ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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TO	The University Community
SUBJECT	Response and Reform Committee

In honor of the memory of Divine and Rene, and to strengthen our commitment to the welfare of our community, I am announcing the formation of a Response and Reform Committee. Guided by wisdom and care, this Committee will focus on implementing meaningful and lasting improvements to our institutional systems and practices. Composed of faculty and administrators who possess deep expertise in navigating complex challenges, this Committee will report directly to the Board Crisis Oversight Committee on the progress of their vital mission.

This Committee will focus its energies on three responsibilities:

1. Developing crisis management structures and protocols that will anchor our university's future responses.
2. Overseeing the task force dedicated to recommending meaningful reforms to Ateneo de Manila's athletics system.
3. Implementing transparent and supportive communication across our faculty, administrators, staff, and students.

The Committee is a distinct body from the current Critical Incident Management Team that is leading our immediate, day-to-day efforts in accompanying the families of Divine and Rene and their teammates, coaches, trainers, student managers, and parents. To allow the Committee to remain focused, external public relations and legal matters will be handled by other units.

I am deeply grateful to Dr Edna P Franco for graciously accepting the invitation to chair this Response and Reform Committee. They will submit their recommendations to the Board Crisis Oversight Committee by 19 July 2026.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of this Committee for generously offering their talents to this very important undertaking for our University. I enjoin the entire Ateneo community to support them in their work as we continue to walk together in the service of our mission.

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