



OUR LADY OF SION

17th April 2018.

The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion indignantly condemns the Bureau of Immigration's arrest and detention of Sister Patricia Fox, NDS, without due process and respect for her fundamental rights.

Sister Pat has since 1990 been a tireless worker amongst the poor and marginalised people of the Philippines.

Yesterday afternoon, April 16, agents from the Bureau of Immigration arrested her in her convent and brought her to the Bureau of Immigration detention room without any court order. She was shown pictures of herself joining rallies and present in fact-finding and mercy missions among the indigenous and plundered ecological environment.

The Congregation of Our Lady of Sion is most deeply thankful for the support accorded to Sister Pat by those in her network and to the international community who are ever watchful.

We are especially grateful for the consoling presence and inspiring intervention of Bishop Broderick Pabillo, D.D. and the Papal Nuncio through his representative. We call on Church People to stand their ground, assert their rights to preach the Gospel and to be in solidarity with the poor.

The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion call on the Philippine Government through its Bureau of Immigration to set Sister Pat free so she can continue her vital ministry.

Sister Mary Barbuto

Region Co-leader.