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NAMFREL mourns the passing of Fr. Jose P. Dizon, convenor of election monitoring organization Kontra-Daya. In his 40 years of priesthood, Fr. Dizon dedicated his life not only to his faith but also in the service of the poor and to human rights, especially workers' rights. He was actively involved in the anti-dictatorship movement, and most recently he was involved in the movement to abolish the pork barrel. As convenor of the poll watchdog Kontra-Daya, he led concerned organizations and sectors in the demand for additional safeguards to the automated election system and for vigilance against election fraud, and in exposing irregularities in the elections.

"...Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you shall make himself servant of all. Think of the Son of Man who has not come to be served but to serve..." (Mark 10:42-45) "Give justice to the weak and the orphan; defend the poor and the oppressed." (Psalm 82:3)

May Fr. Dizon's legacy of commitment to social justice and free and fair elections continue to be an inspiration to us all and spur Filipinos to action.