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MASS OFFERED FOR FORMER PRESIDENT CORAZON C. AQUINO



Photos by the Philippine Consulate General, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, 5 August 2009 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles in cooperation with the Office of Bishop Oscar Solis of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles held a holy mass on 4 August 2009 for the late former President Corazon Cojuangco Aquino.

Bishop Oscar Solis (left photo) with twenty priests concelebrated the Memorial Mass held at St. Basil's Catholic Church (located in front of the Consulate) which was attended by more than 600 members of the Filipino-American community in Los Angeles.

Bishop Solis, in his homily, paid tribute to the life, works and sacrifices of President Aquino during her term as president. He also recalled the support of the nuns and priests to her during the EDSA Revolution.

Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, in her remarks, praised President Aquino for being the first woman President of the Philippines and in Asia who helped transform our nation into a genuine triumph of democracy.

The Consulate has also opened a **Book of Condolence** for members of the Filipino-American community who wants to pay tribute to the former president.
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