

**Pauline Jubilee Culmination and Souvenir Magazine  
Circular 2009-11**

**To: All Parish Priests, Men and Women Local Religious Superiors, Public, Diocesan, Congregational, and Private Non-Sectarian School Directors and Principals:**

I have agreed with the Organizing Committee with Msgr. Romy Rañada and Ate Lita Macalaguim, regarding these closing activities of the Pauline Jubilee Year:

First, regarding some adjustments in the schedule of

- 1) **The Theological-Pastoral Congress** originally slated for two days, that is, on June 12-13, 2009, will now be held for one day only, that is, **Friday, June 12, from 6:30AM to 6:30PM at the Cathedral Shrine of the Good Shepherd.**
- 2) **The Walk-the-Talk: A Walkathon for St. Paul and His Mission of Evangelization** initially lined up for Saturday, June 20, is being advanced a week earlier to **Saturday, June 13**, that is, the day immediately following our Congress (Talk). The walkathon is a symbolic yet concrete act of commitment to the task of evangelization. It will commence at **St. Peter Parish, Commonwealth, at 7:30 AM** and end at the site of the proposed **Shrine of St. Paul in Casa Milan where a Holy Mass will be celebrated.** This Mass will be followed by a festive fellowship. Incidentally, since the above celebration also happens to fall on my birthday, this can also serve as my birthday celebration in the Diocese.
- 3) **The Novamusica or Festival of Music in Honor of St. Paul**, formerly scheduled much earlier, May 1, having been postponed to a much later date, in order to give prospective participants enough time to prepare, is now put down for the evening of **Saturday, June 13, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral Shrine of the Good Shepherd.**

All of these adjustments mean that the formal closing of our Diocesan celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Paul is being advanced two weeks earlier. And this for two reasons:

- 1) in order to give us enough time to rest before we embark yet again on another year-long celebration, the Year of Priests, recently declared by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and which is set to commence worldwide on June 4, 2009; and
- 2) in order to accede to the request of the Organizing Committee of the Jubilee Year that I, as your Bishop, remain and be around to lead in the closing ceremonies of the Jubilee Year. For your information, I shall be leaving for Rome and Madrid on June 23 to join the Golden Jubilee of The Foundation of our own Idente Missionaries

Secondly, in order to help us stay in focus with the real purpose of our celebration of the Jubilee Year, let us remember that the Pauline Year has been proclaimed not only to simply venerate the memory of the Apostle Paul but also to help us enkindle in each and every one of us as well as in the very community entrusted to us the same spirit of faith, hope, and love at worked in St. Paul—the faith, hope, and love

he has of God in Christ Jesus and, consequently, the faith, hope, and love he has of the Church which for him is the Body of Christ. May I, therefore, invite and encourage you, or even urge you, to support wholeheartedly and participate more actively in the various activities of the Jubilee Year and to encourage others, especially your parishioners and fellow members of your community to do the same. In that way, we become more and more Church, the Body of Christ, the *Communio* of believers in Christ enjoying profound fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy, and with one another. Every time we give our support in view of and for the sake of Church *Communio* or fellowship, by our attendance, by our contribution, whether financial or moral, by our prayers we build up the Body of Christ, the Church, we build up our Diocese, we build up our parish communities, we build up one another. Let St. Paul the Apostle and his teachings on Christ and the Church, then, be our guide and inspiration in the very observance and celebration of this Pauline Year.

Thirdly, in view of more practical information and immediate action, a fund-raising campaign is on to support financially the remaining but still very significant activities. Needless to say, these activities are crucial to the success of the Jubilee Year celebration, as mentioned, the Theological-Pastoral Congress, the Walkathon for Evangelization, and the *Novamusica*. I ask the various parishes to advertise in and/or solicit advertisement for the planned souvenir magazine of the Pauline Jubilee Year. Please support this endeavor. The advertisements are meant to raise funds to support the needs of the Congress events, which will bring together some 1,000 participants from the 59 parishes, the various parochial and public schools, the religious communities and different lay movements and organizations. Already the budget for each delegate is three hundred pesos including meals (lunch and two snacks), Congress paraphernalia, and handouts. This budget per delegate does not yet include the technical aspects of the Congress such as lights and sound for the effective delivery of the various talks and numbers. The same holds for the walkathon and the music festival. The funds will be used to mobilize people, provide logistic support and temporary facilities such as portable toilets and incentives/awards to the music fest participants and winners honoring St. Paul.

The details of these three culminating Pauline Year activities are being further ironed out. Hopefully, by May 25, during our Clergy Assembly, we shall have all these threshed out and clarified. Meanwhile, let us lend our hand and give our moral support and encouragement to the Organizing/Working Group especially our lay people.

I am counting on your usual wholehearted cooperation and collaboration and invoking on you God's renewing grace and abundant blessings through the fervent prayers and powerful intercession of the great Apostle Paul. Thank you very much.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, 2009.

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Bishop

Attested by:

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Chancellor