

Philippine Consulate General Sponsors the First Misa De Gallo at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver



15 December 2018 – (Left photo) Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria speaks before the Filipino community members who attended the first night of the nine-day traditional *Simbang Gabi* Christmas celebrations at St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver. The Philippine Consulate General was one of the main sponsors for the first *Simbang Gabi* celebrated by Rev. James Hughes, who shared a brief history of the Philippine traditional *misa de gallo* during his homily and expressed appreciation for the Consulate's active and continuous support. As part of the celebration, Filipino food, like *pancit*, *lechon*, *lumpia*, and *leche flan*, were enjoyed and shared by the church goers.



(L-R) Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria, Mr. Carlito Austria, Ms. Abigail Austria, and Rev. James Hughes pose for a photo.