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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **7696**



Introduced by HON. MARIANO MICHAEL M. VELARDE, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

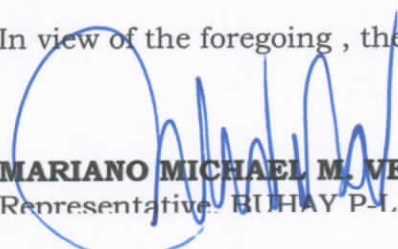
Luciano Ariel Felloni is an Argentinian missionary born in Mar del Plata, Argentina on May 28, 1973. Since 1994, he has worked with the urban poor in the Philippines, particularly in Quezon City and Caloocan City, first as a member of the Sons of Divine Providence Congregation and then later as a diocesan priest of the Diocese of Novaliches.

He was ordained a priest on April 1, 2000 while he was still a member of the Sons of Divine Providence Congregation whose founder's motto is: "Do good to all; harm no one." He was incardinated to the Diocese of Novaliches in 2007. Since 2012 up to the present, he serves as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish located at Area B, Camarin, Caloocan City.

As a resident of the Philippines for twenty four (24) years, Fr. Felloni lives his vocation among the urban poor of Metro Manila while serving in various diocesan ministries. He is an advocate of cyber missionary and maintains a popular Facebook page, "AlmuSalita" that posts daily Mass Readings and reflections. Before his present assignment as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Caloocan City, he was assigned at the Holy Trinity Parish in Quezon City. But it was his assignment at the Divine Providence Parish in Payatas, Quezon City for more than ten (10) years, from 1994 to 2006, that spearheaded his work among the marginalized communities. His experience in Payatas was instrumental in his formation work in the areas of education, health and ecology, and his present function as the Executive Director of the Social Action Commission of the Diocese of Novaliches.

Being a Philippine resident for more than two (2) decades, Fr. Felloni is very much a Filipino and speaks fluent Filipino. He has served and influenced hundreds of thousands of Filipinos in the country in his social media, diocesan ministry and parish work. Having spent majority of his life in the Philippines, Rev. Fr. Felloni had significantly immersed himself in Philippine culture, tradition and traits. The work, heart and soul of Rev. Fr. Felloni reflect everything that is profoundly Filipino.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urgently sought.


MARIANO MICHAEL M. VELARDE, JR.
Representative BULHAY P-1.

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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
REVEREND FATHER LUCIANO ARIEL FELLONI**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Sec. 1. Rev. Fr. Luciano Ariel Felloni is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all he rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto.

Sec. 2. Rev. Fr. Luciano Ariel Felloni shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

Sec. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of naturalization to Rev. Fr. Luciano Ariel Felloni who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,