

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 146
Series of 2020

"AN ORDER REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF SIMBANG GABI/MISA DE GALLO IN TUGUEGARAO CITY"

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the *Local Government Code of 1991*, "states that the Local Government Units are authorized to exercise powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of general welfare";

WHEREAS, Simbang Gabi/*Misa de Gallo* is a Filipino Christmas Tradition where people attend masses held at night or dawn starting from December 16 to the 24th day of December;

WHEREAS, in areas under MGCQ like Tuguegarao City, religious gatherings are allowed up to 50% of the seating capacity of the venue of the gathering;

WHEREAS, it has been observed during the first and second day of Simbang Gabi/*Misa de Gallo* that health protocols were strictly observed inside the church;

WHEREAS, parishioners who were not accommodated inside the church, however, were seen crowding within its vicinity and along the streets without observing physical distancing;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure strict observance of health protocols during Simbang Gabi/*Misa de Gallo* to combat the rise of COVID-19 cases in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as City Mayor of Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, do hereby order the following:

Section 01. Guidelines in the Conduct of Simbang Gabi/*Misa de Gallo*. In case the attendees exceed the seating capacity of the church, the parishioners must be properly informed that they can no longer be accommodated. **No church-goers shall be allowed to stay in the streets just outside the church during the mass.**


Alternatively, parishioners should be encouraged to participate in the mass online.

SECTION 2. Enforcement/Implementation. This Order shall be implemented by the, Tuguegarao City Police Force, Public Safety and Security Office, and Punong Barangays in their respective jurisdictions.

SECTION 3. Violations. Any person violating any provisions of this Order shall be dealt with in accordance with pertinent provisions of law.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. All prior issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended, or otherwise nullified.

DONE in Tuguegarao City, this 17th day of December in the year of our Lord, Two
Thousand and Twenty.


ATTY. JEFFERSON P. SORIANO
City Mayor