



PhilConGen Joins Annual Simbang Gabi and Parade of Parols at the L.A. Cathedral



Above (left): Vice Consul Joan Macrise Corrado, Finance Officer Rutas Patricio and Information Officer Mary Grace Leaño hold the Consulate General's banner with Consular Assistant Edgar Guinto and Property Officer Edwin De Pacina holding the Consulate General's Parol during the 17th Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi 2019.

Above (right): Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III with the officers and staff of the Philippine Consulate General, with their families. Behind them is the Consulate General's Parol

Los Angeles, 20 December 2018 – The Philippine Consulate General joined Roman Catholic parishes from across the Los Angeles pastoral region for the 17th Archdiocesan *Simbang Gabi 2019 and Annual Parade of Parols* (Lanterns) held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles in the evening of 15 December 2019.



Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, led the Eucharistic celebration and was joined by the auxiliary bishops and clerics of Los Angeles. Filipino-American Bishop Alejandro “Alex” D. Aclan delivered the homily to around 3,000 Roman Catholic faithful who attended the event, most of who were Filipino and Filipino-American.

Above (left): Around 3,000 Catholic faithful attended the 17th Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi 2019 and Annual Parade of Parols (Lanterns).

Above (right): Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III led the Consulate General’s delegation and represented the Consulate General during the Mass Offertory.



This year’s *Simbang Gabi*, with the theme, “*Come and Celebrate as We Encounter Christ, For We are One Body (Halina’t Magdiwang sa Ating Pakikipagtagpo kay Kristo, Dahil Tayo ay Isang Katawan)*”, was held under the auspices of the Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Pastoral Region of Los Angeles.

The Philippine Consulate General joined the different parish ministries, Catholic associations, civic and non-governmental organizations in the *Parade of Parols* (Star Lanterns) that heralded the Eucharistic celebration. END.