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PHILIPPINE EMBASSY AND FILCOM ASSOCIATIONS SPONSOR 2023 SIMBANG GABI IN STOCKHOLM



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Top photo : Father Felipe Baldostamon

22 December 2023, Stockholm – The Philippine Embassy along with different Filipino community associations and groups hosted the series of nine (9) masses of the 2023 Simbang Gabi held at the Santa Eugenia Catholic Church, in Kungsträdgården, Stockholm. The Embassy took on sponsorship of the first mass held on Friday, 15 December 2023.

The Simbang Gabi masses was officiated by Father Felipe Baldostamon of the Passionists order. Churchgoers were treated to some snacks by way of grab bags prepared by the sponsoring group/s for each of the nine masses.

The final simbang gabi was occasion for all churchgoers to engage in fellowship and to share a meal of Filipino Christmas season offerings - lechon, puto, pancit, dinuguan, etc. Everyone looked forward to the 2024 Simbang gabi.

This marks the second year that Simbang Gabi is celebrated in Stockholm. During Simbang Gabi, churchgoers celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and prepare spiritually for Christmas. Many people see Simbang Gabi as a way to offer sacrifices and ask for God's blessings because they believe that their wishes will come true if they attend the nine masses. All nine masses drew crowds of Filipino and Swedish faithful, many of whom participated in all nine novena masses. END.







