



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
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INSTITUTIONAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION

and Holy Mass for the
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Mary: Exemplar of Prayer, Comforter of the Afflicted

December 9, 2024

Santísimo Rosario Parish Church

2:30 PM - Recollection

3:30 PM - Reflection & Rosary

4:00 PM - Eucharistic Celebration



Rev. Fr. Clarence Victor C. Marquez, OP, SThD
Acting Rector, UST Central Seminary

Recollection Speaker &
Mass Presider and Preacher





The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila

Circular No. 2024 – 89
29 November 2024

TO: ALL THE CLERGY, COMMUNITIES OF CONSECRATED PERSONS, AND LAY COLLABORATORS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA

RE: NEW CLARIFICATION ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Dear Monsignori, Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters,

Greetings of peace in the Lord!

We communicated earlier, as provided by the liturgical norms, that this year's celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on 9 December, Monday.

On the issue of obligation, the Episcopal Commission on the Liturgy issued a new clarification today, communicating the 28 November 2024 letter of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. This is in response to the Philippine bishops' petition regarding the matter. The clarification reads:

The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments sent a letter to the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, His Excellency Most Reverend Pablo Virgilio S. David, in response to the Philippine bishops' petition regarding the issue of obligation when the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred the following day.

The Philippine bishops made this request considering that it would be difficult or even impossible for many Filipino Catholics to go to Mass on a working day since they are daily wage earners and rely on this for their family's sustenance.


The Dicastery responded positively to the request, stating that "the obligation to attend Mass does not apply this year." Thus, even if the celebration of the Solemnity is transferred to December 9, 2024, the faithful are not obliged to participate in the Mass on that day.

We apologize for the confusion, considering our desire to communicate as early as possible a clarification on the issue. We thank the Holy See for the positive and compassionate response.

We pray that this clarification will help you prepare and catechize your people for their growth in faith and a meaningful celebration of the liturgy.

Thank you very much. Let us unite ourselves in prayer.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus,


FR. CARMELO P. ARADA, JR.
Vice Chancellor



CLARIFICATION

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Bishop of Ilagan
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