

**Saint Peter Closed During the SONA  
Circular 2006-17**

**To: All Priests and Local Superiors of Men and Women Religious in the Diocese, KME Members, NGOs and POs:**

In view of the recent developments intensifying the widening gap between The Church and The State, there is serious danger that other groups of right, left, or center will take advantage of joining our KME activities previously scheduled to sow havoc, thereby shame the Church and our Movement. This is especially so due to a supposed “agreement” between KME and the other groups regarding two different venues of activities: KME at St. Peter’s and the other groups at Ever Gotesco. With the combined 15,000 strong from the PNP and the AFP, I am almost sure that Ever Gotesco groups will join KME at St. Peter’s both for the Concert and the Prayer Vigil. **Hence I am calling off the Prayer Vigil at St. Peters. Instead, I ask the Faithful to just light a vigil light and pray in their own homes for peace and reconciliation in our Country the night of July 23.**

To forestall any untoward incident and disrespect in the House of Worship at St. Peter, I have ordered the Church closed to the public after the last (9:00 PM) Mass of Sunday. The Concert though outside the Church during the night of July 23 will still continue. **The Mass with some Bishops, Priests, and Religious, will be presided by The Undersigned at 6:00 P.M. of July 24 after the SONA,** when the time will be more quiet and peaceful instead of at 10:00 A.M. This change is for the safety of everyone. The Diocese will not be responsible for any untoward incident that might happen in and within the Church premises.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, 2006.

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

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Antonio E. Labiao, Jr.**  
Vicar General - Pastoral