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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : UST PASKUHAN MASS AND AGAPE (13 December 2024)
DATE : 10 December 2024

The University, through the Central Committee on University Events, is pleased to announce the following **details and guidelines** pertinent to the **UST Paskuhan Mass and Agape (Thomasian Christmas Feast)** on **13 December 2024** (Friday):

1. CARLESS DAY

- 13 December 2024 is declared as **Carless Day**¹. Only supplier vehicles will be allowed on campus for delivery purposes.
- Please see **Attachment no. 1** for the Pedestrian and Supplier Access Points.

2. SUSPENSION OF CLASSES

- Classes will be suspended from **4:00 pm onwards** on **13 December 2024**.
- Students and University staff are strongly encouraged to participate in the Paskuhan Mass.

3. ACTIVITIES AND ITS CORRESPONDING GUIDELINES

a. Ningning 2024: UST Paskuhan Gift-Giving (Pre-Event)

- The project encourages the Thomasian community to bring gifts-in-kind (i.e., school supplies and/or food items for *Noche Buena* packages) or share cash donations to purchase these items as they partake in the University's Christmas Feast on campus.
- Please see **Attachment no. 2** for the Project Rationale and Implementing Guidelines.

b. Tanglaw ng Tomasino: Parol-Making Contest (Pre-Event)

- With the theme "*Liwanag ng Mundo, Kulay ng Paskong Tomasino*," this sustainable initiative, spearheaded by the Student Organizations Coordinating Council (SOCC), in collaboration with the various College-based Organizations (CBOs) and Local Student Councils (LSCs), will serve as a pre-event on **13 December 2024** at **2:30 PM** at the **Plaza Mayor**.

c. UST Paskuhan Mass

- The Mass will be held at the **Plaza Mayor** at **5:00 pm**; to be presided over by the **Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, OP**, with **Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, OP** as preacher, and concelebrated by the Dominican Fathers of the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas.
- Love Offerings during the Mass will be donated to the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST.

¹ *Carless Day* is 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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d. Agape (Thomasian Christmas Feast)

- Immediately after the Mass, students and University staff will partake in the *Agape*.
- For an orderly claiming of food, the Thomasian community is enjoined to observe the following **guidelines** strictly:

1) Distribution of Food Stubs for Students and University Staff

- The Office of the Property Custodian has started the distribution of food stubs in front of the Albertus Magnus Building on 2 December 2024 (Monday).
- Please see **Attachment no. 3** for the Claiming of Agape 2024 Food Stubs.

2) Claiming of Food Packs

- Everyone is enjoined to go to their designated stations for the claiming of food packs.
- Please see **Attachment no. 4a** for the Guidelines on Claiming of Food Packs and **Attachment no. 4b** for the Location of Food Stations and Designated Units.

3) Prevention of Food Wastage

- To prevent food wastage, kindly consume the food items thoughtfully provided, or share if you have dietary restrictions rather than discarding them.

e. Paskuhan Agape Variety Shows

- While partaking their food, Thomasian Community will be treated to grand variety shows at three locations: **Plaza Mayor** (c/o Higher Education Cluster), **Grandstand** (c/o Basic Education Cluster) and **Quadricentennial Square** (c/o UST Tiger Radio).
- A drone show will signal the start of the variety show.

4. REMINDERS ON HEALTH, SAFETY, CAMPUS CLEANLINESS AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Bring your ID Cards and Food Stub.
- Strictly observe the *Health and Safety Reminders* (See **Attachment no. 5**).
- Bring picnic mats or thermal blankets to optimize the open spaces.
- Use personal tumblers to get water from designated water stations.
- Dispose of waste properly in the designated bins for paper, plastics, glass bottle, cans, and food waste.

As we come together to celebrate the *Paskuhan* Mass and Agape, let us reflect on the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel of John: "*By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another*" (Jn 13:35). May this love inspire us to continue serving one another and building a stronger Thomasian community with gratitude and hope.

Thank you.

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