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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

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To: The University Community

From: Fr. Roberto E. N. Rivera, SJ, President

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**Re: WEEK OF GRACE**

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We thank the Lord for the events of last week, which was indeed a week of grace for our University community.

Last Wednesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we welcomed *Ina* to the Bonoan and Bagumbayan Campuses for her traditional *pagsungko*. We affirmed yet again the importance of our Mother Mary in our Catholic and Jesuit educational mission, and our reliance on the graces we receive through her intercession. My gratitude goes out to all in our University Community who prepared for and participated in the festive welcome for the pilgrim image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia.

We then had our University Awards Convocation last Friday, August 17, when our community was graced with the presence of our awardees: His Excellency the Most Rev. Joel Z. Baylon, Bishop of Legazpi; and the Consuelo “Chito” Madrigal Foundation (CCMF)-Bikol, represented by CCMF Chair Mrs. Susana Madrigal-Eduque and CCMF-Bikol CEO Fr. Wilmer Tria. We were blessed too with the words of wisdom offered by Fr. Joel E. Tabora SJ, former Ateneo de Naga President and current President of Ateneo de Davao. It was a privileged time to have our hearts “burning within us,” and to be moved by the generous witness of our awardees. My sincerest thanks to all who worked hard to prepare for this celebration.

I enjoin our University community to further reflection and prayer over the eloquent messages we received. Our awardees’ acceptance remarks and Fr. Tabora’s convocation address have been posted on our *Insite* and *Exsite* webpages.

May the graces we received last week continue to inspire us in our shared mission.  
*Dios mabalos!*