

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY, THE REVEREND MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND THE LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

RE: PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

The Pontifical Mission Societies are a worldwide network of prayer and charity at the service of the Holy Father, in his support of missionary activity and young Churches in mission. *“We have been sent to continue this mission: to be signs of the heart of Christ and the love of the Father, embracing the whole world... to reach all through the gift of God’s infinite love, to seek all, to welcome all, excluding no one, to offer our lives for all. All! That is the key word.”* (Address of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Participants in the General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Clementine Hall, 03 June 2023)

The Pontifical Mission Societies are as follows (included are our archdiocesan special collection dates for this year 2025):

- A. **January 19** (*Pro-Nigritis*) - Pontifical Society of the Propagation of the Faith: involves every baptized person in cooperating in the work of evangelization and in supporting young Churches
- B. **January 19** (*Sancta Infantia*) - Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood: children pray for children, children evangelize children, and children help children
- C. **February 16** (*Obolum Sancti Petri*) and **May 18** (*Opus Sancti Petri*) - Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle: supports vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in mission territories
- D. **March 16** (*Pro Terra Sancta*) and **October 19** (World Mission Sunday) - Pontifical Missionary Union: forms Christians in the missionary commitment of their faith

Please find herewith attached the Holy Childhood Sunday on the Feast of Santo Niño (19 January 2025) poster and the Letter from the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the Philippines. *Santo Cristo del Perdon y Caridad – pakaluluan mu kami. Virgen de los Remedios, Indu ring Capaldanan, Tula ring Capampangan, Talayingat ning Arkidiocesis – ipanalangin mu kami.* Thank you for the kind attention, I remain

One with you as a servant to the servants of the Gospel,

(Sgd.) ✱ **FLORENTINO G. LAVARIAS, D.D.**
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Pampanga

(Sgd.) **REV. FR. DANNY Q. NACPIL**
Chancellor

06 January 2025

HOLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY

FEAST OF STO. NIÑO

January 19, 2025



*"There are so many gifts, so many riches
that children bring to humanity. Children are hope!"*

- Pope Francis

Children praying for children



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04 December 2024

His Excellency

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Your Excellency:

Advent greetings filled with Hope!

As we prepare to celebrate Holy / Missionary Childhood Sunday, which coincides with the Feast of Sto. Niño here in the Philippines on 19 January 2025, we reflect on the inspiring words of Pope Francis: *"There are so many gifts, so many riches that children bring to humanity. Children are in and of themselves a treasure for humanity and also for the Church, for they constantly evoke that necessary condition for entering the Kingdom of God: that of not considering ourselves self-sufficient, but in need of help, of love, of forgiveness."* (General Audience, 18 March 2015)

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us recognize the extraordinary role of children — not only as recipients of care but as carriers of hope, inspiring and joining us in building a new, more humane, just and peaceful world. Pope Francis reminds us of the countless children worldwide who live in challenging conditions — those battling illness, enduring hunger, experiencing violence, or being cruelly robbed of their childhood due to war, poverty, and exploitation. Their voices, filled with suffering yet yearning for goodness, call us to concrete action and remind us of our shared responsibility to truly care for one another. (cf. First World Children's Day, 25-26 May 2024)

With this spirit of hope and mission, I most respectfully request Your Excellency to issue a Circular Letter encouraging clergy, religious, laity — and especially children — to offer prayers, sacrifices, and material support for children in need nationwide and worldwide. May this letter remind everyone of January 18 and 19, 2025 "collections at all Masses and the evening before" (Ordo) for this intention.

I most respectfully send you this letter with the attached soft copy of the Holy Childhood Sunday poster. Hard copies of the poster will be sent to your archdiocese, prelature or apostolic vicariate. Kindly have these distributed the soonest to every parish, chaplaincy, school and other institution.

Maraming salamat po! Praying for you and your mission, I remain

Respectfully yours,

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