



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : UST PASKUHAN COMMUNITY GIFT-GIVING 2023
DATE : 2 December 2023

As an offshoot of Project *NINGNING 2023: Ang Busilak na Diwa ng Pasko ay Masisilayan sa Ngiti ng Bawat Pamilyang Tomasino*, the University, through the Central Committee on University Events, is pleased to share the details of this year's sector-specific *Paskuhan* community gift-giving efforts as follows:

A. Simbahayan AKAP (Agape, Kapatiran at Adhikain ngayong Pasko)

- It will be held at the different **partner community sites** from **December 11-19, 2023**.
- **Target beneficiaries** include 350-400 families of partner communities, namely, UST Butil/Makibata scholars in the following partner communities:
 1. *Sitio Mabilog, Sitio Malasa, Sitio San Martin, Sitio Sta. Rosa, and Sitio Buok in Bamban, Tarlac;*
 2. *NTA, Montalban, Rizal;*
 3. *Sitio Galilee, Antipolo, Rizal;*
 4. *Brgy. Lambakin, Marilao, Bulacan;*
 5. *Smokey Mountain, Camarin, Caloocan;*
 6. *Brgy. Sta. Rosa Dos, Marilao, Bulacan;*
 7. *Kasiglahan Village, Montalban, Rizal; and*
 8. *Brgy. Bucal, Calatagan, Batangas.*
- The actual distribution of the gifts from the University will be facilitated by the officials and staff of the Office of the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs and UST Simbahayan Community Development Office (CDO).

B. Sambahagan¹

- It will be held on **17 December 2023 (Sunday)** at the **UST Central Seminary**.
- **Target beneficiaries** include **UST maintenance and security personnel**.
- The activity provides the usual program components of *Sambá* through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and *Bahaginan* or Christmas gift-giving for continuing spiritual nourishment of the maintenance and security personnel.
- It will be facilitated by the Institute of Religion, Center for Campus Ministry, and UST Simbahayan CDO.

¹ Sambahagan is a yearly activity of the Institute of Religion to provide a moment to worship (*sambá*) God in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and to share (*bahaginan*) the joy of being part of the UST community by strengthening relationships and giving of simple gifts.



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C. Kaparokya: Community Gift giving for the Santísimo Rosario Parish

- It will be held on **20 December 2023 (Wednesday)** at the **UST Chapel**.
- **Target beneficiaries** include 300 families to be identified by the Santísimo Rosario Parish.
- A Eucharistic Celebration to be Presided by the Parish Priest shall precede the blessing and gift-giving, which will be participated in by the Office of the Secretary-General, UST Simbahayan CDO, Office for Student Affairs, Communications Bureau, and the Academic Unit Secretaries.

D. KAAGAPAY (KAsama sa maAGAP na aksyon at PAYo)

- It will be held on **21 December 2023 (Thursday)** at the **College of Science SOLE** room.
- **Target beneficiaries** include the **external partners** who provide inputs during planning for University events and valuable assistance during the actual events, namely:
 1. *Barangay Officials;*
 2. *Officials of the Manila Police District;*
 3. *Officials of the Sampaloc Fire Station;*
 4. *Officials of the Manila Traffic and Parking Bureau; and*
 5. *Officials of the Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.*
- Sharing of Christmas Messages followed by the blessing by the Father Secretary-General shall precede the gift-giving, which will be participated in by the Office of the Secretary-General, Facilities Management Office, Office of Public Affairs, Safety and Security Office, and Office for Campus Safety and Security.

Thank you.

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