

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

RE: 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONICAL CORONATION OF THE VIRGEN DE LOS REMEDIOS

Date: 08 September 2026 (Tuesday 3:00 PM)

Venue: Bren Z. Guiao Sports Complex, City of San Fernando, Pampanga

Theme: *"Indu ning Capaldanan, Reyna ning Capayapan."*

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

"May our devotion to the Virgen de los Remedios always lead us, not to herself, but to her Son, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist."

On the **8th of September 2026**, our Archdiocese will joyfully commemorate the **70th Anniversary of the Canonical Coronation of our beloved Virgen de los Remedios**, our heavenly Mother and Patroness. For seven decades, she has journeyed with our local Church, gathering us around her Son, accompanying our families, and strengthening our faith through times of joy and trial. This anniversary invites us not merely to recall a historic event, but above all to renew our encounter with Christ under the loving maternal guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Inspired by the **Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi**, commemorating the **800th anniversary of his passing into eternal life**, this year's celebration will be marked by greater simplicity. Accordingly, our theme is *"Indu ning Capaldanan, Reyna ning Capayapan."* In this spirit, certain practices and external elements that have accompanied previous celebrations will be simplified so that our attention may be directed to what is truly essential.

The heart of our celebration remains the **Holy Eucharist**, the source and summit of the Church's life. Together with the Eucharistic celebration, we shall also give renewed emphasis to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, with priests available to hear Confessions before and during the celebration. It was Bishop **Cesar Maria Guerrero** who inaugurated this pastoral movement in 1952 under the title *Cruzada de Penitencia y Caridad*. We warmly encourage all the faithful to avail themselves of God's loving mercy so that, reconciled with Him and with one another, we may worthily participate in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Likewise, we ask everyone to receive these liturgical and pastoral adjustments with generosity and understanding. Simplicity does not lessen the solemnity of our celebration. Rather, it enables us to express more clearly that the greatest offering we can bring to the Lord is not elaborate external expressions but hearts renewed by grace, prayer, and charity.

We therefore invite all our priests, religious, lay leaders, and the faithful to participate actively in this historic celebration, united in prayer with our beloved **Virgen de los Remedios** and the **Sto. Cristo del Perdón y Caridad**, that together we may continue to grow as one Church in faith, communion, and mission.

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

05 August 2026

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONICAL CORONATION OF THE VIRGEN DE LOS REMEDIOS

Theme: *Indu ning Capaldanan, Reyna ning Capayapan*

I. Celebration Schedule

Metropolitan Cathedral

- A **morning Mass** at the Metropolitan Cathedral for the sick, the elderly, and those who may be unable to attend the afternoon celebration.
- **1:30 PM** – Liturgy of the Hours.
- **Immediately thereafter** – Communal Prayer to the Virgen de los Remedios and Sto. Cristo del Perdón y Caridad, to be livestreamed for those joining in prayer from their homes and communities.
- **2:00 PM** – Beginning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Bren Z. Guiao Sports Complex. Confessions shall continue throughout the Eucharistic Celebration.
- **2:00 PM** – Stational Mass, followed by the Procession to the Bren Z. Guiao Sports Complex.
- **3:00 PM** – Arrival of the Procession and continuation of the Rite of Canonical Coronation.

II. Pastoral Guidelines

1. Liturgy

- During the Novena Masses, the **Mass of the Day** shall be celebrated.
- To simplify the celebration and reduce the use of printed materials, the Order of Celebration shall be made available via **QR code**. Printed booklets shall no longer be distributed.
- Concelebrating priests shall wear the prescribed liturgical vestments to be provided by Mother Butler.
- At the Canonical Coronation Mass, readers should preferably be selected from among the Seminary's Instituted Lectors. Vicariate readers may be assigned when necessary.
- The Responsorial Psalm shall be adapted in length for the celebration.
- Concelebrating priests shall stand together with the assembly during the singing of the Alleluia. The Archbishop shall remain seated only while placing incense in the thurible and shall rise immediately thereafter.
- The Prayer of the Faithful shall be proclaimed by one reader only.
- The Offertory Procession shall consist of bread and wine together with only a limited number of symbolic gifts.
- The customary offering of sampaguita flowers to the sacred images shall be omitted.
- The Communal Prayer to the Virgen de los Remedios and Sto. Cristo del Perdón y Caridad shall no longer be recited after Holy Communion, since it will already have been prayed after the Liturgy of the Hours and before the Stational Mass.
- An announcement shall be made regarding the destination of the **LAMAK** after the celebration.
- As an expression of our commitment to responsible stewardship of creation, the traditional Rosary balloon release shall be discontinued. White banners symbolizing peace shall instead be unfurled as a visible sign of our prayer for peace and reconciliation.

2. Sanctuary

- Only the Archbishop shall occupy the presidential chair in the sanctuary as the principal celebrant of the Eucharist. He shall be assisted at the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer by the Vicar General and the Vicar Forane.
- The concelebrating priests shall be seated below the sanctuary, facing the altar.
- A canopy shall be provided over the altar. Appropriate contingency measures, including umbrellas and rain capes, shall be prepared in case of inclement weather.
- Instituted acolytes from the Seminary shall serve in the sanctuary. The Metropolitan Cathedral altar servers shall complete the sanctuary team, with no more than ten altar servers in all.

3. Holy Communion

- Concelebrating priests shall lead in the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) shall proceed to their designated stations before the Communion Rite, assisted by the Greeters and Collectors.
- A designated area shall be assigned for the reception and return of the ciboria.
- The remaining consecrated hosts and the sacred vessels shall be reserved at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

4. Hospitality and Order

Ushers and usherettes are requested to arrive early in order to:

- assist in the confession areas;
- facilitate the offertory procession;
- maintain orderly movement during Holy Communion; and
- assist the EMHCs as needed.

5. Music Ministry

- Approximately 300 choir members from the Vicariate of St. John Mary Vianney are expected to participate.
- Only simple, dignified, and familiar liturgical music shall be used.
- The approved musical repertoire shall be faithfully observed.
- Copies of the songs shall be made available through QR codes or projected on the LED walls.
- All unnecessary expenses shall be avoided.

6. Media and Worship Aids

- The rites shall be made available through QR codes and simultaneously projected on the LED walls.
- The Media Team shall prepare a brief audiovisual presentation acknowledging benefactors, sponsors, and public officials as an expression of gratitude. A separate thanksgiving announcement before the Final Blessing shall no longer be made.