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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **5164**



**Introduced by HONORABLE RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III
and HONORABLE BRYAN B. REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The parish and the town of Rosario in the Province of Cavite was established on October 22, 1845 as promulgated by Governor-General Narciso Claveria. It is a municipality that is deeply consecrated and devoted to the Virgin Mary. It is home of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church which enshrines the miraculous image of the Madonna and the Child on which the Virgin is venerated in blue and red clothes as she carries the Infant Jesus. The old canvass painting was dated between 1810 to 1820 and is considered to be a product of a rare piece in the Philippine iconography.

While it is unknown as to the exact historical data or record as to when the *Nuestra Señora Virgen del Santissimo Rosario, Reina de Caracol* became the patroness of the municipality, its faithful importance must not be undermined in the lives of Caviteños. The establishment of the Church of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary has, undoubtedly, become a beacon of devotion for the humble Municipality of Rosario.

This bill seeks to establish the immediate environs of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church located in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite as a tourism destination and pilgrimage site. It shall mandate the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other government agencies to develop the vicinity of the area in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism sites. Moreover, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and other concerned government agencies shall prepare a tourism development plan for the construction, installation and maintenance of the facilities and infrastructure surrounding Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church.

In view of the foregoing, the urgent approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
DECLARING THE IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS OF OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY
ROSARY PARISH CHURCH LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO,
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, A TOURISM DESTINATION, PROVIDING FOR ITS
DEVELOPMENT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:

SECTION 1. The immediate environs of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church located in the Municipality of Rosario, Province of Cavite, is hereby declared a tourism destination. As such, the development of the immediate environs of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism (DOT) and other concerned agencies, subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourism destinations.

SECTION 2. Within one (1) year after the approval of this Act, the DOT shall, in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and other concerned agencies of the government, prepare a tourism development plan that shall include the construction, installation, and maintenance of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure to improve the overall features of the immediate environs surrounding Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church, thereby enduring its accessibility and the security of the tourists: *Provided*, That said development plan shall ensure the preservation and conservation of the historical significance of the area.

SECTION 3. The DOT and its concerned attached agencies shall take immediate steps to implement the tourism development plan for the immediate environs of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish Church, and shall incorporate the same in its tourism development program for the calendar year immediately succeeding the approval of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act, and shall augment such allocation with internally generated funds of the Department.

SECTION 5. Within sixty (60) days from the passage of this Act, the DOT shall, in consultation with the municipal government of Rosario, promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,