

## **15 Justice**

PNP members shall strive constantly to respect the rights of others so that they can fulfill their duties and exercise their rights as human beings, parents, children, citizens, workers, leaders, or in other capacities and to see to it that others do likewise.

### **Reflection**

What are our rights as human beings? Are we aware of what is stated in the "Miranda doctrine" and enshrined in Section 12 of the Bill of Rights in the 1987 Philippine Constitution?

### **Inspiration from the Holy Bible**

To reject the law is to praise the wicked; to obey the law is to fight them. Evil people don't understand justice, but those who follow the Lord understand completely. (Proverbs 28:4-5)

### **Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an**

"And among those We created is a community which guides by truth and thereby establishes justice." (Surah Al-A'raf 7:181)

"And if returns, then make settlement between them in justice and act justly. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly." (Surah Al-Hujurat 49:9)

"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is acquainted with what you do." (Surah Al-Ma'idah 5:8)

### **Hadith**

Narrated Muawiyah bin Abi Sufyan (RA), That the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "There will always be a group of my Ummah (community) who are apparent on the Truth, unabated by those who fail or oppose them, until the (Last) Hour commences." (Muttafaqun Alayhi)

Narrated by Hudhayfah bin Al-Yaman (RA), That the Prophet (PBUH) said, "By He in Whose Hand is my soul! You will enjoin righteousness and forbid evil, or Allah shall send down a punishment from Him to you. Then, you will supplicate to Him, but He will not accept your supplication." (Imam Ahmad and At-Tirmidhi)

How do we uphold justice and human rights?

- a. Respect the human rights of all citizens, regardless of age, gender, place of residence, education, socio-economic status, religion, or political affiliation. As the saying goes, "Justice is blind" - it is impartial and objective.

Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows. (Isaiah 1:17)

Do not twist justice in legal matters by favoring the poor or being partial to the rich and powerful. Always judge people fairly. (Leviticus 19:15)

- b. Be faithful to our duties as law enforcers. The PNP Mission Statement includes the phrase "enforce the law without fear or favor".

### **Challenge**

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

### **Prayer**

This is what the LORD Almighty said: "Administer true justice, show mercy and compassion to one another." (Zechariah 7:9)

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. (Psalm 106:3)

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: We move in faith every day because we know that without faith, it is impossible to please You, Lord. As we draw near to You, we believe that You exist and that You reward those who seek You. We serve only You, and You bless us. We know that all things are possible with You.