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Consulate Personnel Join *Simbang Gabi* and *Parol* Parade in Los Angeles



Consul General Edgar B. Badajos leads a contingent of Consulate General personnel to the Parol Parade at the start of the 20th Archdiocesan *Simbang Gabi*.

Los Angeles, 16 December 2022 – Personnel of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles led by Consul General Edgar B. Badajos joined Roman Catholic parishes from across the Los Angeles Pastoral Region for the 20th Archdiocesan *Simbang Gabi* held in the evening of 15 December 2022 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Downtown Los Angeles.

The Consulate General, together with around 120 different parish ministries, Catholic associations, civic and non-governmental organizations also participated in the annual *Parol* (Christmas Lantern) Parade that heralded the Eucharistic celebration. Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, D.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, led the Eucharistic celebration assisted by auxiliary bishops and other clerics from the Archdiocese.

This year's *Simbang Gabi*, with the theme, "Jesus is the Bread of Life and the Light of our Homes (*Si Hesus ang Tinapay ng Buhay at Liwanag ng Atang Tahanan*)," was held under the auspices of Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Pastoral Region of Los Angeles. Around 2,000, mostly Filipino-American Catholics, attended the

event that has become much a part of the Christmas cultural landscape in California and other parts of the United States. END.



Consul General Badajos joins the offertory procession



The Consulate General delegation is joined by some Filipino-American community representatives after the Mass. Behind them is the Consulate General's parol, featuring a sustainable / fairy garden concept, designed by Vice Consul Joan Macrise C. Corrado.