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Consulate General officials, families and community members attending the Annual Simbang Gabi Kick-off Mass

LOS ANGELES, CA – The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles joined thousands of Filipino Catholics for the Annual Simbang Gabi Kick-off Mass held on 15 December 2025 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

With the theme, *“Come, Lord Jesus, Our Hope and Light Amidst the Darkness in the World,”* the event was organized and hosted by the Filipino Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the San Pedro Pastoral Region of Los Angeles.

The celebration commenced at 5:45 p.m. with the traditional Parade of *Parols*, featuring colorful Christmas lanterns carried by representatives from various parishes across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Consulate General also joined the

procession, proudly displaying a handcrafted *parol* made using traditional materials such as capiz, seashells, and Manila hemp (abaca).



Consulate General representatives parading handcrafted parol made of Filipino traditional materials

The Holy Mass followed at 6:30 p.m. and was presided over by Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, together with concelebrating bishops, Filipino priests, and deacons. Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz, together with Mrs. Catherine A. Cruz and their children, served as offerors of the Bread and Wine during the Eucharistic celebration.

The Annual Simbang Gabi continues to be one of the largest gatherings of Filipino Catholics and a meaningful expression of faith and community in Southern California. END



Consul General Cruz and family during Offertory rites