

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

RE: ARCHDIOCESAN SYNODAL IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

Date: 10 October 2026 (Saturday)

Time: 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Venue: VDLR Function Hall, Arzobispado de San Fernando, San Jose, City of San Fernando Pampanga

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

On **10 October 2026**, the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga will hold an orientation and training to all parish priests, rectors, and heads of archdiocesan institutions, each with one or two designated lay persons with facilitating and documenting skills. This gathering is in response to the call of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines Committee on Synodal Transformation (CBCP CST) for an assessment of the Synodal Implementation Phase in the Philippine Church, particularly in every diocese/archdiocese.

Sulong Padayon - the Philippines' synod implementation framework, outlines the five characteristics of a synodal church, namely: 1) Listening, Discerning and Accompaniment, 2) Formation Towards Conversion and Mission, 3) Accountable and Collaborative Leadership/Governance Structure, 4) Inclusive Participation of the BECs, Grassroots, and Marginalized, and 5) Partnership and Outreach. Each characteristic presents indicators in the form of questions to measure or assess where we are now in our journey as a synodal church. The Archdiocese of San Fernando contributed its unique 6th characteristic, which embodies the other archdiocesan flagship programs that were not specified in the five characteristics. These are: the *Cruzada de Penitencia y Caridad*, Christ the King Servant-Leadership, and *Katipunan* Program.

To manifest "Communion, Greater Participation, and Mission", the elements of a synodal church, we expect all the parish priests, rectors, heads of archdiocesan institutions, and one or two designated lay facilitator and documenter to be present, to actively participate, and to commit to conduct thereafter the assessment in their respective parish/shrine/institution.

This orientation and gathering aims to equip the participants with knowledge and skills in conducting the assessment activities from October 11 to November 30, 2026. Also, there would be a need to properly document the result of the assessment. The parish/shrine/institution synthesis report should be prepared and submitted to the RCASF Committee on Synodal Transformation not later than 15 December 2026. The submission will be done via Google Form which will be provided as soon as possible.

The Diagnostic Tool on the Assessment of Synodal Journey of the Archdiocese is herewith attached. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, you may contact us at **0995-478-2136** or [**padfinancercasf@gmail.com**](mailto:padfinancercasf@gmail.com) .

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

23 September 2026

Feast of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest