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

**RE: LAUNCHING OF ALAY KAPWA ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN ACTION PROGRAM**

**Date: 06 March 2019 Ash Wednesday**

**Venue: Metropolitan Cathedral of San Fernando, Pampanga,**

**Time: 9:00 AM**

**Presider: His Excellency, Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D.**

**Theme: *“Faith in Mission: Beloved, Gifted, Empowered towards PagmaMALASAKIT, PagbaBAHAGI at Pag-aALAY-KAPWA”***

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

The launching of this year’s *Alay Kapwa* Archdiocesan Lenten Action Program will be on 06 March 2019, Ash Wednesday. A Eucharistic Celebration will be held at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 9:00 AM, with Most Rev. Florentino G. Lavarias, D.D. presiding.

To raise funds for the *Alay Kapwa* Program, *Alay Kapwa* envelopes will be distributed in parishes and schools in our Archdiocese; *Alay Kapwa* cans/coin banks will be distributed among participating families, business establishments, schools, government institutions and some parishes too. Lastly, the *Alay Kapwa* Sunday Second Collection held annually during **Palm Sunday** will be observed in all parishes on **14 April 2019**.

All funds are to be remitted to the Finance Department at the Arzobispado de San Fernando, Pampanga or to SACOP not later than 03 May 2019. The funds raised will be utilized for the following:

Programs:

a. 400 Scholarship grants and educational privileges in college and vocational technical courses for poor students for SY 2019-2020;

b. Health and medical assistance that gives access to quality health care services through referrals to our doctor-clinic and hospital partners, quarterly medical and dental missions in far communities and monthly dental clinics;

c. Partnership projects with Operations Smile (free surgery for harelip and cleft palate patients), Cataract Missions (free surgery for pterygium and cataract patients) and Walk-free Pampanga (for mobility aides like prosthesis, crutches and wheelchairs); and;

d. Emergency relief assistance to disaster prone parish communities.

Evangelization Campaign activities:

* An evangelization-education campaign about the *Alay Kapwa* Program of the Catholic Church in general, and in the Archdiocese in particular; the programs and services supported by the *Alay Kapwa* campaign and its accomplishments for the past year that will be published in the *Ing Mayap A Balita* for the next three (3) months beginning on the February issue.

Let us all wholeheartedly support the *Alay Kapwa* Program as a manifestation of our love for the poor.Thank you for the kind attention.

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

28 January 2019

*Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*