

**[ ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR NO. 49-2001,  
September 17, 2001 ]**

TO : JUDGES AND COURT PERSONNEL OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS

SUBJECT :OBSERVANCE CORRECTIONAL FROM 21 TO CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK 27 OCTOBER 2001 AND OF THE 14th PRISON AWARENESS SUNDAY ON 28 OCTOBER 2001 BY THE CBCP EPISCOPAL COMMISSION ON PRISON PASTORAL CARE

This year's National Correctional Consciousness Week, per mandate of Proclamation No. 551 of then President Fidel V. Ramos, will be observed from 21 to 27 October 2001.. On 28 October 2001, the Episcopal Commission on Prison Pastoral Care (ECPPC) of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) will celebrate its 14th Prison Awareness Sunday (PAS). In line with such celebration, the Commission has requested that the Judiciary initiate activities that will help achieve the aims of the National Correctional Consciousness Week.

In support of this observance and to promote awareness in the Judiciary of the plight of the inmates conformably with the mandate of the law, Judges and court personnel of the Regional Trial Courts, Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities, Municipal Trial Courts, and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts are encouraged to visit the provincial, city, or municipal jails and prisons within their respective jurisdictions or to hoIcTother related activities, and assist in whatever effective and legitimate way the celebration of the Prison Awareness Sunday.

The Executive Judges shall schedule the jail visitation by the judges and court personnel under their respective administrative supervision in a manner that would not disrupt court proceedings. Affected parties and their counsel shall be notified in advance of any changes in the court calendar by reason of this activity.

The Office of the Court Administrator shall implement this Administrative Circular.

17 September 2001.

**(Sgd.) HILARIO  
G. DAVIDE, JR.**  
Chief Justice

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