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TO : **THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY**

FROM : **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

RE : **LIGHTING OF THE UST CAMPUSES
(MANILA AND UST GENERAL SANTOS)**

DATE : **27 November 2024**

The University formally commences the **Paskuhan 2024 Season** with the **Lighting of the UST Manila campus** and the **UST General Santos campus**, with the following program sequence:

A. Lighting of the UST Manila Campus | 29 November 2024, 6:00 pm, Plaza Mayor

- 1. Pre-Event:** Representatives from student organizations will showcase their talents through a magical serenade, filling the campus with songs of joy, hope, and love.
- 2. The Angelus:** After the tolling of the bells, two (2) student leaders will lead the Thomasian Community to reflect on the Annunciation (cf. Lk 1:26-38), when the Angel Gabriel announced to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive the Son of God.
- 3. The Rite of Blessing of the Christmas Tree and Christmas Ornaments:** The Rite shall be presided by Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, OP, Secretary-General, and shall be assisted by the Deans and Principals.
- 4. Declaration of the Opening of the Paskuhan Season:** Prof. Patricia M. Empleo, PhD, *Dean of the UST-AMV College of Accountancy*; Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron, MSPT, *Dean of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences*; and Assoc. Prof. Antonio P. Africa, PhD, *Dean of the Conservatory of Music* shall assist Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, OP in opening the Paskuhan Season.
- 5. The Lighting of the UST Manila Campus proper:** Please see the attached copy of the Catechesis on the Lighting of Christmas Tree and Campus Décor.
- 6. Post Event:** Harmonious performances and heartfelt music by student organizations and support staff shall embody the spirit of togetherness, hope, and joy. On this enchanting evening, as the University is filled with the radiant glow of festive lights, the Thomasian community shall be offered uplifting melodies of timeless carols.





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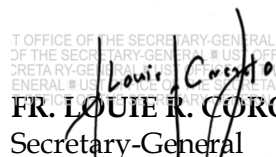
B. Lighting of the UST General Santos | 29 November 2024, 6:00 pm, Main Building Lobby

1. **Angelus:** At exactly 6:00 pm, the bell, together with the beat of a big drum, shall toll. After the tolling of the bells, the Angelus is prayed, led by students Ms. Francesca Tabanda and Mr. Nestor Pabillo.
2. **The Rite of Blessing of the Christmas Tree and Christmas Ornaments:** The Rite shall be presided by Rev. Fr. Gerard C. Zabala, O.P. *Associate Vice Rector for Religious Affairs*. He will be assisted by Rev. Fr. Alfredo A. Fernandez, O.P. *Director of Counseling and Career Office* and some selected students. Rev. Fr. Edmund C. Nantes, O.P., *Associate Vice Rector for Finance and Administration* will share his reflection.
3. **Declaration of the Opening of the Paskuhan Season:** As a prelude to the official declaration of the Paskuhan Season, Readings will be facilitated by two students, Ms. Aden Kyle Duran and Ms. Aubrey Rose Serafin. Then, a light dance shall be rendered by selected students. Towards the end of the dance, Rev. Fr. Edmund Nantes, O.P. will give the message and eventually declare the Paskuhan Season open. He will be assisted by Rev. Fr. Gerard C. Zabala, O.P., Rev. Fr. Alfredo Fernandez, O.P., and Prof. Edilberto Manahan, PhD, *Associate Vice Rector for Academic Affairs*.
4. **The Lighting of the UST General Santos Campus proper:** The Christmas Tree in the middle part of the ground fronting the Plaza Mayor, including the lobby and façade of the Main Building will be lighted after Rev. Fr. Nantes' declaration of the opening of Paskuhan Season 2024.
5. **Post-Event:** Spearheaded by the student leaders, there will be some presentations and festive music to be played. The freedom wall will also be launched where the Thomasian community can post their Christmas wishes and greetings. The *Decorate-a-Christmas Tree* activity, sponsored by the School of Engineering and Information Technology, will also be highlighted.

C. Lighting of the Santa Rosa Research Complex | 14 December 2024

- *Specific details will follow.*

Thank you.


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP
Secretary-General

