

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

RE: VOCARE 2026

Date: 17 January 2026 (Saturday)

Venue: Mother of Good Counsel Seminary, del Pilar, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Theme: “AVDIAM: Hear the Call of Hope”

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.” (Romans 15:13)

The Lord is our primary source of vocation and hope. In a time when the world is being plagued by different struggles, conflicts, and problems such as wars, the lingering effects of the pandemic, rampant corruption in the country, typhoons, earthquakes, and other forms of suffering, the Church, through the Jubilee Year of Hope, reminds us to remain steadfast and to continue hoping even amid uncertainties. This call to hope, which Christians must listen to in these trying times, is a “hope that does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5) for it stems from God Himself through the “love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross” (Pope Francis, *Spes Non Confundit* - Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 - 09 May 2024). Hence, the youth, being the hope and future of the Church, are called to be bearers and heralds of this Christian hope in a world caught in difficult times.

In line with this truth, we gladly inform you that VOCARE, our annual vocation jamboree, will focus this year on the theme “**AVDIAM: Hear the Call of Hope**”. This day for vocations will take place on **17 January 2026**, at the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary, del Pilar, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. VOCARE is an annual event of the archdiocese that aims to introduce to young people the different charisms, apostolates, and lives of various religious orders. Through this event, participants are encouraged to pray, discern, and respond generously to the Lord’s call in the form of the ordained ministry and consecrated life.

Furthermore, **EACH VICARIATE is to send 40 to 50 delegates ranging from ages 11 to 30 years old** for this said event. The registration process will be held online and **there will be NO WALK-IN REGISTRATION**. Kindly get in touch with your Vicariate Youth Ministry coordinator for more information. Snacks will be provided for the delegates and there will be food stalls during the event. However, the delegates are to bring their own lunch. A **solidarity contribution of ₱3,000.00 per parish** will be required in support of the event and must be remitted on or before **09 January 2026** at the Finance Office of the Arzobispado de San Fernando, Pampanga.

Below is the schedule of activities for the VOCARE 2026:

TIME	ACTIVITIES
6:00 AM	Distribution of IDs and Registration
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Welcoming Snack
10:00 AM	Vocation Campaign of Religious Congregations
11:15 AM	Jamboree
12:00 NN	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Ice Breaker
1:15 PM	Plenary Talk
2:00PM	Sharing
3:00 PM	Snacks
3:30 PM	Closing Program
4:30 PM	Open House

For any queries or clarification, please message the official Facebook Page of the event: VOCARE ASF or please contact the Vocation Director of the archdiocese at the number: 0919-001-9523. *Santo Cristo del Perdon y Caridad – pakaluluan mu kami. Virgen de los Remedios, Induring 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.
Archbishop of San Fernando
Pampanga

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

12 December 2025
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Philippines

