



POPE FRANCIS PAPAL VISIT 2015 | PHILIPPINES  
*Mercy and Compassion*

Apostolic Visit  
of His Holiness Pope Francis  
to the Philippines

**January 15-19, 2015**

MEDIA HANDBOOK

## INTRODUCTION

Pope Francis, head of the Catholic Church and of the Vatican City State, will be in the Philippines for five days, from January 15 to 19, 2015. This visit takes him to two areas in the country – the National Capital Region (Manila and Pasay City) and Leyte Province (Tacloban City and Palo).

The January trip, which includes a visit to Sri Lanka from January 12-15, is the Holy Father's 7<sup>th</sup> outside Rome since he assumed the papacy. It is his first visit to the Philippines, and to Southeast Asia.

In connection with this event, the 2015 Papal Visit Committee on Information and Media (CIM) has been created and tasked to promote continuous, reliable, smooth and extensive media coverage in order to ensure maximum exposure of the visit nationwide and worldwide.

The media, in all platforms, is a recognized force that can assist in the spiritual preparation of the people before the arrival of the Holy Father. During the actual Visit, media will enhance, through a meaningful coverage, the pastoral spiritual journey of the Pope, one with his people in expressing his care for the victims of disasters. Post visit, the media will continue to promote meaningful reflection toward a change of heart in strengthening the Faith and Hope of humankind.

In pursuit of the objective to support and assist media organizations and personnel in the exercise of their profession and responsibility, this Media Handbook has been prepared by the 2015 Papal Visit CIM. Their coverage of the Papal Visit events should enable all Filipinos from all walks of life, in the farthest nooks and corners of the Archipelago, to partake of a once in a lifetime spiritual experience. It should likewise enable the faithful from all over the world to witness the encounter and interaction of the Holy Father with the Filipino people, giving life to the theme of the Papal Visit, "Mercy and Compassion."

## OFFICIAL ITINERARY AND SCHEDULE OF POPE FRANCIS IN THE PHILIPPINES

### 15 JANUARY (THURSDAY)

17:45	<b>Arrival Official Welcome Ceremony</b>	Presidential Pavilion Villamor Air Base Pasay City
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### 16 JANUARY (FRIDAY)

09:15	<b>Welcome Ceremony</b>	Malacañang Palace San Miguel, Manila
	<b>Courtesy Call on the President</b>	Music Room Malacañang Palace
10:15	<b>Meeting with Civil Authorities and the Diplomatic Corps</b>	Rizal Ceremonial Hall Malacañang Palace
	<b>MOTORCADE TO CATHEDRAL-BASILICA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	
11:15	<b>Holy Mass with bishops, priests, men and women religious</b>	Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Manila Cathedral) Intramuros, Manila
	<b>MOTORCADE TO SM MALL OF ASIA ARENA</b>	
17:30	<b>Meeting with Families</b>	SM Mall Mall of Asia Arena Pasay City

### 17 JANUARY (SATURDAY)

08:15	<b>Departure by plane for Tacloban City, Leyte</b>	Villamor Air Base Pasay City
09:30	<b>Arrival in Tacloban</b>	Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport (Tacloban Airport) Tacloban City, Leyte
10:00	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Near Tacloban Airport
12:45	<b>Lunch with representative group of survivors of super typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan)</b>	Archbishop's Residence Bukid Tabor, Palo, Leyte
15:00	<b>Blessing of the Pope Francis Center for the Poor</b>	Archbishop's Residence
15:30	<b>Meeting with priests, women and men religious, seminarians and families of Typhoon Yolanda survivors</b>	Metropolitan Cathedral of Our Lord's Transfiguration (Palo Cathedral) Palo, Leyte
17:00	<b>Departure by plane for Manila</b>	Daniel Z. Romualdez Airport (Tacloban Airport) Tacloban City, Leyte
18:15	<b>Arrival</b>	Villamor Air Base Pasay City

18 JANUARY (SUNDAY)		
09:45	<b>Meeting with the religious leaders of the Philippines</b>	Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Espana Street, Manila
10:30	<b>Meeting with the Youth</b>	Sports Field Pontifical University of Santo Tomas, Espana Street, Manila
15:30	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Quirino Grandstand Rizal Park, Manila

19 JANUARY (MONDAY)		
09:45	<b>Leave Taking Ceremony</b>	Presidential Pavilion Villamor Air Base Pasay City
10:00	<b>Departure by plane for Rome</b>	Villamor Air Base Pasay City
17:40	<b>Arrival in Rome</b>	Rome Ciampino Airport



METRO MANILA



TACLOBAN

# GUIDELINES FOR MEDIA COVERAGE

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### I. Accreditation and Access

1. Media accreditation and the corresponding media access pass will be provided for the following venues and events which are open for coverage:

#### January 15

- Villamor Air Base - Arrival Ceremony

#### January 16

- Malacanang Palace – Welcome Ceremony
- Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Intramuros, Manila) - Mass with the Bishops, Priests and Religious Men and Women
- Mall of Asia (MOA) Arena, Pasay City - Meeting with Families

#### January 17

- Daniel Romualdez International Airport, Tacloban City - Arrival Ceremony
- Airport Area - Mass
- Gonzaga House (Archbishop's Residence), Palo, Leyte – Lunch with survivors of Typhoon Yolanda and Bohol Earthquake

- Pope Francis Center for the Poor, Palo, Leyte – Blessing of Center
- Palo Cathedral, Palo, Leyte - Meeting with priests, men and women religious, and families of disaster survivors

#### January 18

- University of Santo Tomas (UST), Espana, Manila – Meeting with religious leaders of the Philippines
- UST Sports Field – Meeting with the Youth
- Luneta Grandstand, Rizal Park, Manila – Concluding Mass

#### January 19

- Villamor Air Base, Pasay City – Departure Ceremony

2. There are four (4) levels of media access for coverage purposes, which will determine location and distance from the Pope and the activity.

Level 1, nearest the Pope – 1 cameraman and 1 photographer from the Vatican

Level 2 – Host Broadcasters

Level 3 – all accredited media personnel, including Vatican media personnel (VAMP), who are granted access to the on-site media platforms. Priority will be given to television network anchors and cameramen and news photographers

Level 4 – All other accredited media

3. Each Media Accreditation Card is embedded with a QR code indicating the event to which the bearer is granted access and therefore may be present for the coverage. Thus the Media Accreditation Card is non-transferrable.

4. Media access will be based on the submitted application forms and number of slots available for the specific event and venue.
5. Specific rules and guidelines will be provided for each venue and event, which are to be observed by all media personnel accredited for the said activity.

## II. Media Coverage per Event

The following program of activities for the Papal Visit indicates the number of media representatives who will have coverage access from the media platform or media box for the event. This includes the Vatican Accredited Media for the Papal Visit (VAMP). All others who have not been granted access to the media platform or media box will be accommodated at the on-site media center.

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT / ACTIVITY
<b>JANUARY 15</b> 5:45 p.m.	Villamor Air Base	Arrival Ceremony
	Travel route from Villamor Air Base to Apostolic Nunciature	Motorcade. Pope travels in an open vehicle
	Apostolic Nunciature Taft Avenue Manila	Arrival at Nunciature
<b>JANUARY 16</b> 8:00 a.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope leaves for Malacanang
9:15 a.m.	Malacanang Palace	Arrival in Malacanang Welcome Ceremony
	Malacanang Palace	Courtesy Visit with President Aquino / Signing of Book of Visitors
	Music Room Malacanang Palace	Tete-a-tete with President Aquino

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT / ACTIVITY
10:15 a.m.	Rizal Hall Malacanang Palace	Meeting with civil authorities and diplomatic corps
10:45 a.m.	Motorcade from Malacanang Palace to Intramuros	Pope travels in an open vehicle
	Entrance to Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Intramuros, Manila	Pope arrives at venue
11:45 a.m.	Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Intramuros, Manila	Mass with Bishops, Priests, Religious Men and Women
1:00 p.m.	Travel route from Cathedral to Apostolic Nunciature	Pope travels in a closed car
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope arrives from Manila Cathedral
4:05 p.m.	Travel route from Apostolic Nunciature to MOA Arena	Pope leaves for MOA Arena, traveling in an open vehicle
5:15 p.m.	Mall of Asia (MOA) Arena Pasay City	Arrival. Meeting with Families
6:45 p.m.	Travel route from MOA Arena to Apostolic Nunciature	Pope leaves for Apostolic Nunciature, traveling in a closed car
7:00 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope arrives

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT / ACTIVITY
<b>JANUARY 17</b> 7:00 a.m.	Travel route from Apostolic Nunciature to Villamor Air Base	Pope leaves for Villamor Air Base
8:15 a.m.	Villamor Air Base	Pope arrives and boards his plane for Tacloan
9:30 a.m.	Daniel Romualdez Int'l Airport Tacloban City, Leyte	Arrival Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Apron of Daniel Romualdez Int'l Airport Tacloban City, Leyte	Mass. The Holy Father travels in an open car to the stage where he celebrates mass.
11:45 a.m.	Travel route from Airport to Archbishop's Residence	Pope leaves airport for Archbishop's House, traveling in an open vehicle. Along the way, he stops by the house of a family in Tacloban
12:30 p.m.	Gonzaga House (Archbishop's House) Palo, Leyte	Lunch with Typhoon Yolanda and earthquake survivors
3:00 p.m.	Pope Francis Center for the Poor Gonzaga House Compound Palo, Leyte	Pope blesses the Center
	Travel route from Pope Francis Center for the Poor to Palo Cathedral	Pope travels in an open vehicle

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT / ACTIVITY
3:30 p.m.	Palo Cathedral Palo, Leyte	Meeting with priests, men and women religious, and families of disaster survivors
4:15 p.m.	Mass grave for Typhoon Yolanda victims (in vicinity of Cathedral)	Pope lights a huge candle, prays and blesses mass grave
	Travel route from Cathedral grounds to Tacloban Airport	Pope travels in an open vehicle
5:00 p.m.	Tacloban Airport	Arrival at Tacloban Airport and boarding of flight to Manila
6:15 p.m.	Villamor Air Base	Arrival from Tacloban City
6:15 p.m.	Travel route from Villamor Air Base to Apostolic Nunciature	Pope travels in closed car
7:00 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Arrival
<b>JANUARY 18</b> 9:30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope leaves for University of Santo Tomas, traveling in an open vehicle
9:45 p.m.	Arch of the Centuries University of Santo Tomas	Arrival Meeting with religious leaders of the Philippines Tour of campus in an open vehicle, ending at Grandstand at Sports Field
10:30 a.m.	Football Field University of Santo Tomas	Encounter with Youth

DATE/TIME	VENUE	EVENT / ACTIVITY
12:00 noon	Travel route from University of Santo Tomas to Apostolic Nunciature	Pope travels in a closed car
12:30 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope arrives at Nunciature
2:30 p.m.	Travel route from Apostolic Nunciature to Rizal Park (Luneta)	Pope leaves for Rizal Park in an open vehicle
3:15 p.m.	Rizal Park	Pope arrives at Rizal Park, goes around the area before going up the stage
3:30 p.m.	Luneta Grandstand Rizal Park, Manila	Concluding Mass
5:30 p.m.	Travel from Rizal Park to Apostolic Nunciature	Pope travels in a closed vehicle
6:00 p.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope arrives from Rizal Park
<b>JANUARY 19</b> 9:00 a.m.	Apostolic Nunciature	Pope leaves for Villamor Air Base in an open vehicle
9:45 a.m.	Presidential Pavilion Villamor Air Base	Farewell Ceremonies
10:00 a.m.	Villamor Air Base	Departure of Papal Plane for Rome

### III. Media Centers

Two (2) Media Centers will be maintained for the duration of the Papal Visit, located at the following sites:

- Diamond Hotel (International Media Center) – This is the primary media center for the 2015 Papal Visit, where official Vatican information will be processed and distributed. It will also be the base for journalists officially accredited to be part of the official party on board the Papal plane to the Philippines.
- Manila Hotel (Secondary Media Center) – This is the secondary media center, tasked to provide access to and ensure the distribution of all official information released by the International Media Center at the Diamond Hotel, such as press releases and copies of relevant documents for print, broadcast and online media.

### IV. Press Briefings

- A press briefing will be held every day during the Papal Visit (January 15-19) at the International Media Center (Diamond Hotel) from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- The briefings are open to all media personnel accredited for the Papal Visit coverage. However, since the Diamond Hotel Media Center can accommodate only a limited number, the proceedings will be available live via teleconferencing for those present at the Manila Hotel Press Center.

### V. Media Coverage General Guidelines

1. For all events, there will be a Host Broadcaster in place to serve as the official feed source or signal via satellite, which will be made available to all networks and journalists covering the event.

This Host Broadcaster, Radio-Television Malacanang (RTVM), will be the main transmitter of information on and regarding an ongoing event, and is tasked to make this information directly accessible to the international and national accredited media organizations.

The Host Broadcaster will inform the media personnel of their beaming schedule so that they can receive the feed on time.



2. All media personnel duly accredited for an event will be provided a media platform or media box from where they will have adequate access for coverage of the event, with priority given to the official media pool.

This area will include an allocated space for the setup of broadcast equipment and facilities required for coverage at every event and engagement.

3. Media representatives and personnel accredited for an event are required to be present at the media center or the assigned assembly point at the designated time, and will be ferried and escorted to the platform or media area in time for the start of the event.

Media personnel who are not present at the designated place and time are deemed to have forfeited their slots for coverage.

4. For venues and events where media access is not restricted to the media platforms or media boxes, designated entrances will be provided, which accredited media personnel may access at a specific time as indicated.

5. Dress code for the Papal Visit coverage. A decent dress code will be required for all media personnel covering the papal events. Only those who comply with the dress code will be allowed in the media boxes as well as in the cordoned off areas for coverage.

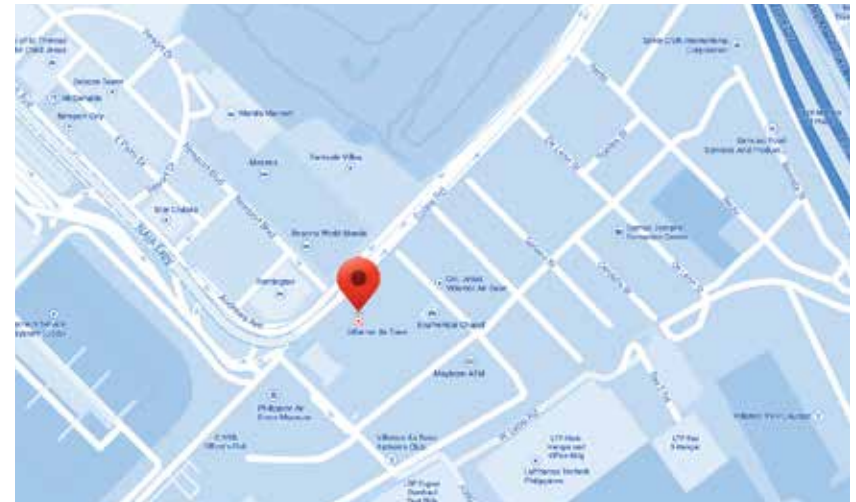
- For Clergy: Black Clerical with collar (long sleeves)
- For the Laymen/Laywomen:
  - Formal Filipino media personnel - Barong for men; Filipiniana for women
  - Filipino Camera Men and Technical Staff: Short-sleeved Polo Barong

*Note: The above is applicable to the following venues: Arrival/Departure at Villamor Air Base, Malacañang, Manila Cathedral and Mall of Asia Arena*

*For other venues the dress code is: comfortable, decent attire but no sandos, strapless clothes, shorts, and slippers.*

## SCENARIO AND SPECIFIC GUIDELINES PER EVENT

### VILLAMOR AIR BASE – ARRIVAL CEREMONY



#### • Pre-Event Scenario

1. All participants in the Arrival Ceremony will enter through Villamor Air Base (VAB) Gate 1 (De Leon St. cor Sales Road.)
2. Only buses with control passes will be allowed to enter and park in VAB.
3. For private vehicles, only drop-off is allowed at GATE 1.
4. Gate 1 will close at 4 p.m.
5. Participants will proceed to the holding area (Hangar 1).
6. Those involved in the official welcome ceremonies will later proceed to the tarmac in front of Bulwagang Kalayaan to await the arrival of the Papal Plane from Sri Lanka and the deplaning of Pope Francis.
7. The Papal Plane is expected to land at 5:45 p.m.



- **Arrival Ceremony (see diagram)**

- **Directives for accredited Media Persons:**

1. There will be two media bleachers or platforms situated in front of the Bulwagang Kalayaan facing the airport tarmac.
2. All accredited media covering the arrival at Villamor Air Base should ingress at 10 am with cut-off time at 12:30 p.m. at Gate 1.
3. The holding room for media will be at the 3rd floor of Airman's Hall.

## MALACANANG PALACE

- **Malacanang Palace Program**

1. Pope Francis arrives at Malacanang Palace at 9:15 a.m.
2. He is met by President Aquino and the official Welcome Ceremony is held at the Palace grounds immediately upon the Pope's arrival.
3. Pope Francis and President Aquino ascend the staircase and the Pope signs the Book of Visitors.
4. They then proceed to the Music Room for a private tete-a-tete.
5. They then move to the Rizal Hall for the meeting with civil authorities and members of the diplomatic corps. The Pope and the President deliver their speeches.





• **Directives for accredited Media Representatives:**

1. Coverage of the Malacanang events is exclusive to the Malacanang Press Corps, the host broadcaster and the Vatican Accredited Media Personnel (VAMP).
2. All media personnel accredited for the Malacanang events will be shuttled to the venue and escorted to the Malacanang Press Center.
3. They will be informed of assembly time and location.

**CATHEDRAL MASS WITH CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS**

• **Pre-Event Scenario:**

1. Intramuros will be closed on the evening of January 15, the night before the event.
2. Entrance gates to Intramuros will open at 3 a.m. January 16 for pedestrian entry.



3. Only the entrance at Burgos Street (Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila side) will be open to vehicles, but only for drop-off of participants along Anda Street.
4. Vehicles and buses with passes will then proceed to the designated parking areas.
5. Persons with disability (PWD), with proper identification, can be dropped off at the nearest entry point to the Cathedral only until 9 a.m. Participants with IDs will enter the Cathedral through the side vestibule doors. All entrances to the Cathedral will be closed by 10am.
6. All streets immediately surrounding the Basilica Cathedral (Beaterio, Gen. Luna, Cabildo and Aduana) will be closed to traffic.
7. Media will enter at door # 3 at the side of the cathedral facing Cabildo St. where IDs will also be scanned.
8. Media ingress would be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. after which no media will be allowed to enter.

• **Event Details:**

1. Pope Francis is the main celebrant of the Mass.
2. The language of the Mass is Latin, English and Filipino.
3. The Holy Father delivers a Homily.
4. Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle delivers a message of gratitude before the Concluding Rite.

• **Directives for Media Persons accredited for this event:**

1. There are two designated coverage areas for the media – inside the Cathedral and outside the Cathedral.
2. There will be assigned media boxes inside the Cathedral and media bleachers outside the Cathedral.
3. Media persons covering the Mass inside the Cathedral may not leave until after the ceremonies are over.

**MALL OF ASIA (MOA) ARENA - ENCOUNTER WITH FAMILIES**



• **Pre-Event Scenario:**

**Entry to the MOA Arena**

1. The nearest drop off points for all participants with IDs are
  - a. Corner of Diokno Blvd. and Coral Way
  - b. Corner of Coral Way and Sunrise Drive.
2. The entrance for participants with IDs will be at Gate C, located on Coral Way. This gate opens at 11 a.m. and will close at 3:30 p.m.
3. The open parking space between MOA Arena and SMX will be occupied by greeters from the different lay groups and movements that will welcome the Pope.
4. Only the greeters who have been pre-selected and given tickets are allowed inside this area, which opens at 8 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m.

### Traffic re-routing:

1. From 6 a.m. onwards, the following roads will be closed:
  - a. Papal Route – Quirino Avenue (east-bound), Roxas Boulevard (south-bound); within MOA Complex; EDSA Extension (east-bound), the Globe Rotunda, Diokno Boulevard (south-bound), Marina Way (east-bound), Seashell Lane, Coral Way and Pacific Drive.
  - b. Sunrise Drive (from Sunset Avenue to EDSA Extension), Diokno Boulevard (from Sunset Avenue to Coral Way), Pacific Drive (from Sunset Avenue to Marina Way), Coral Way (from Ocean Drive to Sunrise Drive).
1. From 2 p.m. onwards, EDSA Extension (west-bound) will be closed.
2. From 3 p.m. onwards, Bradco Avenue (from Diokno Boulevard to Macapagal Avenue) will be closed.

### Parking

1. There will be available parking spaces (with pay) at the following areas around and near the Mall of Asia:
  - i. MAAX Building in front of MOA Arena along Coral Way will be open 5 a.m. (or earlier upon request) for parking for those who have Official Papal Visit 2015 IDs, and/or MOA Arena IDs for the Encounter with Families at the MOA Arena, and/or MOA tickets for the Papal welcome event outside the Arena.
  - ii. Buses may be parked at Block 29, between One Esplanade and the Ferry Terminal.



- iii. Other parking spaces and buildings are open to the general public from 9 a.m. onwards.

### • Event Program

1. Pope Francis arrives at the MOA Arena to cheers and festive singing.
2. Antipolo Bishop Gabriel V. Reyes, chairman of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Family and Life, and a family welcome the Holy Father. A member of the family says the welcome message while another offers the Holy Father garland of *sampaguita*.

3. The ceremony begins with a gathering song, greeting and opening prayer.
4. Three families deliver their respective testimonies – Dizon Family on poverty, in Tagalog; Pumarada Family on migration, in English; and Cruz Family on disability, in sign language with voice interpretation.
5. This is followed by Gospel reading, Allocution of the Pope, and Intercessory Prayers in Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilokano, Kapampangan, Hiligaynon, Waray and Bikolano.
6. The ceremony concludes with the Lord's Prayer and Concluding Rite.

- **Directives for accredited Media Persons:**

1. The Media covering at MOA will be ushered to Galleries 421, 422, 401, 402, 403a, 403b, 404, 405, 406, where there are elevated platforms with railings for SRO.
2. Those accredited to cover the Encounter with Families will be given tickets that should allow them entry to the perimeter areas of MOA. They should enter through Gate at Coral Way where IDs will be scanned.

4. Private lunch of the Pope with around 30 survivors of Typhoon Yolanda
5. Then he proceeds to the Pope Francis Center for the Poor.
6. The Pope then rides an open vehicle to the Palo Cathedral for the meeting with priests, religious men and women, seminarians and survivors' families.
7. Before he leaves for Tacloban airport, he makes a short stop at the Mass Grave in the vicinity of the Cathedral, where he lights a candle and silently prays for the eternal repose of the deceased victims of Yolanda.
8. The Pope returns to the Tacloban Airport by 5 p.m. for the flight back to Manila.

- **Directives for accredited Media Representatives:**

1. Media persons who will be travelling to Tacloban arrive ahead of the Papal plane and will proceed to the media center at the airport.
2. There will be media bleachers at the airport.
3. Those accredited to cover the Tacloban events will be shuttled to the venue and escorted to their assigned areas.

## TACLOBAN-PALO EVENTS

- **Events Scenario**

1. A no-fly zone will be imposed on Philippine skies an hour before the Papal plane takes off and an hour after it lands.
2. The Pope disembarks at the Daniel Romualdez International Airport and travels in an open vehicle to a stage near the airport where he celebrates Mass.
3. The Pope travels to the Archbishop's Residence in an open vehicle, stopping along the way to visit a family in a house in Tacloban City.

## UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS – ENCOUNTER WITH YOUTH

- **Pre-Event Scenario**

1. The following streets will be closed for the event:
  - a. Espana Boulevard from the Mabuhay Rotunda to Morayta Street
  - b. The stretch of Dimasalang to Nagtahan Bridge
  - c. The stretch of Dapitan from Dapitan Sports Complex to Lacson Boulevard



- d. P. Margal from Dos Castillas to Lacson Boulevard
  - e. The stretch of P. Noval from Dapitan to España.
1. There will only be four drop off points for participants with vehicles:
    - a. Andalucia corner Laon-Laan Streets
    - b. España Boulevard corner Morayta Street
    - c. Lacson Boulevard corner Dimasalang Street
    - d. España Boulevard corner Blumentritt Street
  2. All entry gates to the University of Santo Tomas campus will open at 4 a.m. for the participants of the events and the general public.
  3. The general public may enter through Gates 1, 2, and 3 along España Boulevard and Gate 14 along Lacson Boulevard.
  4. Official Youth Participants with IDs may enter through Gates 5 and 6 along España Boulevard.

5. Vehicles with valid car passes may enter through Gate 8 (Seminary gate).
6. There are no available parking spaces inside UST except for those with parking slot reservations.

### • Event Program

1. The Pope arrives at UST at 9:45 a.m. and meets briefly with religious leaders of the Philippines at the Arch of the Centuries.
2. Then he moves around the campus in an open vehicle before ascending the Grandstand at the football field.
  1. The Pope is welcomed by Bangued Bishop Leopoldo Jaucian, SVD, Bishop of Bangued, chairman of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Youth, and is given a garland of flowers by two children.
  2. The activity begins with Greeting, Opening Prayer and the testimonies of three youths:
    - a. Jun Chura, an out-of-school youth
    - b. Leandro Santos II, a law student
    - c. Rikki Q. Macolor, an electronics engineer, inventor of Solar Night Light for Tacloban Typhoon Yolanda Survivors
  3. The testimonies will be followed by the Liturgy of the Word (Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Gospel, Allocution of the Holy Father).
  4. The Prayers of the Faithful are offered in: Ilocano, Kapampangan, Tabaco, Bicolano, Cebuano, Waray and Hiligaynon.

### • Directives for accredited Media Representatives:

1. Media bleachers or platforms will be provided for those accredited to cover the UST events.
2. Other accredited media persons without access to the media bleachers are allowed to cover the event from the football field.



3. Those accredited to cover the Meeting with Youth from the media bleachers will be shuttled to the venue and escorted to their assigned areas.
4. They will be informed of assembly time and location, and other details for the coverage via email.
5. At the conclusion of the program, the Pope leads in praying the Angelus.

## CLOSING MASS – QUIRINO GRANDSTAND, RIZAL PARK

### • **Event Program**

1. Pope Francis arrives at the Luneta at 3:15 p.m.
2. He goes around the area in Luneta in an open car before going up the stage and presides in the Eucharistic celebration.
3. The Mass is said in English and Filipino.
4. Prayers of the Faithful are in: Hiligaynon, Kapampangan, Ilokano, Cebuano, Waray and Bicolano.

### • **Directives for accredited Media Representatives:**

1. Media bleachers or platforms will be provided for those accredited for coverage of the Closing Mass.
2. Other accredited media personnel without access to the media bleachers are allowed to cover the event from around the park.
3. Those accredited to cover the Mass from the media bleachers will be shuttled to the venue and escorted to their assigned areas.
4. They will be informed of assembly time and location, and other details for the coverage via email.

## DEPARTURE CEREMONY – VILLAMOR AIR BASE

### • **Pre-Event Scenario**

1. All participants during the Pope's departure ceremonies will enter through Villamor Airbase Gate 1 (De Leon St. cor. Sales Road).
2. Only buses with passes will be allowed to enter and park in VAB.
3. Private vehicles are only allowed for drop-off at Gate 1.
4. Gates will be closed by 8 a.m.
5. Participants will proceed to the holding area (Hangar 1).
6. Then those who are involved in the official departure ceremonies will later proceed to the tarmac in front of Bulwagang Kalayaan.

### • **Directives for accredited Media Persons:**

1. There will be two media bleachers or platforms situated in front of the Bulwagang Kalayaan facing the airport tarmac.
2. All media persons accredited for the Arrival Ceremony at the Villamor Air Base will be shuttled to the venue and escorted to the media bleachers.



## THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE 2015 PAPAL VISIT

### THEMES, SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

In the spirit of mercy and compassion, Pope Francis embarks on a Pastoral Visit to the Philippines with the mission of bringing the compassion of Christ to those who struggle to rise from the devastation brought about by natural calamities and man made upheavals.

The Pope, who comes to us as a pastor, represents Christ the Good Shepherd who came “to seek and to save the lost” (*Luke 19:10*). At the very heart of the message that the Pope brings is Christ who manifests his love and affection for the Filipino people. The apostolic visit reechoes the mission of the first apostles who “strengthened the disciples and encouraged them to remain true to their faith.” (*Acts 14:22*)

The visit of the Vicar of Christ directs our attention to Christ who “desires mercy, not sacrifice” (*Matthew 9:13*) and one who calls not only the sinners but those who are least, last and lost in our society. As the Holy Father comes, we turn our gaze to the cross, the Lord who is “gracious and compassionate” and bring about in us a spiritual renewal and conversion of heart, transformation as a nation, challenging us, Filipino people, to live a life of missionary witnessing, proclaiming to all the world God’s mercy and compassion.



### Mass with Bishops, Priests and Religious Manila Cathedral January 16, 2015

“Mercy and Compassion”, the theme chosen by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines for the visit of the Holy Father Pope Francis, will be the leitmotif of the Mass he will celebrate with the priests and religious men and women of the Philippines. It will bring to the fore the distinctive role of priests as ministers of and the religious as witnesses to God’s mercy and compassion; that having experienced themselves the mercy and compassion of the loving Father, they are able to effectively fulfill their ministry and mission.

The formularies are taken from the Mass for the Church. The Preface VIII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time is used.

The readings also reflect the theme of the Papal visit. In the first reading (2 *Corinthians* 5:14-20), St. Paul talks about the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to the Church, the ministry through which God reconciles us to Himself through His Son, Jesus. In Jesus, we become a new creation. The Gospel, taken from the Gospel of St. John 21:15-17, shows the encounter of the risen Lord and Peter at the Sea of Galilee. Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love me?” And Peter replied each time, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” This affirmation of love between the Lord and His disciple was truly a moment of mercy, reconciliation, renewal, and faith.

An additional element in this Mass is the *Confessio Peccati*, which aims to illuminate the general theme of the priests and religious as ministers of and witnesses to God’s mercy and compassion. Like Peter in the Gospel, the priests and the religious, through these rites, express sorrow for the sins they have committed against the Lord and His people and resolve to be faithful to the promises and vows they made at their ordination or profession. The *Confessio Peccati* takes place after the greeting with the introduction by the Holy Father.

Instead of the usual format of the Penitential Act where there are acclamations of praise followed by the *Kyrie eleison*, in this rite there will be three prayers that dwell on the priestly promises of obedience, poverty, and celibacy. For each prayer, two priests approach the crucifix: one leads the prayer and the other burns incense in a brazier placed near the crucifix.

Those who will participate in this part will be chosen from the diocesan and religious priests of different ages. At the end of the prayer, a cantor leads the singing of the *Kyrie eleison*, and all priests follow. The Holy Father concludes the *Confessio Peccati* with a prayer.



## Encounter with Families SM Mall of Asia Arena January 16, 2015

The Celebration of the Word of God begins with the Introductory Rites, which include a gathering song, the sign of the cross, the greeting, the welcome to the Holy Father, and the Opening Prayer.

There will be one reading – the Gospel – followed by testimonies of families and the homily of the Holy Father. After the Homily are the Intercessions concluded by the Lord’s Prayer and the closing prayer. The liturgy ends with the blessing and a Marian Hymn.

During the welcome to the Holy Father, he will be given a garland of flowers, a Filipino gesture of welcome and hospitality. As the Holy Father receives the garland, his hand is kissed, a sign of respect for Filipinos.

The Opening Prayer is the Collect of the Mass for the Family from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, taken from the *Editio Typica Tertia* of the *Missale Romanum*.

The Gospel and the Gospel Acclamation are taken from the Feast of the Holy Family Year A (*Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23*), the Flight to and Return from Egypt. The flight of the Holy Family, characterized by a threat to life, settling in a foreign land, and uncertainties, gives light to the plight of families today. This journey of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a source of strength and courage for the family.

Testimonies depict stories of families facing present-day issues namely poverty, migration, and disability.

The petitions in the Intercessions will be in major languages of the Philippines dealing with issues faced by families: migration in Tagalog, poverty and injustice in Cebuano, division and conflict in Ilocano, disabilities in Capampangan, crisis of faith in Ilonggo, war and hostilities in Waray, and mission in Bicolano.

The Lord's Prayer is sung in the vernacular. The Closing Prayer is from the Mass for the Laity from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, taken from the *Editio Typica Tertia* of the *Missale Romanum*. It reminds families that they are leaven sent into the world that as they live amid the world and its affairs, they are called to be fervent with the Christian spirit in building up the Kingdom.

## Mass in Tacloban City Daniel Romualdez International Airport January 17, 2015

The Mass Formulary is taken from the Mass of the Day - Memorial of St. Anthony, abbot. Antiphons, Collect, Prayer over the Offerings and Prayer after Communion are taken from the Proper of St. Anthony; the Readings are from the Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time.

The Mass Proper is in English. The preface is taken from the Preface I of Saints followed by Eucharistic Prayer III. The Prayer over the People in the Final Blessing is no. 10 of *Orationes super populum*



*of the Missale Romanum*. The Opening Prayer and Closing Prayer of the General Intercessions (Prayers of the Faithful) are taken from the Samples found in no. 9, A & F, *Tempore "Per Annum"* of the *Missale Romanum*.

For greater participation of the faithful, the Readings and the Petitions of the General Intercessions (Universal Prayer) will be proclaimed in languages more familiar to the faithful present.

- The First Reading will be proclaimed in Binisaya (Leyte-Samar language)
- The Responsorial Psalm will be sung also in Binisaya
- The verse of the Gospel Acclamation will be sung in English
- The Gospel will be proclaimed in English
- The Petitions for the General Intercession (7 in all) will be in English and the three liturgical languages in the Visayas region of the Philippines: Cebuano, Binisaya (Leyte-Samar) and Hiligaynon.

The following songs (entrance, offertory and communion songs) and sung parts of the Mass will be sung in Binisaya.

- The Entrance Song (Antiphon) will be sung in Binisaya
- The Kyrie will be sung in Binisaya led by the Grand Choir
- The Gloria will be sung in Binisaya led by the Grand Choir
- The Offertory Song will be sung in Binisaya
- The Sanctus will be sung in Binisaya
- The acclamation after the Consecration will make use of the second option (quotiescumque manducamus panem . . .) but sung in Binisaya.
- The Great Amen will be sung led by the Choir.
- The Pater Noster will be sung in Binisaya led by the Grand Choir.
- The response after the “Libera nos . . .” which is “Quia tuum est regnum, et potestas, et gloria in saecula” will be sung in Binisaya
- Communion Songs will include songs in Latin, English, and Binisaya

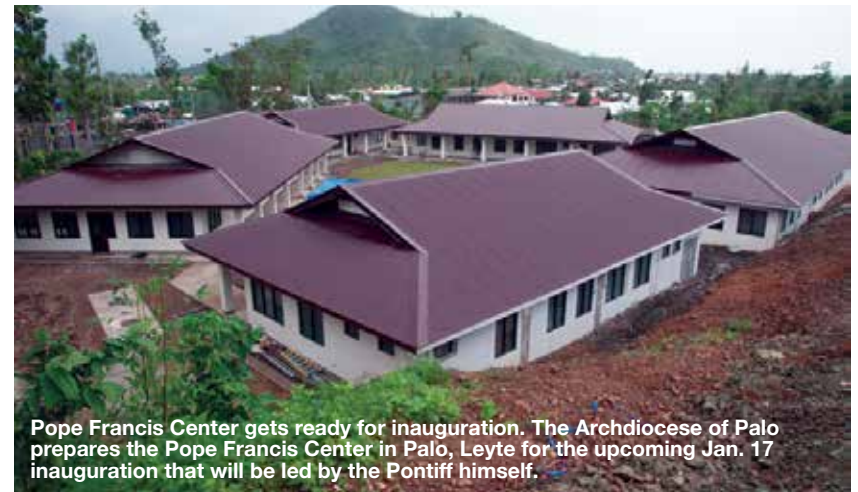
Some notes on the songs in Binisaya:

- Majority of these songs have been composed by a local talent, Mr. Melvin Corpin. These songs have been sung in the parishes starting with the 500th anniversary of the Leyte formal evangelization in 1995; some have been used for the 25th Anniversary of the Palo as archdiocese (2007) and the 75th anniversary of Palo as diocese (2012). So, the faithful in the Archdiocese know them by heart; this has been an important reason for the choice of these songs.
- The texts and the musical settings of the local songs, and all sung parts for that matter, are found as Appendices in indicated in the body of the Mass formulary.

## Blessing of the Pope Francis Center for the Poor Palo, Leyte January 17, 2015

Since the Pope Francis Center in Palo Leyte is a facility for the care of the less fortunate in society, orphans and the elderly including the sick among them, the blessing of the facility will make use of the *Ordo Benedictionis novi nosocomii vel cuiusvis domus aegrotis curandis aptatae* (Order for the blessing of a new hospital or other facility for the care of the sick), found in Chapter IV of *Rituale Romanum, De Benedictionibus, editio typica, 1985*.

The Holy Father says the Prayer of Blessing and a Closing Song follows. The Holy Father will preside over the Blessing on a platform prepared for him.



Pope Francis Center gets ready for inauguration. The Archdiocese of Palo prepares the Pope Francis Center in Palo, Leyte for the upcoming Jan. 17 inauguration that will be led by the Pontiff himself.



Workers on Monday paint wooden barricades that will be used to secure areas that will be visited by Pope Francis in Tacloban City and Palo town in Leyte on Jan. 17. (left) ; A couple walks through a mass grave of Typhoon Yolanda victims outside the Palo Cathedral which Pope Francis will visit on Jan. 17 for his private prayers. (right)



## Papal Audience at Palo Cathedral

Palo, Leyte

January 17, 2015

The Papal Audience at the Palo Metropolitan Cathedral consists of three (3) parts:

- a. The liturgical reception at the door of the Cathedral
- b. Introduction of those who are present: the Clergy, Religious and Lay Representatives of the Metropolitan Province of Palo and neighboring dioceses
- c. The Liturgy of the Word presided by the Holy Father

The **liturgical reception** at the door of the Cathedral follows this format:

- The Cathedral Rector and the priests assigned in the Cathedral wait at the door
- As soon as the Holy Father arrives, accompanied by the Archbishop of Palo, he is greeted by the Cathedral Rector and priests, and the crucifix is handed to him to kiss
- Holy water is given to the Pope, and he then sprinkles himself and those present.

- The Holy Father and party go to the sanctuary of the Cathedral where a kneeler is prepared for him. Meanwhile the cathedral organ plays a processional music.
- The Holy Father kneels to briefly adore in silence the Blessed Sacrament (and everybody kneel also together with him). Then, after a few minutes of silent prayer, the Holy Father goes to his chair.
- The Archbishop of Palo delivers the Welcome Address before the Sign of the Cross.

### The Service of the Word of God

- The Holy Father greets those present (with adaptation)
- Then he prays the Opening Prayer (taken from the Collect of the Fourth Sunday of Easter)
- The Proclamation of the Gospel
- The Papal Allocution
- Singing of the *Pater Noster*
- Final Blessing
- Closing Song: *Salve Regina* (using the tune popular in the Archdiocese of Palo)

After the liturgy at the Palo Cathedral, the Holy Father lights a candle and spends some moments of silent prayer in the common grave of the typhoon victims.

## Encounter with the Youth Pontifical University of Santo Tomas

January 18, 2015

This pastoral visit of His Holiness, Pope Francis, is an act of love, especially directed to the “lambs,” to our young people, the future of the Church and the world. The seeds of faith need to be sowed in their young minds and hearts. Their innocence and idealism, their energy and eagerness, their honesty and hope are gifts which can only bless the church and lead us into “dreams beyond our seeing, [to] touch with flames of kindness the gloom of our darkest nights [to] keep us in beauty, in truth and virtue’s impassioned embrace; Ever your valiant legions imbued with unending grace.”



- **The Enthronement of the Cross.** *“When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself” (John 12:32)* What is Christianity without the Cross? By His Cross, we are saved. Under this sign, we enter and gather, we become Church, a holy community in the name of the Triune God.

And so, we bear this cross, as the clearest manifestation of God’s boundless mercy and compassion for us. We exalt the cross and Him crucified, as expression of our desire to be united with Him, as our embrace of humanity and its hurts, as our act of holiness and heroism, to transform the world, to overcome sin, to pass from death to life.

- **Testimonies from the Youth.** *“I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions...” (Acts 2: 17)* What word can our young people say to us? It can only be the fullness of grace, which God pours into them, urging them to speak “from the abundance of their hearts.” Their dreams, their visions, their hopes for a better world, a better church – that is their Gospel!

With Pope Francis, we listen to them, we learn from them, like the elders in the temple discussing with the young Jesus, about His Father’s affairs.

- **Celebration of the Word of God.** *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32)* God’s mercy and compassion became Word-made-Flesh in Jesus Christ. As the Word of God is proclaimed, we make His word our own – His promises fulfilled, His commands carried out, His will done in deeds of eloquent love, and the heart of the world set on fire.
- **The Holy Father’s Blessing Upon the Youth.** *“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.’ Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.” (Mark 10:14,16)* “Mano po.” The young seeking their elder’s hand in blessing is a cherished Filipino tradition. Indeed, it is a most Christian gesture, affirmed by the gospels. So, the Holy Father now responds to the testimonies of our young people with kind words of blessing.
- **Mission Sending.** *“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21)* The Father sent his Son in order to save us. This divine mission is rooted in love. “In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son” (1 John 4:10). So, Jesus, the Son sent by the Father, now sends us, to participate in the mission of love. May this encounter between the Holy Father and the young truly inspire us to launch upon the new evangelization.

#### The liturgy will proceed as follows:

1. When the Holy Father takes his place on stage, the Chairman of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on the Youth will welcome the Holy Father. Two children will then give the Holy Father a token from the university and a garland of flowers. This is a Filipino gesture of welcome and hospitality.



2. The Liturgy of the Enthronement of the Cross and the Celebration of the Word of God begin with the Introductory Rites composed of the following:

- Processional Songs
- A Gathering Song
- Sign of the Cross
- Greeting
- Opening Prayer
- Short testimonies of young people.

There shall be two readings (cf. 1 *Tim.* 4:12-16 and *Mark* 10:17-22), and the Homily of the Holy Father.

After the Homily are the Intercessions to be delivered in 7 Major Philippine Languages/Dialects concluded by the Lord's Prayer and the Closing Prayer. Then the assembly sings a hymn/song to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Liturgy ends with a representative of the young people, his/her parents and a priest asking for the Blessing from the Holy Father in behalf of the Filipino Youth. The Holy Father imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

3. During the Introductory Rites, some representatives from the youth will carry the Cross to be enthroned in the stage, symbolizing the young people's role and mission as agents of Mercy and Compassion.
4. The Opening Prayer is the Collect of the Mass for the Laity from the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, taken from the English translation of the *Editio Typica Tertia* of the *Missale Romanum*.
5. Testimonies and questions from a college student, an out-of-school youth representative of the poor, and a Yolanda Typhoon Relief Volunteer will be presented to the Holy Father.

6. The first reading is taken from the First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy, an exhortation for the young people to "be an example to all believers in the way you speak and behave." (cf. 1 *Tim.* 4:12). While the Gospel will present the encounter of Jesus and the Rich Young Man, looking at the latter with "mercy, compassion and love." (cf. *Mark* 10:14).
7. The petitions in the Intercessions will be delivered in major languages of the Philippines dealing with the issues and challenges faced by the youth.
8. The Lord's Prayer will be sung in the vernacular.
9. The Concluding Prayer is from the Mass for Charity from the Masses for various Needs and Occasions, taken from the English Translation of the *Editio Typica Tertia* of the *Missale Romanum*.
10. A young student, his/her parents, and a priest-companion asks for the Blessing from the Holy Father in behalf of all the Filipino Youth as they pledge to commit themselves in carrying out their mission and task of becoming agents of Mercy and Compassion to the world, the church and the nation.
11. The Holy Father leads the praying of the Angelus.
12. The young people and the Holy Father will then be led in the singing of the Word Youth Day 1995 theme song: "Tell the World of his Love."



## Concluding Mass Quirino Grandstand, Rizal Park, Manila January 18, 2015

The day of the Concluding Mass of the Holy Father's apostolic visit is the Feast of the Santo Niño, a proper feast in the Philippines. Before the Mass begins, devotees from the Archdiocese of Cebu lead the people in the *Sinulog* rhythm and dance. All those who will participate in the Mass will be requested to bring their images of the Sto. Niño.

The devotion to the Sto. Niño (Holy Child) is the oldest and the one of the most popular in the Philippines. When Miguel Lopez Legazpi landed on the island of Cebu in 1565, one of his soldiers found an image of the Child Jesus. It is believed to be the same statue Magellan had given to the wife of the chieftain of the island after her baptism. The image is venerated today in the Basilica in Cebu. For Filipino Catholics the Holy Child represents a God who is accessible to all and can be approached without fear. The devotion instills the virtues of simplicity, obedience, and trust in God. At the same time it calls for mature discipleship and loving service at all. (Cf. *Supplement to the Roman Sacramentary for the Dioceses in the Philippines*)

## The Liturgical Texts and other Ritual Expressions

The formularies are taken from the Votive Mass “Holy Name of Jesus” and the readings from the Proper of the Feast of Sto Niño. The readings invite us to “encounter Jesus in living out his own compassion and mercy towards our brothers and sisters in need and poverty, in suffering, loneliness, in hopelessness.” Pope Francis himself said: “To meet the living God we must tenderly kiss the wounds of Jesus in our hungry people, in the sick and in imprisoned brothers and sisters. Study, meditation and mortification are not enough to have us encounter the living Christ. Like the apostle Thomas, our life will only be changed when we touch Christ’s wounds present in the poor, the sick and the needy. The path to our encounter with Jesus is his wounds. There is no other.”

The Profession Faith is recited in the vernacular. The intercessions of the Prayer of the Faithful are prayed using the different Filipino languages.

Acclamations are set in music employing multi lingual responses.

At the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, children carrying lighted torches, earthenware vessels of incense and baskets of flowers approach the altar to serve as sentinels of the Eucharist.

At the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration, candles are lighted and the assembly sings “Tell the World of His Love” as the Holy Father sends them to their families, communities and workplaces to be instruments of God’s mercy and compassion.



## The Liturgical Furnishings

The general shape of the altar table, as seen in its elevation, takes the image of hands lifted up in prayer and offering. The hands of the “orante” in Christian art serves as inspiration. The top horizontal member of the table seems to float in the air lifting up the gifts of the Eucharist.

The base of the table with its dynamic diagonal lines, is covered by “anahaw” leaf (*livistona rotundifolia*) as motif. “Anahaw” is the Philippines’ national leaf. This strong leaf with round and zig-zag edge is also used as roof material for Philippines vernacular houses. “Anahaw” not only represents the country but also the strong and dynamic faith of its people. The leaf seen in its half, resembles the image of a “wing”, therefore connotes “lightness” as the spirit and its flight.

The alternating motif of cross and dove. The cross is inscribed in an orb is a powerful Christian symbol of Christ embracing the world. It also represents the mission of the Church to reach all the ends of the earth to spread the Gospel message. Doves are representations of souls, the object of the Church’s mission of evangelization, the *Salus animarum suprema lex*.

The color copper, which is reddish-orange in color, suggests a transition metal with high thermal and electrical property. This color is used as accent to suggest the “warmth” of the Gospel message and the “conductibility” of faith, meaning faith as the greatest heritage of humanity for all generations.

The lectern or ambo follows the same motif as the altar table giving it, the Liturgy of the Word, the same weight as the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The rosette being four in number, represents the Evangelists.

## The Musical Settings

A multi-lingual Mass-setting, the text of the Mass of Mercy and Compassion is based on the new English translation of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal and the approved translations of the Order of the Mass in seven major Philippine languages. The text predominantly employs Tagalog, Sugbuanon (Cebuano) and Ilocano, with selected verses in Bicol, Capampangan, Hiligaynon (Ilongo) and Waray, as well as in English, Latin and Spanish.

Because of the many languages incorporated, an antiphonal-mode has been adopted. The simple and singable multi-lingual refrains or choruses are to be sung by the entire congregation, while the more complex verses in various languages are to be sung by a cantor or the choir.

Musically, this multi-lingual Mass-setting fuses both Western music and Filipino indigenous rhythms, such as the Kalinga rhythm from the north and the Singkil rhythm from the south, and Filipino melodic and chord patterns, such as the Kundiman of Central Luzon.

The aim is to create a national consciousness of unity despite diverse cultural expressions and to foster a sense of unity with the universal Church.



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