ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

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TO	The University Community
SUBJECT	Task Force on Reforming the University Athletics Program

In alignment with the newly created Response and Reform Committee, I wish to announce the establishment of the **Task Force on Reforming the University Athletics Program** and the appointment of **Fr Roberto Exequiel N Rivera SJ** as Head of this Task Force.

Fr Robert will guide the rigorous review of the University athletics program, focusing on:

- An audit of the current state of our varsity athletics specifically evaluating the men's basketball program.
- Identification of gaps and misalignments.
- Translation of these insights into actionable improvements for the University athletics program.

Fr Robert brings a wealth of pastoral and academic leadership to this mission. He is currently Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Program Director at the Institute on Church and Social Issues. He previously served as the President of Ateneo de Naga University (2017-2024) and as Founding President of the St John de Brito College in Timor-Leste (2014-2016).

I am grateful to Fr Robert who has generously accepted the appointment to lead this endeavor. Let us accompany him and the Task Force with our prayers and support as they undertake this vital work.

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