“GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY”

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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

Thousands of people witnessed the opening of lights at Central Philippine University last Friday December 14, 2012. It was highlighted with the release of 100 lanterns in celebration of the 100th year of the University Church this coming 2013, and followed by a beautiful symphony of fireworks display that lit the sky with arrays of colors and shapes. The collective joy of people can be felt as “oohs” and “aahs” can be heard everywhere. It was a sight to behold. We were standing in the field as proud Centralians.

The shepherds in the first Christmas story were in the field tending their flock one night. Suddenly an angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.”

What is this great joy?

J – Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has been born.

Let us proclaim the message of the angels to the whole world that we do not need to wait for a Savior.

What did the shepherds do to find this great joy?

O – Obeyed the command for them to go to Bethlehem.

Oftentimes people who heard the Good News of salvation do not act immediately. They are telling themselves to wait for the last minute like the thief in the cross with Jesus. Let us obey God’s commands for they are not just ideals to be admired but more importantly, they are imperatives.

What is the effect of this great joy to them?

Y – Yield their lives to Jesus and spread the Good News.

Let us be like the Shepherds who surrendered their lives to Jesus, and committed themselves to tell others about the great joy that they have found.

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

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