Day of Prayer and Penance for the victims of sexual abuse

2020 March 13 (Friday)
(2nd Friday of Lent)

Pope Francis has notified the bishops all over the world to set-up a [Day of Prayer and Penance for the victims of sexual abuse]. To respond to this call the Catholic Bishops Conference of Japan has made certain that it be done on the 2nd Friday of Lent. This year, we will have it on March 13 (Friday). The Yokohama Diocese under its [Desk To Protect Children and Women’s Human Rights], is conducting this initiative.

- **Prayer and Its Distribution**
  The compiled written short prayer in 2019 is to be distributed in Yokohama Diocese. Please use this prayer freely in your local Parish and District Cooperative Ministry like, while doing the station of the cross and in other suitable occasions.

- **Special Week for Telephone Consultation (March 9 ~ 13)**
  Within these days everyday, according to the following specified time we are here to answer your call.

  **Tel. Number:** 080-7189-8146

  (Consultation in Japanese)  
  **Date:** March 9 (Monday) ~ 12 (Thursday)  
  **Time:** 17:00 ~ 20:00

  (In English, Spanish and Tagalog)  
  **Date:** March 13 (Friday)  
  **Time:** 13:00 ~ 20:00

  Contents of consultation: Sexual harassment by priests and religious in Yokohama Diocese  
  (Target = children, women)  
  * Confidentiality is strictly observed

Catholic Yokohama Diocese  
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