

SDG 13: Climate Action

In a project titled “Ikalawang Paglalakbay ng Krus ng Sierra Madre” spearheaded by the UST SIMBAHAYAN, awareness about continuous deforestation and mining in Sierra Madre was raised. Such activities were close to making Sierra Madre an at-risk and highly devastated natural area. Raising awareness paves the way for the creation of better programs for environmental protection in the community.

Another project by the SIMBAHAYAN Community, in celebration with the 16th Annual Global Warming and Climate Change Consciousness Week 2023, and in collaboration with fellowship for the Care of Creation Association Inc. (FCCA) and the Center for Energy, Ecology and Development (CEED) conducts the online lecture “Climate Emergency Na! Renewable Energy Ngayon Na!”. The activity aims to discuss various ways and methods in saving Mother Earth.

October 2023, a date marked by a signing ceremony event attended by UST Rector, Very Rev. fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., PhD, and Sec. Robert E.A. Borje, Vice-chairperson of the Climate Change Commission. As mandated by the Holy Bible with which the Catholic faith adheres to, UST in spirituality and stewardship guide efforts ensure that future generations can enjoy a blissful life in the planet. The agreement spans in six-years, and a key factor in getting the agreement is the vibrant research activities. It also aims to align efforts for building resiliency at the local level, opening avenues for the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office and the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education to also join.