

The Sacramentines are in our Diocese
Circular 2017-09

To: All Parish Priests and All Religious Houses in the Diocese

The Sacramentines, otherwise known as The Blind Sisters, are in our Diocese! They arrived in November 2016 and since lived temporarily with their active branch at 28 Windsor St., Fairview Park, Quezon City. Last 15 August 2017 they transferred to their new house at #8 Beethoven St., Ideal Subdivision, near the Holy Family Chapel. These sisters are the praying branch of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity, founded first by Don Orione on 29 June 1915.

The beginnings of the Blind Sisters came this way. A layman by the name of Prof. Augusto Romagnoli, himself blind from birth and a good friend of Don Orione, was also the Director of the Queen Margarita Institute for blind women. Prof. Romagnoli once commented to a Don Orione Priest: “These good young women live like religious women, why doesn’t the Church also give them the possibility of becoming souls consecrated to God?” This was the idea of Don Orione himself when he accepted a blind girl name Iride Papini into the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity on 20 November 1915 – the same year he founded the active branch of his Foundation. With the blind women from Romagnoli’s Institute as its first members, the Sacramentines were formally founded in Tortona, Italy, by the saintly Don Orione, on 15 August 1927.

From this humble beginning, this Congregation of blind women flourished and expanded to Argentina, Spain, Brazil, Kenya, Chile, and finally in the Philippines last November 2016 on my request that started way back in 4 May 2012. Now that the Blind Sisters are finally with us, let us welcome and support them as we thank God for their missionary presence in our land. These sisters in the presence of the Eucharist ask favors from God for so many of our brothers and sisters who trust in their prayers. Feel free to visit them and experience God’s presence in your inmost being!

For the benefit of those who may be interested, I inform you of their daily schedule (Horarium):

6:00 AM 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Ideal Subdivision Chapel – Holy Trinity Parish Holy Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Midmorning prayer
11:30 AM 12:00 Noon 3:00 PM – 5:00	#8 Beethoven St., Ideal Subdivision, Fairview Divine Office Midday Prayers and Visit to the Blessed Sacrament Lunch – Free time – Personal Prayer Classes/Formation (except on Sunday)

PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	Evening Prayer and Rosary Dinner – Recreation – Rosary Making Night Prayer
Every Thursday – 6:00 PM Adoration for Vocations and Evening Prayer Every Saturday – 8:00 AM Bible Sharing, 3:00 PM Community Meetings First Saturday of the Month - Retreat	

Given in the Chancery in Fairview, Quezon City, 31 August 2017.

Most Rev. Antonio R. Tobias, DD
Bishop

Attested by:

Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Percival S. Flores
Chancellor