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Baguio City, Philippines – Saint Louis University (SLU), a pioneer in student welfare, has been offering free meals to its students, a move pre-dating the recent City Ordinance No. 96, which mandates free meals for higher education students in Baguio City.

In a communication to Mayor Benjamin B. Magalong, SLU President Rev Fr. Gildert B. Sales detailed the university's Project Daily Bread (PDB), an initiative providing free meals and snacks during exam periods. The project was born out of a response to reports of involuntary hunger among students, as identified by their Center for Counselling and Wellness.

"PDB is dedicated to delivering nutritious lunch meals to Louisian students facing involuntary hunger due to poverty," Sales elaborated. The program began in the 2011-2012 academic year, initially funded by SLU employees and later supported by alumni associations.

Sales emphasized that PDB is a testament to the university's commitment to fighting hunger among financially challenged students, thereby reducing their stress related to economic hardships. The program is sustained through annual fundraising activities and the generosity of the university community.

Highlighting a recent success, Sales mentioned that during the CICM Foundation Week 2023-2024, PDB raised enough funds for 197 meals, with 30 employees committing to ongoing contributions.

SLU's efforts align with its mission to provide quality education and ensure equal access for all students. This initiative also resonates with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and 4 (Quality Education), underscoring the institution's holistic approach to student welfare beyond the classroom. - MAG

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