

PASTORAL NORMS AND GUIDELINES ON THE MINISTRY OF GUEST PRIESTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA

I. COVERAGE:

ALL DIOCESAN PRIESTS duly **INCARDINATED** to **ANOTHER LOCAL CHURCH** but actually **RESIDING AND MINISTERING** in the **ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA** in the past six months **OR** intending **TO RESIDE AND MINISTER** therein for at least six months are covered by these **PASTORAL NORMS and GUIDELINES**.

II. REQUISITES:

Pursuant to **LAW and PRACTICE**, to **RESIDE AND MINISTER** in the **ARCHDIOCESE**, they should be in pacified possession of the following basic documents required for the **VALID and/or LICIT** regular exercise of the **MINISTRY**:

- 1. CELEBRET** from their **PROPER LOCAL ORDINARY** or his **VICAR**.
- 2. RECOMMENDATION** from their **PROPER LOCAL ORDINARY** or his **VICAR**.
- 3. GRANT of MINISTERIAL FACULTIES** from the **ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA** or his **VICAR**.

III. REGISTRY:

So that the **LEGITIMACY** of their **PRESENCE AND MINISTRY** in the **ARCHDIOCESE** can be duly certified for ecclesiastical and civil purposes, **ALL GUEST PRIESTS** should be accordingly registered in the **BOOK OF GUEST PRIESTS** to be updated every **SIX MONTHS** in collaboration with the **GUEST AND HOST PRIESTS**.

IV. OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives envisioned in the **ACCEPTANCE and RECOGNITION** of **GUEST PRIESTS** in the **ARCHDIOCESE** in accord with these **PASTORAL NORMS and GUIDELINES** are the following:

- 1. To better promote their SPIRITUAL LIFE and PRIESTLY COMMITMENT**, and ascertain their **DUE PLACEMENT and COMPENSATION** for **ACTUAL SERVICES RENDERED**, during their stay in the **ARCHDIOCESE**.
- 2. To better integrate and render their MINISTRY more effective and self-fulfilling**, in the **PAROCHIAL, VICARIAL, DISTRICT** or **ARCHDIOCESAN** pastoral plan.

- 3 To better serve and minister to the PEOPLE OF GOD in the ARCHDIOCESE through a closer COMMUNION and COMMUNICATION with the pertinent ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERIORS in the ARCHDIOCESE.

V. ORGANIZATION:

The EPISCOPAL VICAR designate for GUEST PRIESTS in the ARCHDIOCESE shall undertake ORGANIZATIONAL ways and means conducive to the attainment of the above OBJECTIVES — without prejudice to COMMON LAWS, ARCHDIOCESAN STATUTES and PARTICULAR NORMS, and in CLOSE SUBORDINATED ADMINISTRATIVE COLLABORATION with the pertinent ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERIORS of the ARCHDIOCESE and the guest Priestss' PROPER LOCAL ORDINARIES.

VI. FUNCTIONS:

The ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA through the LEGITIMATE HIERARCHICAL AUTHORITY fully and ultimately vested in the PASTORAL OFFICE of the ARCHBISHOP, welcomes and confirms the RESIDENCE AND MINISTRY of GUEST PRIESTS therein ONLY when they are in possession of the relevant BASIC DOCUMENTS and duly registered in the pertinent BOOK, considers and recognizes them as TEMPORARY AUXILIARY PASTORAL COLLABORATORS deserving of its administrative attention and solicitude.

The GUEST PRIESTS so residing and ministering in the ARCHDIOCESE while in pursuit of LEGITIMATE PERSONAL MATTERS and/or OFFICIAL FINALITY, are equally expected to respect and support standing or dated pastoral directives render deference and obedience to the ARCHDIOCESAN HIERARCHICAL AUTHORITY in line with their TEMPORARY AUXILIARY PASTORAL COLLABORATION therewith.

VII. RESERVATION:

As provided by LAW and demanded by ECCLESIAL ORDER, the MINISTRY of a GUEST PRIEST in the ARCHDIOCESE may be TERMINATED for a DUE CAUSE, by the non-renewal or withdrawal of his MINISTERIAL FACULTIES at the instance of a COMPETENT LOCAL ECCLESIASTICAL SUPERIOR — subject TO APPEAL, if so desired, to a HIGHER AUTHORITY.

MANILA, 31 MARCH 1977

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