

January 31, 2020
Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

ALD Circular 2020-3
RE: XXVII World Day of the Sick

Reverend Fathers:

The poor and the weak are our lords and masters.

In communion with the universal Church and in obedience to the expressed wish of His Holiness Pope Francis, we shall observe February 11, 2020 as our Archdiocesan Day of the Sick. The observance will consist of the following:

1. A solemn celebration of the Eucharist observing it as the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes at a time most convenient for the parishioners;
2. After the Post Communion Prayer, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration;
3. After a brief moment of silent adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, the faithful are invited to bring their loved ones and friends who are sick, handicapped or infirm to receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick. It is advisable to organize a team of lay leaders to assist during the anointing.
4. After the last infirm has been anointed, the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is done in the usual way.
5. A modest serving of food may be done as the community resources may allow.
6. If the parish has a hospital within its jurisdiction, it would be a truly meritorious pastoral gesture to celebrate the Eucharist and offer the anointing of the sick to the patients in hospital confinement.

I trust that you will observe this special day for the sick with your usual pastoral diligence and personal dedication. The poor and the sick are our masters.

Sincerely yours,

+SOCRATES B. VILLEGAS
Archbishop of Lingayen Dagupan