



ARCHDIOCESE
OF
LINGAYEN-DAGUPAN

May 1, 2020

ALD Circular 2020-20
RE: Chrism Mass

Reverend Fathers:

The Chrism Mass for this year will be held on May 13, 2020, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist.

Due to the current situation of the COVID19 pandemic, only the members of the Board of Consultors will be concelebrating and the rest of the clergy and the people of God will participate by livestreaming on Facebook. You cannot imagine the pain it brings me to preside at this annual ecclesial event this way.

Pangasinan as you know is on extended enhanced community quarantine status. From this quarantine level, we can only improve to a general quarantine level; according to the governing rules, big church gatherings will still be disallowed under a general quarantine situation. A Mass with twelve persons seated on the pews is very much like funeral Masses which are allowed by present norms. Hence this painful decision.

Let us continue to pray for the healing of the world. Let us continue to ask the Lord to increase our faith and strengthen our hope. We look forward to better days.

Sincerely yours,

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