

Light a Candle for Life
Circular 2010-05

President Gloria M. Arroyo in 2004 declared March 25 as Day of the Unborn with Proclamation 586. This was upon the fervent request of the Catholic Church and pro-life groups to promote respect and care for human life from conception to natural death. Like in other Countries, March 25 is the day most fitting to commemorate the unborn as it is the Feast of the Annunciation and the Incarnation of Jesus in the Virgin Mary's womb.

The Day of the Unborn is a great opportunity for us to selflessly offer ourselves to advocate societies around the world to include every unborn child within their understanding of the human community. This day is devoted to the poor souls of the vast number of babies denied of the gift of life.

Also, this is the day for people of faith to pray for the end of abortion from the face of the earth.

In this light, I am inviting all of you to participate in a special nationwide activity, "Light a Candle for Life" where each parish holds a Mass on the day, dedicated to the unborn after which candles will be lighted at the front of each parish square.

In addition to this, I also encourage each parish to organize activities that will advocate for the cessation of abortion which will make this commemoration even more meaningful.

Let us make the womb a safe and sacred place for all.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, this 16th day of March in the Year of Our Lord, 2010.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

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