



# Communiqué

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The entire De La Salle Araneta University Community mourns the untimely passing of one of its Graduate Studies students, Fr. Mark Anthony Yuaga Ventura.

Fr. Mark, a young Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, is currently finishing his Master of Arts in Education, Major in Educational Administration degree. Together with other young priests from the same archdiocese, Fr. Mark's pursuit of a higher education was borne out of a strong desire to help improve the quality of education in Tuguegarao schools.

Known as an advocate against illegal mining and for rights of indigenous people, Fr. Mark will forever be remembered as a stalwart protector of the environment and of those who are often unable to publicly stand up for themselves.

We offer our prayers, heartfelt sympathies, and deepest condolences to the grieving family, friends, and religious of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao that Fr. Mark left behind.

As we continue to express our solidarity with the entire Catholic Church in the Philippines in its celebration of the Year of the Clergy and Consecrated Persons this year, we are also one with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines in praying for swift and impartial justice for Fr. Mark.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bjorn S. Santos'.

*Dr. Bjorn S. Santos*

President