

**Actual Start of Construction of Kristong Hari
Circular 2015-04**

To: All Parish Priests

I am writing this with gratitude in my heart for you as you have been graciously supportive to our shared dream, the construction of Kristong Hari Shrine of the Youth in Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City.

You remember that we launched the said project on the eve of my birthday, June 12, 2014, when the whole Diocese gathered for a People's Day. And what a fitting celebration of the Feast of Christ the King! For on His day, November 23, 2014, we held our Ground Breaking and Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies.

I can only thank the Lord and all of you so much for you have embraced this project warmly counting yourselves stewards of the construction of a landmark Catholic Church which will provide a common venue for diocesan gatherings.

As your bishop, I have always been open with my desire to start the construction of our church the earliest possible time. I am not afraid to hope that before I retire as bishop in two or three years' time, I can see this church being built. But, I am afraid that we must adjust our expectations a little due to some considerations.

On February 24, 2015, we assembled our technical consultants to a meeting to help us assess the progress of the engineering aspects of our project. I have been told of the following timetable:

AREA	DEADLINE
SOIL INVESTIGATION	FEBRUARY 28, 2015
STRUCTURAL	MARCH-APRIL 2015
PRESENTATIONS BY DESIGN ENGINEERS/REVISIONS	MAY 2015
FINALIZATION OF DESIGNS/DECISIONS	JUNE-JULY 2015
BIDDING/CONTRACT/PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONCERNS	SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2015
(MOBILIZATION)	(NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 2015)

From the above table, God willing, we can in principle only start our actual construction between November or December. But, as you know, by this time, it is already the rainy season. We cannot risk proceeding with soil works when the weather is not conducive for it. It will be more costly and risky!

All things considered, I would like to formally inform you that we set the start of actual construction of Kristong Hari Church in January 2016. This would also give us ample time to focus our energies on the other aspects of our project like fund raising. As of date, we have raised Php 30 Million. Still a long way to go vis-a-vis our estimated project cost of Php 360 Million.

But, in the past eight (8) months of our *blessing mobilisation* efforts, many of us have shown great enthusiasm and inspiring support to our project. As we are always fuelled by faith, we trust that God, in whose glory we are building this church, will continue to guide us and bless us.

Allow me, therefore, to reiterate my plea that we continue to allow the good Lord to use us as His instruments in building the church of Kristong Hari. Please share the beautiful blessing of being part of this mission of building the church, with your other friends, relatives and colleagues.

If you have questions on the project or ideas on fund raising possibilities or donors to refer, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Chancery: Telephone 462-5051 or the Parish Priest of Kristong Hari, Fr. Roland P. Jaluag: 427-8367 or 0917-8322-630.

As I celebrate my 37th year as bishop and 50th year as priest this year, I evoke my blessings and prayers for good health and productive life on you and your loved ones.

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 28 February 2015

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested to:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
Chancellor