

## **Kristong Hari Construction Circular 2014-19**

**To: All Parish Priests**

The countdown for the official laying of the Cornerstone of the Kristong Hari Church – Shrine for the Youth along commonwealth Avenue is less than two months away. Under the Standard of Christ our King, we are all – the Clergy, the Religious, and the Laity – in this Project together.

This Pastoral Circular is for all my brother priests – both Diocesan and Religious, including the Guests -- in the existing Parishes and in those to be created still within the last three years of my stint in the Diocese before my retirement. In order to fight inflation and retain the buying power of our Philippine peso which is estimated to increase at the rate of 8-10% per annum, God willing, I am resolved that the Project be completed ASAP within the next three years. The sooner the better for the Diocese and for everyone! So I ask you, my Brother Priests, to be in communion with your Bishop in this resolve!

In order to realize our common resolve, with the consent of your Parish Pastoral Council and/or the Parish Finance Council, I plead the following

1. Kindly make a second collection on all Sundays following the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, for our Kristong Hari Construction) starting October 2014 up to 2017 except one Sunday collection in September for our Catechists, the collection of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Simbang Gabi, December 16 if it falls on a Sunday, for our Youth and those who have been given permission to have a second collection for their own cause.
2. Kindly negotiate with the Bishop how much each of our Parish Priests is willing to donate and/or loan for the Kristong Hari Construction from the Parish Funds at the end of the Budget Year of 2014 and every year thereafter up to the year 2017. The loan is payable when able conjointly by Kristong Hari Parish and by RCBN. The loan is thus considered a soft loan!
3. Please cooperate in the fund-raising activities to be organized in our Diocese by Kristong Hari Parish and RCBN and/or organize in your Parish or Vicariate your own creative fund-raising activities for Kristong Hari Construction like mini-concerts, rummage sales, orchid exhibits, painting contests or Fun Run, etc...
4. Kristong Hari Parish and RCBN may ask from the Parishes names of your more well to do parishioners either for direct solicitation or for

purchase of construction materials at negotiated price from wholesale hardware within your parishes.

Even as we have this gigantic Project, there is to be no let-up in our existing programs to help the poor in our parishes. We cannot leave the many poor in our Diocese under pretext of building a beautiful Church for God. Our poor may be at our doorsteps in our co-workers whose pay had not been even adjusted since our Clergy Honoraria have long been standardized. As all the parishes may have to tighten belts to make both ends meet just as the Diocese, during these times of climate change and force majeure, we cannot feel so secure enough as to allow our churches, schools, and rectories without some kind of insurance as part of good management of our resources so much emphasized since I came to you a little over 10 years ago.

Your cooperation in these matters discussed above will hasten the realization of our Common Project as one model of a beautiful Church for Christ the King built by the Clergy of Novaliches in communion with their Bishop! Let this Church be said here is a one built by the Clergy of Novaliches.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 3 October 2014.

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

Attested by:

**Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores**  
Chancellor