

Important Pointers
Circular 2007-27

To: All Priests of the Diocese
Catholic School Principals – Diocesan and Congregational
Members of Religious Congregation – Men and Women

1. You must have read in the papers the violence in Myanmar (Burma) committed against “Pro-democracy” protesters including thousands of monks killed by the Military Junta who continue to hinder the duly elected President, Miss Aung San Suu Kyi, taking over the reigns of government since her Election last May 1990. While we continue to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of Myanmar through our prayers as our Pope Benedict XVI asked us to and also our Bishops from the CBCP and FABC, let us strengthen our unity as a Nation in watching out that democracy works for the good of all, not of the few around the powerful and the mighty.

2. I am reminding you of the Indigenous People’s Sunday on October 14 with this year’s theme: *The Word of God and Indigenous Communities!* Enclosed also is the ECIP Pastoral Letter which you are asked to read in all the Mass in your churches in October 14 or any date convenient to you. This may serve as well as your homily on that day!

3. Please know that last September 21, 2007 the Bishop of Sorsogon, Most Rev. Arturo M. Bastes, SVD, DD has inflicted Rev. Fr. Alejandro V. Galias, Founder of SMAHE (Sons of Mary Adorers of the Holy Eucharist), with an *Excommunication Latae Sententiae* (Automatic), by virtue of c. 1388 CIC (violation of the seal of confession). This priest, therefore, may not exercise his power of orders and his members of SMAHE are banned in this Diocese.

4. For the protection of its consumers and the people in general, San Miguel Corporation has asked you to caution your people on the *modus operandi* of a person by the name of Raymond Paraiso or of anyone who would introduce themselves as San Miguel or Purefoods-Hormel employees and ask for money. Please ask for their proper identification and pertinent documents that would prove that they really work for San Miguel Corporation.

5. From now on the Bishop’s Driver, Mr. Luis Danila serves as our courier and does errands for our Chancery on MWF. Hence, complimentary copies of Caritas GoodnewsPaper will be sent to all our 57 parishes for

- a. The Parish Bulletin Board
- b. The Religious Groups of Priests and Sisters within the Parish
- c. The Schools in your parish – Catholic if any; Congregational, if any; Public Elementary, and/or High School, if any; Private Non-Sectarian, if any

d. The Hospitals and/or Clinics within your Parish

We would ask that Parish Priests indicate to Daryll Cuntapay of the Chancery how many copies of Caritas GoodnewsPaper you need for your Parish.

6. Your subscription (Php 400/year) to the CBCP Monitor will also be brought to your Parishes two times a month (bi-monthly) by our Courier. Enclosed, please find the lists of subscribers within the Diocese – 24 out of our 57 parishes plus our 9 Catholic Schools and PSA Nova Office.

7. Please pray for the success of the IMAM-Priests Dialogue now being organized by The Peacemakers' Circle Foundation, Inc. in which a number of our priests from the Diocese are involved themselves. The organizers of the above-mentioned Dialogue are appealing for more participation from Catholic Priests for this endeavor. The organizers are concerned about how the lack of participation of Catholic Priests will be perceived by Muslim Imams, thus possibly jeopardizing the endeavor of building respectful and harmonious relationship between Muslims and Christians in Metro-Manila.

8. In order to discourage non attendance in our three annual activities namely The Clergy R & R, The Retreat and The Renewal by our Diocesan Clergy I have asked the accounting to automatically deduct from their monthly compensation the agreed fees for every unattended activity and the deduction can no longer be charged to the Parish by their non-attendance. Fr. Marlow is requested to strictly enforce this policy.

9. Finally, our Chancery is now ready to give application forms for those interested to attend the XXI World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, on July 15-20, 2008. Our Diocesan Youth Ministry under our Youth Director, Fr. Aristeo M. de Leon, with his Youth Ministers is now ready to screen the applicants every Saturday starting October 27, 2007 up to November 24, 2007 at the Visitation of Our Lady Parish, Sacred Heart Village, Lagro, Novaliches, Quezon City. Those interested may call the Parish Office at Tel. 961-4431 or 419-5941.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 10th day of October in the Year of Our Lord, 2007.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD

Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jaime Z. Lara
Chancellor