

# DLSU-D grants Honoris Causa to Cardinal Tagle

DLSU-D conferred an honorary degree in Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa) to His Eminence Luis Antonio Gokim Cardinal Tagle, D.D. The solemn ceremony was held on June 19 at Ugnayang La Salle.

The conferment of the honorary degree is in recognition of his achievements and meaningful contributions to the DLSU-D community. Cardinal Tagle generously and selflessly served as one of the members of the Board of Trustees of the University from 2005 to 2012. Even after serving as Bishop of the Diocese of Imus, Cardinal Tagle continues to inspire and motivate the academic community through the excellence he constantly exhibits and the simplicity and humility that he consistently exudes.

In his response, Cardinal Tagle expressed his gratitude to the University for granting him the honorary degree. According to the Cardinal, the award he received was more of a challenge than prestige or status. *“Hindi po ito karangalan, kundi hamon sa pagpapadalisay pa ng misyon. Kaya tinatanggap ko po ito, hindi lamang sa sarili kong pangalan kundi sa ngalan ng buong simbahan,”* shares Cardinal Tagle.

Moreover, the Cardinal thanked the University for its enormous support to the entire Diocese of Imus through its outreach programs benefiting its constituents, especially the marginalized families. He highlighted the master’s and doctorate degree programs offered by the University which helped increase the number of priests with graduate degrees.

Finally, the young Cardinal had a word for the Lasallian students. *“Sana sa susunod na graduation, ang ibibigay ng DLSU-D ay palanggana at tuwalya [bilang] paalala na huwag mong sirain ang iyong Lasallian education. Huwag ka maghanap ng posisyon, maghanap ka ng paa na dapat hugasan,”* reminds Cardinal Tagle of how each should serve the way Jesus did.

The Medal of St. John Baptist de La Salle was also awarded to Cardinal Tagle during the academic convocation. The Medal is given as a gesture of esteem and appreciation for His Eminence’s valuable contribution as Pastoral leader, in his capacity as former Bishop of the Diocese of Imus and now Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Manila. It is also in appreciation of his commitment and support in advancing the Lasallian mission towards making a difference in the lives of countless persons.



# CLAC dean talks at Harvard, connects with US schools

College of Liberal Arts and Communication Dean George Francisco was invited to various institutions in the United States for speaking engagements and other academic collaborations.

Dr. Francisco presented his paper entitled “The linguistic fad in the Philippine advertising” during the International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference held at Harvard Medical School in Boston, MA. He also delivered lectures at San Diego State University under Philippine Studies Program. At the Filipino-American Cultural Organization of North San Diego conference, Dr. Francisco was the keynote speaker where he delved on comparative emerging Filipino culture in the Philippines and the United States.



During his stay in the US, he took the opportunity to visit other institutions such as UC-Berkeley and University of San Francisco Philippine Studies, wherein he met with fellow administrators and faculty to discuss possible co-authoring of books on local culture.

With such enthusiasm to promote DLSU-D in the US and encourage more foreign schools to partner with the University, CLAC dean presented Study Abroad Program and discussed the local culture immersion program of the University. St. Mary's College-California (SMC) Vice President for Mission Carol Swain expressed that SMC is open for such program and collaboration.

Dr. Francisco also visited Manhattan College in New York City where he was given a tour of the campus. Seeing the college's physical structures inspired him to bring innovations to the University. “It was a perfect and engineered trip where everything turned out to be very blessed, successful, meaningful, and priceless,” Dr. Francisco concluded.

## Thank you, Father Jun!



The DLSU-D community expressed its gratitude to the outgoing University Chaplain Rev. Fr. Antonio Perez Jr. (fondly called Fr. Jun by the academic community) through a testimonial lunch held at DLSU-D Centennial Hall, June 25.

During the event, Br. Gus Boquer FSC, EdD thanked Fr. Jun for his four years of service to the University. He emphasized how university chaplains strike the balance between spiritual and academic objectives of a university, a balance Fr. Jun successfully achieved. “The chaplain will move on but his spirit will still be here,” concludes Br. Gus.

Being the first chaplain who stayed full-time in the University, Fr. Jun's first few months in the campus brought him challenges.

“There were days that I felt lonely that I even asked the Bishop of the Diocese then, ‘What I am supposed to do in this University?’ According to him, the Bishop simply responded, ‘Learn to love the people of the community.’ That message struck me and [I] gradually embraced the community and love its people,” recounts Fr. Jun.

Moreover, Fr. Jun expressed his gratitude to the entire academic community for all the support and opportunities provided to him during his stay. He was especially thankful for the educational privilege granted by the University to advance his studies under the College of Education.

The medal of St. John Baptist de La Salle was given to him as token of appreciation to his devotion to the University. Though he is no longer the University Chaplain, Father Jun did not completely bid farewell to the University. He will still be seen around the campus as he is pursuing his studies. Meanwhile, the University will be appointing a new chaplain come July.



# A touch of Venice

The newly inaugurated bridge at the Botanical Garden-Park gives the campus a touch of Venice as it is inspired by the famous bridges along Grand Canal in Venice, Italy. The bridge connects the Botanical Garden-Park to the Picnic Grounds near Hotel Rafael.

“This blessing is simply bringing up to our Lord our request...that all who come here will be blessed, inspired, and energized,” shares Br. Gus during the blessing held on June 10.

He further revealed that a boardwalk will be constructed and more kayaks will be available for the Lasallian community to better enjoy and appreciate God through nature.

The ribbon-cutting was led by College of Science and Computer



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# HK Lasallian volunteers get a glimpse of DLSU-D



Be it for linkages, benchmarking, or campus tour, the University welcomes guests from different institutions from both local and international arena through the University Linkages Office. Recently, a group of Lasallian student volunteers from Hong Kong, China visited DLSU-D for a two-day immersion program and campus tour.

As part of the activity, the group were given the opportunity to interact with the Bahay Pag-Asa residents where the boys taught the volunteers various crafts that they make for livelihood. The delegates also toured the University and experienced the 19th century feel of the different parts of the campus.

## Pause for a shot!

Photo shows Office of the President staff Beth Valerio having her anti-flu shot at the University's POLCA Hall, June 28. A number of faculty, staff, and their dependents availed of the vaccines for flu and cervical cancer prevention. The activity is one of the DLSU-D Human Resource Management Office's health projects for its employees.



# New Bishop of Imus leads DLSU-D's mass of the Holy Spirit



It has been a long-time tradition of DLSU-D to open its schoolyear with a celebration of the mass of the Holy Spirit. This year, the Holy Mass was even more special as it was led by no less than the new Bishop of the Diocese of Imus, Most Reverend Reynaldo Evangelista, D,D on June 14 at Ugnayang La Salle.

In his homily, he reminded the community to maintain an open mind and an open heart to let the Holy Spirit in and to strengthen one's faith in God. Ordained a priest in June 1986, Bishop Evangelista is a former bishop of Boac, Marinduque and the Pope's first appointee from the Catholic Hierarchy in the Philippines. The University is the first school in Cavite that was visited by the Bishop since his appointment.

## Friday is Lasallian Earth Day

As part of its commitment to deepen the values of stewardship among Lasallians, De La Salle Philippines (DLSP), together with the 16 De La Salle schools launched the Lasallian Earth Day (LED) initiative, declaring the first Friday of every month as LED.

Each month, DLSP schools will conduct environmental protection and conservation-related activities based on the month's specific theme (e.g. for the month of July, the theme is carbon neutrality while August is themed Disaster Risk Reduction).

During LED, the schools are encouraged to wear something green, practice



Green Hour (where lights and air-cons are turned-off for one hour), and incorporate the theme to the school's first Friday mass.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic and Research has already

issued a directive enjoining the community to continue the practice of wearing Lasallian Green shirts every Friday. A step ahead, Green Hour is already being practiced every lunch break by all offices of DLSU-D and environmental issues are already incorporated in the University's masses and Religious Education classes. Environmental Resource Management Center and Campus Development Office continually leads the academic community in planning, creating, and implementing LED programs for the University.

# DLSU-D administrators at international leadership program

Three DLSU-D administrators took part in the 7th International Lasallian University Leadership Program held at the Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome from June 2 to 15.

DLSU-D was represented by Vice Chancellor for Academics and Research Olivia Legaspi, Human Resources and Management Office Director Susan Mostajo and University Advancement Office Director Marco Polo. They were part of the 15 member delegation from the Philippines. Together there were 48 participants from 27 La Salle higher education institutions from seven countries.

The program is a project of the International Association of La Salle Universities (IALU). It was specifically designed to assist higher education



Dr. Legaspi, Dr. Mostajo and Mr. Polo presenting the DLSU-D Silver Jubilee Commemorative Medallion to Brother Alvaro Rodriguez Echeverria FSC, Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

institutions in their ongoing programs of faculty formation and enrichment. Participants in the formation program are expected to be resource persons, mentors, and animators of the Lasallian mission.

As part of their country project, the Philippine delegation will propose a project to enhance synergy, cooperation, and collaboration among the 16 member schools of De La Salle Philippines.



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