

THEOTOKOS SHRINE PDR CENACLE CONVENTION

February 11-13, 2011
Perrelos, Carcar, Cebu

OMNIBUS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a national convention is held by the Perpetual Dawn Rosary (PDR) and Cenacle of Fr. Stephano Gobbi, a Marian Movement throughout the Philippines (Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao) on the theme “*Marian Pro-Life Witnesses of Hope, Reconciliation and Peace in Our Times*” at Perrelos, Carcar, Cebu, Philippines during the period February 11-13, 2011;

WHEREAS, during the convention, it has been brought to the attention of all the attendees representing the movement throughout the country how the Reproductive Health Bill (now denominated as Responsible Parenthood Bill, etc.) now pending in Congress has caused a deep division among the Filipino people.

WHEREAS, the publicized and much circulated Joint Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines entitled “CHOOSING LIFE, REJECTING THE RH BILL”, to all parishes in the country rejecting the Reproductive Health Bill @ Responsible Parenthood Bill, is very enlightening and awakening; we, the attendees fully agree and fully support all points taken up by the Bishops in their said Pastoral Letter;

WHEREAS, independent of the truths explained in the said Pastoral Letter, we, the attendees have a clear understanding that the issues joined in the subject bill are both political/legal-spiritual/moral;

WHEREAS, on the spiritual and moral side, we subscribe and proclaim the divine truth about God’s fundamental nature as a **family**, manifested in His being one yet composed of three divine persons — Father, Son and the Holy Spirit bonded together out of love, the **Blessed Trinity**; that from this nature springs the other, **life**;

WHEREAS, We are one in embracing the truth that God entrusted both (**family** and **life**) to humanity for its stewardship then sealed their immutability by the death of His Son at the cross.

WHEREAS, viewed from the inflexibility of God's decree on life and family, all teachings, cultures and legislations which aim to desecrate family and life is a rebellion against God.

WHEREAS, we also all nurture the conviction that family is the very foundation of every local government unit (starting from a barangay to a nation); in the same breath, all teachings, cultures and legislations which aim to weaken or wipe out families as modeled and personified by the Blessed Trinity is a subtle and a veiled rebellion against the duly established government for no government can stand and survive without the families composing its basic element, the **people**.

WHEREAS, we are also convinced that the pending legislation has violated specific provisions of the Constitution, specifically on its very Preamble, certain State Policies, the Bill of Rights and "The Family";

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the undersigned attendees/delegates, who are all leaders in our respective areas, hereby make the following resolutions:

1. To make known to the National Leadership, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial branch, including all legislative bodies of the local government units (including Sangguniang Bayan and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan) that we fully subscribe and support all the points taken up in the Joint Pastoral letter of the Catholic Bishops, their collective calls therein, more specifically on their rejection of the "**RH agenda and to choose life.**"

2. To urge the National Leadership to make a thoughtful review and study of CBCP's stand on the RH bill, not only in the light of the above mentioned Pastoral Letter, but also because of the specific provisions of the Constitution, starting from its preamble, the State Policies and specific provision about Family, quoted as follows:

Preamble: "We the sovereign Filipino people, imploring the aid of Almighty God, in order to build a just and human society and establish a Government that shall embody our ideals, our aspirations, promote the common

goodand secure to ourselves and our posterity the blessings of independence and democracy under the rule of law, under the regime of truth, justice, freedom, love, equality and peace, do ordain and promulgate this Constitution.

Sec. 11. The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights.

Sec. 12. The state recognizes the sanctity of family life, and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the **life of the unborn from conception**. The **natural and primary and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth** for civic efficiency and the **development of moral character** shall receive the support of the government.

Sec. 13. The state recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building, and **shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual**, intellectual and social well being.”

ART. III.

Sec. 1. No person shall be deprived of **life**, liberty and property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws.

Xxx xxx xxx

Sec. 5. No law shall be made respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference shall forever be allowed.

Sec. 7. The right of the people to information on matters of public concern shall be recognized.

Sec. 12(2). No torture, force, violence, threat, intimidation, or any other means which vitiate the free will shall be used against him. Secret detention places, solitary, incommunicado and other similar forms of detention are prohibited.

Art. XV.

THE FAMILY.

Sec. 1. The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development.

Sec. 2. Marriage, as an inviolable social institution, is the foundation of the family and shall be protected by the State.

Sec. 3. The State shall defend:

(1) The right of spouses to found a family in accordance with their religious convictions and the demands of responsible parenthood;

(2) The right of the children to assistance, including proper care and nutrition and special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development.”

3. To urge the national leadership to consider the fact that the RH Bill in its entirety is about contraception, which literally means rejection of life and once made into law is perceived to open the door to the propagation of a culture of death, promiscuity, break down of families and would result not only to the collapse of the Filipino families but ultimately the Philippine government taking into consideration of the basic element of every nation or state, which is people.

4. To make known to the national leadership that we, who are all leaders in our respective areas (throughout the country), commit to support all actions taken and may be recommended henceforth by the CBCP, including but not limited to possible civil disobedience and ex-communication according to the Canon Law of some legislators and national leaders who have sponsored and openly endorsed the RH bill and similar proposed legislations.

5. To require an *Oratio Imperata* in relation to the current stand of CBCP on the RH bill to be said in all churches during Sunday masses.

6. To urge the church hierarchy, hand in hand with the laity, to develop, nurture and cultivate a relationship of collaboration in educating the people on the issues affecting the sanctity of life and family.

7. To urge the Church hierarchy to spearhead an intensive and comprehensive educational program in all parishes for all parishioners on the natural family planning method; to come out with a uniform syllabus for the homilies of all priests throughout the parishes in all churches in the Philippines, always connecting and making family and life as central.

8. To furnish the CBCB, the Archbishop of Cebu, Office of the President, Speaker of the House of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Congress, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court a copy of this Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this Resolution this 13th day of February, 2011, Perrelos, Carcar, Cebu.

NAMES OF ATTENDEES

AREA OF LEADERSHIP