

Quota of Religious Congregations for Kristong Hari Construction Circular 2014-26

To: All Religious Communities of Men and Women in the Diocese

Greetings of peace to your confreres and *consoirs*!

As you may now have known, the whole Diocese is about to begin the construction of Kristong Hari Church–Shrine for the Youth along Commonwealth Avenue on 23 November 2014 with the laying of the cornerstone. I write all the Men and Women Religious in the Diocese to solicit the help of your religious Congregation for this Project.

The idea is not to collect from your Religious Congregation but to ask your international Institute to be the conduit of the help of the Filipinos spread in diaspora all over the world and of other people willing through the parishes, schools, and various pastoral ministries of your Congregation here and abroad. Because of our need ourselves, I appeal to you to help in this Project in the spirit of solidarity.

The Bishop gives a quota to your Congregation according to this scheme:

1. PhP 1M (US\$23,000 or Euro 19,000) For Religious Congregations of men with international connections except the following poorer Congregations:
 - a. Sons of Charity
 - b. Servants of Charity
 - c. Missionaries of Charity Brothers
 - d. Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate
 - e. Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity
 - f. Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales
2. PhP 500,000 (US\$11,500 or Euro 9,500) for Religious Institutes of Women with international connections except the following poorer congregations:
 - a. Little Sisters of Jesus
 - b. Monastery of the Benedictine Celestine
 - c. Servants of the Blessed Sacrament
 - d. Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate
3. PhP 250,000 (US\$5,500 or Euro 5,000) for Pious Unions of Clerics or Women without International Connections except
 - a. Dominican Sisters of Our Lady of Remedies
 - b. Dominican Oblates of Bl. Margaret of Castelo
 - c. Franciscans of Our Lady of the Poor
 - d. Dominican Brothers of St. Martin de Porres
 - e. Servants of the Holy Eucharist

Of course, the undersigned Bishop would appreciate if all pray for the successful completion of the Project and that the Congregation would fill up just to reach the quota assigned to your Congregation. Those who are exempted may give their token contributions according to the dictate of their hearts. We will only do this once within the construction period of one to three years from 2015.

Needless to say we will course this plan of solicitation through your General Superior or Mother General wherever your Mother House is located and will ask him to send the quota contribution through bank to bank transfer to the Diocese. This Circular is only by way of information to your Local Community here with the hope that you can already discuss this matter with your District or Provincial Superior.

Finally, on bended knees, I plead to your Congregation to help this Local Church as it tries to ward off the aggressive onslaught of the INC, a native local religion with a strong political clout in the Country. I count very much on your help! God bless you!

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 20 November 2014.

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Bishop

Attested by:

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