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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : UST CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2022
DATE : 25 NOVEMBER 2022

The University, through the UST Conservatory of Music and the Central Committee on University Events, is pleased to announce the following activities and protocols pertinent to the **UST Christmas Concert 2022** to be held at the **Plaza Mayor** at **6:00 pm** on **December 1-2, 2022** (Thursday and Friday):

1. ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMME, and GUIDELINES

A. UST Christmas Concert Technical Dress Rehearsals, 1 December 2022 (Thu)

- The *Panunuluyan*¹ will precede the **UST Christmas Concert Technical Dress Rehearsals** at **6:00 pm**, with Rev. Fr. Paul Reagan O. Talavera, OP, Parish Priest of the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST, as Presider (*Please see Appendix A for a copy of the programme*).

B. UST Christmas Concert Gala, 2 December 2022 (Fri)

- 2 December 2022 (Friday) is declared **Carless Day**.² Vehicles of suppliers are allowed to enter the campus for delivery purposes only (*Please see Appendix B for the pedestrian access points*).
- **Classes will be suspended at 4:00 pm onwards.**
- At **5:00 pm**, the students and University staff will be called to partake in the *Agape* (Thomasian Christmas Feast);
- For an orderly claiming of food, the Thomasian community is enjoined to observe the following **guidelines** strictly:

- 1) **Distribution of food stubs** before the *Agape* will be facilitated by the Office of the Property Custodian beginning 25 November 2022 (Friday) [*Please see Appendix C for the distribution guidelines*];

¹ The *Panunuluyan* is a traditional re-enactment of Joseph and Mary's search for lodging right before the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

² *Carless Days* are declared as a measure to have more space inside the campus for various activities in anticipation of the large volume of attendees of an event.



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- 2) **Claiming of food packs** at designated stations (*Please see Appendix D*); and
- 3) **Consumption of packed food** in designated eating areas (*Please see Appendix D1*).
- The **Angelus** and the **Rite for the Lighting of Christmas ornaments in the campus** will precede the **UST Christmas Concert Gala**, with Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, OP, as Presider, at **6:00 pm**.

2. PROTOCOLS

A. Health and Safety Protocols

- The University encourages the **observance of minimum public health standards** (i.e., handwashing, wearing of face masks, physical distancing) [*Please see Appendix E for the health protocols*]; and **presentation of a good-to-go clearance** (from ThOMedSS for Thomasians; from StaySafe.PH app for alumni, suppliers, media personnel, guests).



B. Security Protocols

- Participants are required to:
 - 1) **present an ID card** (school ID card for students and University staff, alumni ID card for alumni, legitimate company ID card for guests, suppliers, media personnel);
Note: Currently enrolled students and alumni must tap their ID cards in the ID/QR Code tapping stations.
 - 2) **submit oneself and belongings for inspection.**

Notes:

- Harmful objects are strictly prohibited (i.e., deadly weapons, tear gas, batons, pointed and sharp objects, plastic (PET)³ bottles, glass bottles, lighters, cigarettes, alcoholic beverages, etc.); and
- Confiscated materials will be disposed of accordingly.

May our participation in the aforementioned activities lead us to meaningful celebrations of the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you.


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL
Secretary-General

³ The Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles poses economic and environmental problems (Han, 2019).