

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

RE: 39th NATIONAL MIGRANTS SUNDAY (28 SEPTEMBER 2025) AND JUBILEE FOR MIGRANTS (05 OCTOBER 2025)

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

On 28 September 2025, the Catholic Church in the Philippines through the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People (ECMI) of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) will celebrate the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), and the 39th National Migrants Sunday (NMS), as well as the National Seafarer's Day (NDS), as indicated in the Ordo.

The theme chosen by the late Holy Father, Pope Francis for this year is “***Migrants, Missionaries of Hope***”. The official Message for the 111th WDMR has since been issued by Pope Leo XIV, affirming this theme in the context of the Jubilee of Migrants, to be observed on 04–05 October 2025. In his Message, the Holy Father reminds us that migrants, through their resilience and faith, become privileged witnesses of hope and missionaries of the Gospel in the communities that welcome them.

In response to this invitation from the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, our Archdiocese will celebrate the Archdiocesan NMS on 05 October 2025, spearheaded by the Archdiocesan Commission on Migrants and Itinerant People of Pampanga (ACMIPP), with the Vicariate of Saint Joseph as host. The celebration will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Guagua, Pampanga, beginning with the Eucharistic Celebration at 7:30 AM, to be presided by Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D., Archbishop of San Fernando, together with clergy of the Archdiocese. This will be followed by a Fellowship Program at the Rufino Cardinal Santos Catholic Center and a concurrent Migration Quiz Bee of the Sons and Daughters of OFWs Formation Program (SDOFP) at the Immaculate Conception Academy, Guagua.

In solidarity with these important observances, we encourage our parishes, shrines, and institutions to:

1. Celebrate the National Migrants' Sunday on 28 September 2025, as prescribed in the Ordo, by including the intentions of migrants and their families in the Prayers of the Faithful, integrating their concerns in the homily, and involving OFW families in the liturgy.
2. Actively support and participate in the Archdiocesan Celebration on 05 October 2025, organized by ACMIPP, in communion with the Jubilee for Migrants.

3. Continue supporting the National Migrants' Sunday special collection (every 3rd Sunday of March in our Archdiocese), which sustains pastoral programs for OFWs and their families.
4. Establish a Migrant's Desk in each parish and vicariate by designating a coordinator or head. Parish priests are kindly requested to endorse their appointed heads to Rev. Fr. Arnolfo Magdaleno F. Serrano, ACMIPP Director, for proper coordination.

May our collective observance of these celebrations honor the sacrifices of our migrants and deepen our Archdiocese's mission of accompanying them and their families. *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 your kind attention, I remain

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

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