

# Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia

## “2006 Paskong Pinoy: A Parol Making Contest “ Official Parol Contest Entry Form

### Participant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Entry Information

Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry: **Circle one - (a) Individual (b) Family (c) Organization**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: ( Please provide a detailed description of materials used and techniques employed)

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(If needed please use additional documents to continue description)

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Disclaimer and Signature

*I/We certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge*

Therefore, I/We hold harmless and will indemnify the Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia and Arlington Diocesan office of Multicultural Ministries- Its officers, directors and agents, coordinators and members and Diocese of Arlington from all responsibility for personal injury to or caused by anyone and loss of or damage to the parol while being displayed or under the possession of the Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia and Office of Multicultural Ministries, and Diocese of Arlington, which may occur during travel , display, participation in the Activity, and at any other time involved in the Activity.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name/or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

(If under 18 legal guardian/parent) \_\_\_\_\_

(If organization /elected officer) : \_\_\_\_\_

**The PAROL is the most enduring symbol of Christmas in the Philippines. It is said that the tradition of parol making began in 1928 when an artisan named Francisco Estanislao made the first five-pointed star parol from bamboo strips and Japanese paper. With candles inside, parols were used by barrio folk to light their way to Simbang Gabi.**

**In the spirit of Christmas and showcasing our proud Filipino Cultural tradition in the metro Washington DC area, we look toward the individual, the families, and Fil Am Community groups to display their talents and inspiration in a “Paskong Pinoy; A Parol making Contest”, where contestants may highlight both Philippines culture and artist.**

#### **A. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 1. The contest is open to Filipinos and Filipino Americans.**
- 2. The contest is open to individuals, families and organizations. Distinctions will be made between individual, family or group entries.**
- 3. All entries must be original and must not have been previously entered or awarded a prize in another contest. Commercial ready parols are not accepted.**
- 4. There will be a maximum size or dimension limitations of height of up to 1 – 2 feet. Anything taller would need to be confirmed with the Parol Committee, prior to the entry. We do prohibit any use of materials that maybe flammable and toxic.**
- 5. There are no entry fees.**

#### **B. SUBMISSION MECHANICS**

- 1) Parol Entries must be submitted in person on Dec 2, 2006 by 12pm at the Diocesan Center, 80 N.Glebe rd, Arlington, VA 22203 .**
- 2) Entries must be accompanied by an application form, which can be obtained at our website [www.filipinoministry.catholicweb.com](http://www.filipinoministry.catholicweb.com).**
- 3) Entries must be properly labeled with the following:**
  - Artist (name, address & telephone, cellular phone, or fax nos. and e-mail address)**
  - Title of Entry**
  - Medium (provide a detailed description of materials used and techniques employed)**

- **Dimensions**

#### **D. PRIZES**

**1) All contest participants will be given a Certificate of Appreciation.**

**2) A trophy will be awarded to the following:**

- **Most Original Parol**
- **Most Creative Parol**
- **Most Pilipino Parol**

**3) There will be a Board of Judges to be chaired by a representative from the Philippine Embassy, from the office of his Excellency Bishop Paul S.Loverde, Diocese of Arlington and Fil Am Community Representative**

**The final composition of the Board of Judges shall be announced on December 02, 2006. Visitors in the Diocesan center will also have a chance to make a selection of the winners.**

**4) Winning Parols will be announce on December 9, 2006 Sat at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Arlington, VA 22304 , 3304 N. Washington Blvd,.**

**5) Winning entries will be included in the procession of the participating Simbang Gabi host in the Metro Washington DC area from December 15 to December 24, 2006, while other entries will be placed at the Embassy, hospitals, detention centers, churches and other service center locations at the discretion of the Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia. Entrants will have the option of retaining their parol after the Simbang Gabi activities, or relinquish the Parol to the Filipino Ministry of Northern Virginia and use for their discretion, or donate their Parol to the said locations.**

**6) Failure to comply with the rules and regulations shall automatically disqualify the participant.**

**7) All decisions of the Board of Judges shall be final and cannot be appealed.**

**For more information, please visit the website at [www.filipinoministry.catholicweb.com](http://www.filipinoministry.catholicweb.com) . You may also email at [filipinoministry@catholicweb.com](mailto:filipinoministry@catholicweb.com) or call 703-403-5624**