religious Congregation in question.

Hence, from now on, the Chancery discourages priests and religious going abroad for begging purposes. We will thus withhold our Endorsements for Visas to Embassies of Countries intended for begging mission until those requesting can show a written permit from the Ordinaries where they intend to go. We can even go to the extent of writing to the Embassies not to grant Visa to such priest and Religious.

In this connection, this Chancery will endorse only written requests for fund grant to Funding Agencies but never to individual benefactors. Instead of personally going abroad to beg, of which air fare has become exorbitantly expensive, we suggest to the Priests and Religious solicitation through letters as an alternative.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 21st day of October, in the Year of the Lord, 2005.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to by,

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor