

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

**RE: NATIONAL LAITY WEEK: REGIONAL LAY LEADERS CONGRESS AND CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

*“The church has not been really founded, and is not yet fully alive, nor is it a perfect sign of Christ among men, unless there is a laity worthy of the name working along with the hierarchy. For the Gospel cannot be deeply grounded in the abilities, life and work of any people without the active presence of laymen. Therefore, even at the very founding of a Church, great attention is to be paid to establishing a mature, Christian laity.” (Ad Gentes, #21)*

The Archdiocese of San Fernando will host the regional conference and closing ceremonies of the National Laity Week on 28 September 2024 at the Arzobispado de San Fernando in San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. The Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas leads the annual celebration of the National Laity Week on the last week of September. The theme for this year is: “The Laity United in Prayer as Pilgrims of Hope”.

May I invite you to send your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Coordinator and Parish Synodality Coordinator and the Archdiocesan lay chairperson/coordinator of the Associations or their equivalents, to this celebration. Kindly advise them to confirm their participation on or before 14 September 2024 by sending their names to the ACL *en banc* group chat on messenger. Registration fee is ₱500.00 per person which will cover stipend, token, snacks, and lunch. Program will start at 7:00am with the celebration of Holy Mass and will end after lunch. Attached herewith is the detailed program of activities.

For more information, please contact the following officers of the Archdiocesan Council of the Laity: ACL President Renato Galang 0917 820 6938 or ACL Secretary Edna Gueco 0915 311 2647 or 0908 591 5344. Thank you for the kind attention. *Santo Cristo del Perdon y Caridad* - have mercy on us. *Virgen de los Remedios, ing Indu ning Kapaldanan* - pray for us. With my fraternal prayers and blessings, 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

29 August 2024

*Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist, Martyr*



# REGIONAL LAY LEADERS CONGRESS & CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE NATIONAL LAITY WEEK

September 28, 2024; Arzobispado de San Fernando, Pampanga

**at the Chapel Repository of the Canonically Crowned Image of the Virgen delos Remedios and Sto. Cristo del Perdon y Caridad**

- 6:00 AM Arrival and Registration of guests and participants
- 7:00 AM **Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**  
 Presider: His Excellency Most Reverend Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D.  
 Archbishop of San Fernando, Pampanga

## **at the Arzobispado Function Hall**

- 8:00 AM Breakfast and Socialization
- 8:30 AM **Opening Ceremonies**  
 Bible Enthronement and Opening Prayer to be led by the  
 Archdiocesan Commission on Biblical Apostolate  
 National Anthem  
 to be led by the University the Assumption Chorale  
 Opening Remarks  
 by Bro. RENATO J. GALANG, ACL President  
 Presentation of guests and participants
- 9:00 AM Presentation of the Keynote Speaker  
 by Sis. EDNA GUECO, ACL Secretary  
**Keynote Address:**  
**“LAITY, UNITED IN PRAYER AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE”**  
 Bro. ROMAN HAROLD E. ESPELETA O.P.,  
 Lay Dominican and Board Member, Province of Bataan
- Open Forum
- 10:30 AM **DCL Updates**
- 11:15 AM **Talk: “Promoting the New Evangelization in the Philippine Setting”**  
 Bro. XAVIER PADILLA, President of Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas
- 12:00 PM Closing Ceremonies  
 Musical Rendition by the University of the Assumption Chorale  
 Messages:  
 Bishop SEVERO C. CAERMARE, D.D.  
 Chairperson, CBCP Episcopal Commission on the Laity  
 Bro. ARMIN LEONARDO F. IBARRA  
 VP for Luzon, Sangguniang Laiko ng Pilipinas
- 12:30 PM Lunch  
 Sending off of guests and delegates

