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**TO: His Excellency, the Reverend Members of the Clergy, Men and Women Religious and the Laity of the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga**

**Re: CHRISM MASS**

**Date: 13 April 2019 (Saturday)**

**Time: 8:30 A.M.**

**Venue: METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA**

Greetings and Peace!

Let us together reflect on “priestly closeness” whereby “a priest who is close to his people walks among them with the closeness and tenderness of a good shepherd; in shepherding them, he goes at times before them, at times remains in their midst and at other times walks behind them. Not only do people greatly appreciate such a priest; even more, they feel that there is something special about him: something they only feel in the presence of Jesus” (from the homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, Holy Thursday Chrism Mass 29 March 2018). And like our Lord Jesus, let us together be ever close with the poor, not only as recipients but more so as co-evangelizers in our proclamation of the Gospel.

Let us be one in carrying out the blessing of the Chrism, the blessing of the Oil for the Sick and the Oil for the Catechumens which will be used throughout the Archdiocese. May God the Father renew in our hearts the spirit of holiness with whom we have been anointed so that we may continue our joyful service to his people!

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 March 2019