

**Third Philippine Visit of the Pilgrim Relics of  
St. Therese of Lisieux**

**Circular 2012-25**

**To: All Priests, Diocesan and Religious; Heads of Catholic Schools, Diocesan and Congregational; Local Religious Superiors of Men and Women, Heads of Mandated Organizations, Movements, and Charismatic Communities, Parochial and Trans-Parochial:**

I have requested personally Most Rev. Leopoldo Tumalak, DD, that our Diocese be included in the itinerary of the pilgrim relics of St. Therese of Lisieux on its third Philippine Visit. This request was willingly granted by His Excellency. We are happy to receive the Doctor of the Little Way, especially as this visit coincides with the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonical Establishment. It is certainly, if we may say, a highlight of this celebration.

I would like to invite all the Faithful of the Diocese to pay visit and venerate the relics on the following dates:

- **December 20-21, Thursday to Friday, at Santo Niño Parish, Bagong Silang, Caloocan City.** This is to accommodate the devotees from the Caloocan portion of the Diocese, and even the parishes nearby.
- **December 21-22, Friday to Saturday, at Santuario de San Vicente de Paul: Parish and Shrine of the Poor.** This is the best place for parishes in Quezon City.

The schedule and lineup of activities for the visit to both parishes include the following:

- 8:00PM (Day of Arrival) There will be Welcome Ceremonies.
- During the Stay of the Relics in the parish, catechetical module and other activities, including the Veneration of the Relics are scheduled. The arrangement depends on the schedule provided by the host parishes.
- 6:00PM (Day of Departure) Sent off Rites will be performed before the transfer to the next parish.

The theme for the visit of the relics is, **“Witnessing Christ through the Little Way of St. Therese.”** I hope that we take this precious

opportunity to get closer to this well-loved contemporary saint. We are aware of the many answered prayers through her intercession, as well as conversion of hearts because of her prayers for us.

May the St. Therese of Lisieux intercede for our Diocese and pray for the increase of our faith in Jesus.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 4 December 2012.

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

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Jerome U. Rosalinda**  
Chancellor