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Open Grounds, Open Doors: SLU's Green and Open Spaces for the Community

Saint Louis University (SLU) treats its campus grounds as shared spaces for learning, rest, culture, and celebration, in keeping with its mission as a Catholic, CICM-founded institution in Baguio City.

At the heart of the Main Campus is the University Park, a restful green space of symbolic trees, carefully tended plants, and a fountain that has long been a university icon. Students, families, and visitors sit around it to share snacks and stories. The general public has free access to the SLU parks during graduations, special programs, and parish activities.



Nearby, the Centennial Garden was developed in 2011 to mark SLU's 100th foundation anniversary and a century of Christian education in the Philippines. It hosts outdoor events for the Louisian community and for national and international organizations. Its Fr. Theophile Verbist Giant Steps have been the backdrop of graduation photos since 2011.



The Fr. Paul Van Parijs Events Center is an open-ground venue with an LED screen, built for concerts, large gatherings, and university-wide programs. It was the setting for the 2025 Santacruzan and Flores de Mayo festival on 14 May 2025. The festival began with a liturgical ceremony led by University President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, and continued as a traditional procession through neighboring streets, including T. Alonzo Street and Lower Bonifacio Street, where the wider Baguio community could take part in and witness the celebration of Filipino faith and heritage..

At the Maryheights Campus in Bakakeng, the Fr. Raphael Desmedt Athletic Oval offers a pine-surrounded space for fitness courses and athletic training, and the SLU Aquatic Facility supports the Fit-Aquatics course and competitions such as the SLU Intramurals held on 9 March 2025. Both facilities are open to the general public upon request and reservation.



Together, these spaces show SLU's commitment to sharing its grounds and facilities with the people of Baguio, supporting wellness, cultural expression, and community life.









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