Code of Ethics For Priests

One of the developing subjects in the modern world is that of professional ethics. There are codes of professional ethics for the medical profession, legal profession, nursing profession, teaching profession, engineering profession, and even in business.

These Codes of professional ethics have helped the above-mentioned professions to improve their membership, their services, their relations with others. These Codes have helped also to protect the profession itself.

Strangely enough we do not hear about a Code of professional ethics for priests. Of course there are many documents, even monumental ones, on the priestly life and ministry. But to some such documents are sources for a Code of Priestly ethics, rather than the Code itself.

Would it not be a good project for the priests to draft one based, of course, on the official teachings of the Church? If certain documents of the Church are general directives and pointers of norms, would it not be timely to draft their concrete application according to our local needs in the Philippines?

Who can do this? Is it the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines? Is it the Philippine Priests, Inc.? Or should it be a joint project of both?

Social Quakes

In the years 1969 and 1970 we have witnessed strong earthquakes in the Philippines some of which have wrought havoc and destruction in certain places. According to seismologists, such earthquakes are signs that somewhere in the various strata of the earth there is a need of adjustments. At the same time they are