

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

**RE: LAUNCHING OF ALAY KAPWA ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN ACTION PROGRAM**

**Date: 18 February 2026 (Ash Wednesday)**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**Presider: Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D.**

**Venue: Metropolitan Cathedral of San Fernando, Santo Rosario (Poblacion), City of San Fernando, Pampanga**

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

The launching of this year's *Alay Kapwa Archdiocesan Lenten Action Program* will be on **18 February 2026, Ash Wednesday**. A Eucharistic Celebration will be held at the **Metropolitan Cathedral of San Fernando** at **9:00 AM**, with **Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D.** presiding.

The *Alay Kapwa* Sunday Second Collection held annually during Palm Sunday will be observed in all parishes on 19 March 2026 and another scheduled special collection on 19 April 2026 (third Sunday of April). The collections are to be transmitted to the Finance Department of the Arzobispado not later than 30 April 2026.

*Alay Kapwa* envelopes will also be distributed in the parishes, shrines and other institutions in our Archdiocese. Likewise, *Alay Kapwa CANs* – Charity, Almsgiving, 'n' Sharing (coin banks) – will be distributed among participating families, schools, business establishments, government and non-government organizations, and in selected parishes.

The funds raised will be used for the following programs:

- a. 700 scholarship grants and educational privileges in college for poor students for School Year 2026-2027;
- b. Health assistance that gives access to quality health care services through referrals to our doctor-clinic and hospital partners, medical and dental missions in far-flung communities;
- c. Partnership projects with KDF through free surgery for pterygium and cataract patients, cleft lip and cleft palate patients, ABC Global for Health assisting in the Prison Apostolate, regular medical consultation to 5 Integrated Community Organizing Communities in the coastal and urban poor settlements; and
- d. Emergency relief assistance to disaster prone parish communities.

Also, not only resource mobilization, but for the *Alay Kapwa* evangelization part, the following activities and programs would be implemented.

- *Alay Kapwa* Program of the Catholic Church in general, and in the Archdiocese in particular; the programs and services supported by the *Alay Kapwa* campaign and its accomplishments for the past year that will be published in the yearly *Alay Kapwa publication* from the Social Action Center of Pampanga.
- A special *Alay Kapwa Radio program series* shall be aired on DWBL 91.9 on February 26 (Thursday), and the Wednesdays of Lent (March 04, 11, 18, and 25), 9am to 10am, deepening the theme for this year while reflecting on *Alay Kapwa* stories of hope..
- **Lenten Recollection** of *Alay Kapwa* Parish Coordinators, Volunteers, and service ministers on March 14, 2026 Saturday (9:00am) with Rev. Fr. Gian P. Sagum as recollection master, to be held at Good Shepherd Hall, SACOP Grounds Maimpis, City of San Fernando, Pampanga.
- A short **video presentation** highlighting the programs supported by *Alay Kapwa* will be made available for Palm Sunday.

Let us all wholeheartedly support the *Alay Kapwa* Program as a manifestation of our love for the poor. *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.**  
Archbishop of San Fernando  
Pampanga

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

02 February 2026  
*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*