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PhilConGen LA Joins Annual Celebration of Simbang Gabi and Parade of Parols



Above (left): Consul Maynard Maleon (center), together with Passport Supervisor Juliet A. Oresca and ATN Officer Hazel M. Mendoza hold the Consulate General's banner during the 19th Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi 2021 and Annual Parade of Parols. (Right): Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, leads the Eucharistic celebration with auxiliary bishops and clerics of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, 16 December 2021 – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles joined Roman Catholic parishes from across the Los Angeles Pastoral Region for the 19th Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi held in the evening of 15 December 2021 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles. The Consulate, together with around 120 different parish ministries, Catholic associations, civic and non-governmental organizations also participated in the Annual Parade of Parols (Star Lanterns) that heralded the Eucharistic celebration. Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, led the Eucharistic celebration with auxiliary bishops and clerics of Los Angeles.



This year's Simbang Gabi, with the theme, "Gifted to Share the Light of Christ (*Pinagpala upang Ipamahagi ang Liwanag ni Kristo*)," was

Right: Consulate General delegation led by Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III in a group photo after the Mass. Behind them is the parol designed by Vice Consul Joan Macrise C. Corrado.



Clockwise: Deputy CG Enciso and Vice Consul Corrado light the Advent candle; Around 2,000 Catholic faithful attend the 19th Archdiocesan Simbang Gabi and Annual Parade of Parols; Rev. Fr. Rodel G. Balagtas, Priest Liaison of the Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles delivers remarks after the Eucharistic Celebration; Filipino-American priests delight parishioners with their soulful rendition of worship and Filipino classic Christmas songs.

held under the auspices of Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the San Pedro Pastoral Region of Los Angeles.

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