

**Chrism Mass and Standardization  
Circular 2006-08**

**My Brother Priests: Diocesan and Religious as well as Guests**

I bring with me and the four official delegates from our Diocese the blessings of Our Holy Father Benedict XVI to all The Clergy, The Religious Women and Men, and The Lay Faithful of the Diocese on the occasion of the recently concluded Consistory in Rome which elevated our Metropolitan Archbishop of Manila Gaudencio B. Rosales a Cardinal along with fourteen others. As I conveyed to The Pope your best wishes and asked Him for his blessings for you, surprisingly he asked me and all of you to pray for him as well.

All of us will have the chance to be in solidarity with Him and the whole Church all over the world during This Holy Week 2006 as we all shepherd our people to celebrate and share in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord, I remind you that on Holy Thursday, April 13, 2006, we shall once again gather as a Presbyterium to celebrate The Chrism Mass. The celebration begins at 7:00 A.M. Please bring with you a representation from your Community and Family.

In this celebration we shall renew our commitment to the Lord as shepherds and stewards. In all our tasks as priests we exercise our shepherding and stewarding, from gathering people to be nourished by his Word and the Eucharistic bread, to forming prophetic communities, up to the concrete concerns of administration and counseling our parishioners.

In line with stewardship, we will implement this month our new system of accounting and managing our financial resources. We have gone through special auditing and budget hearing. We are now taking on the challenge to become more skillful and wiser stewards. As your Bishop, I hope that all may give full support for the implementation of this new system and the improvement of the system along the way.

Extend my greetings to your parishioners and wish them for me a meaningful Holy Week and a blessed Easter Season!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, 2006.

**Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD**  
Bishop

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara**  
Chancellor