

**Visiting Priests Making Appeals
Circular 2007-31**

To: All Filipino Priests – Diocesan or Religious

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell of Sydney, Australia, has called the attention of Filipino Bishops that a number of priests visiting his Archdiocese are “celebrating Mass and making appeals for donations without seeking proper permission from or obtaining the Faculties of this Archdiocese.”

When priests outside their own Diocese in order to exercise any priestly function, they are to show proper credentials (e.g. Celebret) from their own Bishop or in the case of Religious, from their Provincial Superior, and obtain Faculties from the Diocesan Bishop of the place they are visiting. In order, however, to make appeals for donations outside their own diocese, they cannot do so without seeking first the proper permission of the Bishop.

It has come to our knowledge too that Priests – of this Diocese or outside – have also approached our parishes to make appeals for donation in those places. The undersigned Bishop discourages this practice. In the rare case that he allows this, the following guidelines have to be followed:

1. A written request from one’s Bishop or his Provincial Superior is needed stating the purpose of the requested appeal.
2. The Bishop assigns three (3) to five (5) appeal places to the requesting parish or institution.
3. The Appeal Period is only three months of the year: July, August, and September.
4. The places of Appeal hands its Contribution through bank transfer into the bank account of the Beneficiary Parish.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 9th day of November in the Year of Our Lord, 2007.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda
Vice - Chancellor