



The Roman Catholic Archbishop
OF SAN FERNANDO
City of San Fernando, Pampanga
PHILIPPINES

DECREE

WHEREAS, on the 11th of February 1956, the then Bishop of the Diocese of San Fernando, the Most Reverend Cesar Ma. Guerrero submitted the Petition to the Sacred Congregation of Architecture requesting His Holiness Pope Pius XII to grant the Canonical Coronation to the pilgrim image of the **Virgen de los Remedios** that is kept in the Cathedral Church of the Diocese. The said petition was then granted by His Holiness Pope Pius XII on the 15th of July 1956.

WHEREAS, on the said Decree from the Sacred Congregation of Architecture, the **Virgen de los Remedios** is hailed and venerated as the Patroness and Mother of the Province of Pampanga.

WHEREAS, during the incumbency of the Most Reverend Paciano B. Aniceto, the title Patroness of the Archdiocese was also accorded to the **Virgen de los Remedios**.

WHEREAS, according to the Table of Liturgical Days, the solemnity of the principal patron of the place (that is, the city or state) takes precedence on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

WHEREFORE, I, FLORENTINO G. LAVARIAS, D.D., by the Grace of God and Favor of the Apostolic See, fourth Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Fernando, decree that in the Archdiocese of San Fernando, the **8th of September** is celebrated as the **Solemnity of the Virgen de los Remedios**, Patroness of the Province of Pampanga and of the Archdiocese of San Fernando. Therefore, the Mass proper and readings are taken from the proper of *Virgen de los Remedios*, the Gloria is sung, the Creed is said, Evening Prayer I and the *Te Deum* are also observed.

MOREOVER, if the celebration falls on a Sunday, the Saturday evening Masses and all Sunday Masses including Saturday Evening Masses within the Archdiocese will be from the proper of *Virgen de los Remedios* as provided by the norms of the celebration of the Solemnity of the *Virgen de los Remedios* which takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time. Likewise, Evening Prayer I and the *Te Deum* are observed, and white vestments are used.

Thus, let us entrust to Our Lady, the *Virgen de los Remedios*, all our petitions and prayers for our beloved province and dear Archdiocese. *Indu ring Capaldanan, Tula ring Capampangan, Talayingat ning Arkidiocesis, ipanalangin mu kami.*

Given at our Chancery, Arzobispado de San Fernando, San Jose, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, this 29th day of August, in the Year of our Lord 2024.

(Sgd.) ✽ FLORENTINO G. LAVARIAS, D.D.
Archbishop of San Fernando
Pampanga

(Sgd.) REV. FR. DANNY Q. NACPIL
Chancellor