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UST Honors Thomasian Martyrs



Bishop Bacani urges the faithful to live their faith (photo courtesy of Assoc. Prof. Pazcoguin).



Bishop Bacani blesses the image of Thomasian martyrs (photo courtesy of Assoc. Prof. Pazcoguin).

In his opening remarks, UST-TS President Br. Sandy Alerta, O.P., stressed that the commemoration aims at “raising awareness on the saintly lives and works of the Church martyrs” who once sanctified the University by their presence and holiness.

Buenaventura García Paredes, O.P., and companions – UST’s purest glory

A conference on two subjects started the conference. The ‘Life of a Martyr’ was given by Rev. Hilario Sicat, Jr., O.P., and ‘Vocation’ was given by Rev. Jayson Gonzales, O.P.

In the introductory part of his talk, Rev. Sicat shared that in the 407-year history of UST, it has produced graduates who are exemplary in their respective fields. UST has produced national heroes, national artists, and even Presidents of the country. Interesting enough, among the ranks of the Spanish Prime Ministers, one also hails from UST.

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The UST Theological Society (UST-TS), in collaboration with the Office of the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs, UST Campus Ministry, and the Santísimo Rosario Parish, held the Commemoration of Blessed Buenaventura García Paredes, O.P., and all Thomasian Martyrs on November 6, 2018. It is an annual University-wide activity in honor of the martyrs of the faith who were, at a time, administrators, professors, or students of the University.

Representatives from the different faculties, colleges, and institutes of the University and visitors from neighboring Dominican institutions attended the activity, which was divided into three parts: a conference conducted at the Paredes Building, a Eucharist offered at the Santísimo Rosario Parish, and a candle-lighting ceremony held at the Martyrs’ Memorial, also known as the Carillon.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Speech Language Pathology faculty members present papers on language development of four-year olds at TRANSCEND 2018



UST CRS Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina Mojica (standing) explains the status of the proposed bill regulating Speech Pathology as a profession.



The Speech Language Pathology faculty members of the UST-CRS (From left:) Jonathan Gerona, Jonah Jerome Katalbas, Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina Mojica, Judith Damian, Marajo Bondoc, Czarina Maximo and Cynthia Quiason



The Officers of the PASP together with the ASHA delegation, including CRS Assistant Dean Ma. Georgina Mojica (standing, 6th from left), Ms. Cynthia Quiason (standing, 7th from left) and PASP Vice President Jonah Jerome Katalbas (standing, 9th from left)

Faculty members of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Speech Language Pathology made their presence felt at TRANSCEND - the biennial convention of the Philippine Association of Speech Pathologists (PASP) held at the SMX Convention Center, SM Aura in Taguig City.

Led by UST Speech Language Pathology Chair Ms. Judith Damian, the faculty were not only participants, but were also organizers and presentors during the scientific sessions.

Paper presentors were Ms. Czarina Maximo, who delivered the research paper titled "Speech intelligibility of typically-developing Filipino-language dominant children aged four years old enrolled in ECCD-monitored day-care centers in Metro Manila: a secondary data analysis" and Mr. Jonathan Gerona who delivered the research paper titled "Lexical diversity and density of typically-developing Filipino-language dominant children aged four years old enrolled in ECCD-monitored day-care centers in Metro Manila: a secondary data analysis."

This year's convention was held in partnership with the American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA). It was considered a milestone as this is the first time that PASP and ASHA worked closely together for one convention. In attendance were the officers and esteemed members of ASHA led by its president, Dr. Elise McFarland and Chief Staff Officer, Dr. Lemmietta McNeilly.

Education holds Knowledge Exchange Lecture Series to celebrate World Teachers' Day



Assoc. Prof. Eric Cheng, Ph.D., discusses "Developing Curriculum Leadership among Teachers for School-Based Curriculum Innovations: The Hong Kong Experience."



Prof. Clarita D. Carillo, Ph.D., discusses "International Assessment and UST's Efforts for Planning and Quality Management."

was composed of Department of English Chair Prof. Camilla J. Vizconde, Ph.D., Office for Student Affairs Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Ana Ruby M. Paez, and UST Senior High School Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction Assoc. Prof. Rodrigo A. Litao, Ph.D.

UST Assistant to the Rector for Planning and Quality Management and UST Graduate School faculty member Prof. Clarita D. Carillo, Ph.D., the second speaker, talked about "International Assessment and UST's Efforts for Planning and Quality Management."

Anchored on Bruno Latour's Cycles of Accumulation, the lecture created a dialogic and shared space between and among scholars and practitioners in curriculum development and leadership geared toward creating opportunities for meaning-making. The event affirmed curriculum leadership as "science in the making" that entails, assuming positionalities to enable perspective taking; embracing criticalities to facilitate decision-making; and understanding epistemologies to promote risk-seeking and taking.

In celebration of the World Teachers' Day 2018 that adopted UNESCO's theme, "The right to education means the right to a qualified teacher," the UST College of Education held its 2018 Knowledge Exchange Lecture Series on October 5, 2018, at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the UST Paredes Building,

attended by faculty members of the College.

Experts in teacher education were invited to discuss topics on curriculum development and international assessment. The first speaker, Assoc. Prof. Eric Cheng, Ph.D., a faculty member of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the Education University of Hong Kong, discussed "Developing Curriculum Leadership among Teachers for School-Based Curriculum Innovations: The Hong Kong Experience." A panel of reactors from UST shared their insights on curriculum leadership. The panel



Officials and faculty members of the College of Education led by Dean Romero (seated, fourth from left) with the guest speakers, Prof. Cheng (seated, third from left), and Prof. Carillo (seated, fifth from left)

UST NCS Research Team presents result of study on current state of catechetical ministry in the Philippines



(From left:) Assoc. Prof. Florence Navidad, Ed.D., Prof. Joan Christi Trocio-Bagaipo, Ph.D., CBCP-ECCCE Asst. Executive Secretary Sr. Ma. Jesusa Enginco O.P., CBCP-ECCCE Chair His Excellency Most Rev. Roberto Mallari, D.D., CBCP-ECCCE Executive Secretary Rev. Fr. Ernesto de Leon, CBCP President His Excellency Most Rev. Romulo Valles, Prof. Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D. Asst. Prof. Louel Baldoza, and Mr. Dennis Ian Sy

A study that investigated the current state of catechetical ministry in the Philippines from the perspectives of Filipino catechists and catechetical leaders was presented by Dr. Clarence Batan during the 117th CBCP Plenary assembly at Pope Pius Center XII UN Avenue, Manila.

A commissioned research of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) – Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE) to the University of Santo Tomas' (UST) Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSD), the study gathered about 25, 905 surveyed catechists and 303 catechetical leaders validated for analysis. This is a National Catechetical Study that covers the years 2016 to 2018.

The presentation highlighted the value and importance of the catechetical ministry and its catechist, even more now when the faith is being attacked. As given emphasis to the Bishops' during the presentation, "*Kayamanan ng Simbahan ang mga Katekista.*" The UST NCS Research Team had presented the national catechetical study on the state of catechetical leaders and the comparative report between national results and each of the dioceses during the archdiocese/diocese

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However, behind these lie the real success of the University – its saints and martyrs, who Rev. Sicut proudly labeled as the institution's purest glory.

Collectively, there are 17 Thomasian martyrs: five martyred in Japan, another five in Vietnam, and seven martyrs of the Spanish Civil War.

Those martyred in Japan were St. Antonio Gonzáles (Rector), St. Domingo Ibañez de Erquicia (professor), St. Lucas del Espíritu Santo (professor), St. Guillaume de Courtet (professor), and St. Tomás Hioji de San Jacinto (student).

Those martyred in Vietnam were St. Vicente Liem de la Paz (student), St. Domingo Henares (student), St. José María Díaz Sanjurjo (student), St. Pedro Almato (student), and St. Jeronimo Hermosilla (student).

The martyrs of the Spanish Civil war were Bl. Buenaventura García Paredes (professor and later Master of the Order), Bl. Jesús Villaverde Andres (Secretary-General, Treasurer, Dean of Theology), Bl. Pedro Ibáñez Alonzo (student), Manuel

Moreno Martines (student), Maximiano Fendandex Mariñas (student), José María López Carillo (student), and Bl. José María de Manila, O.F.M. Cap (student).

Martyrs – the pride of the University

"We celebrate today the greatest Thomasians - great, not because of their achievements and accomplishments, rather, because of their great charity," said Bishop-Emeritus of Novaliches and UST Theology professor Most Rev. Teodoro C. Bacani Jr., D.D., in his homily during the Eucharistic celebration in honor of the martyrs.

The bishop emphasized that since charity is the greatest of all virtues, and the ultimate act of charity is to offer one's life, the Thomasian martyrs are considered as the greatest Thomasians and the pride of the university. They followed in the footsteps of Christ, who was also a Martyr.

Aside from the two Cs of martyrdom, Charity and Christ, Bishop Bacani added three more Cs: conviction, courage, and commitment. He also gave examples in the life of modern martyrs like St. Maximilian Kolbe, a priest who offered his life for his fellow prisoner, and St. Oscar Romero, who

became a martyr because of his struggle for social justice. He also quoted St. John Paul II in his homily during the beatification of St. Lorenzo Ruiz and companion martyrs in Manila in 1981: "To die for the faith is a call for some, to live the faith is a call to all."

"The martyrs may not have known while they were still here in UST that they will later give their lives for the faith. But when they were given the chance, they surrendered themselves to the will of God. We also do not know what will happen with our future lives."

Bishop Bacani ended his homily with this prayer: "Lord, I do not know what will happen tomorrow. You might call me to die for you. But as of now Lord, this is what I know: I want to live for you."

As a culmination of the celebration, a candle lighting ceremony was held at the Carillon highlighted by the singing of the "*Te Deum*" by the Central Seminary Psalterion and the ringing of the bells in honor of the martyrs. This unfolded the University's month-long celebration in honor of the martyrs, culminating on November 28, known as "Red Wednesday," with a Mass in solidarity with persecuted Christians all over the world.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

UST Golden Cross awardee William Austin of Starkey Hearing Foundation partners with Thomasians for hearing aid distribution

The Starkey Hearing Foundation (SHF), headed by 2015 UST Golden Cross Awardee and Starkey Hearing Foundation founder Mr. William F. Austin was assisted by SHF co-founder Tani Austin, his wife in a series of missions in the Philippines that commenced on November 3, 2018. For this particular mission of the Foundation in the country, coordination was made with *Tomasinong Kapampangan* Alumni Chapter co-founder Dr. Ma. Salve Olalia, former UST Health Service director and Program Advisor of the Starkey Philippine Missions.

From 2011, the partnership between the Starkey Hearing Foundation has resulted in numerous missions whereby many Filipinos, including members of the Thomasian community have benefited. Austin is known for his humanitarian act in many parts of the world.

Established in 1984, the Starkey Hearing Foundation is a US-based non-profit organization that collaborates with governments, nongovernment organizations, and health leaders to make hearing healthcare services more accessible. To date, they have conducted missions in over 100 countries.

The Golden Cross Award is given by the University of Santo Tomas to outstanding personalities that include, among others, the former United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director General Her Excellency Madame Irina Bokova, the former King of Spain His Majesty King Juan Carlos I, and former Permanent Delegate of the Philippine Mission to the United Nations General Carlos P. Romulo.

The Starkey mission in the Philippines is an ongoing project of the Starkey Hearing Foundation.



William Austin (left) and Tani Austin (right) screening a patient (courtesy of Sun Star Pampanga)



A Starkey Hearing Foundation representative with one of the beneficiaries of the hearing aids from Pampanga (courtesy of Starkey Hearing Foundation)

UST SIMBAHAYAN-CCPED hold first certificate course in Community Engagement and Organizing



CCPED Director Assoc. Prof. Jocelyn F. Agcoili (front row, middle) and the Director of SIMBAHAYAN and the Chair of Community Development Society of the Philippines, Inc., Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD (front row, second from left), with the facilitators from UST and course participants from HEIs in the Philippines

The UST SIMBAHAYAN Development Office (UST SIMBAHAYAN) and the UST Graduate School Center for Continuing Professional Education (CCPED) launched the first cycle of the Certificate Course in Community Engagement and Organizing on October 6, 2018.

The course started with an orientation given by the CCPED Director and Project Lead of the certificate course, Assoc. Prof. Jocelyn F. Agcoili, which was followed by a comprehensive lecture on the Principles and Foundations of Community Engagement.

The first cycle of the certificate course took place on five Saturdays from October 6 to November 10, 2018 and was followed by a three-day fieldwork from November 16 to 18, 2018. The second cycle will commence in March of next year. The entire certificate course is facilitated by the Director of SIMBAHAYAN and the Chair of Community Development Society of the Philippines, Inc., Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, Assistant Director of SIMBAHAYAN, Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, Assistant Registrar of UST, Asst. Prof. Melanie DP. Turingan, and the Program Development Officer of SIMBAHAYAN, Ms. Abegail Martha S. Abelardo.

The course has 24 participants from higher education institutions in the Philippines who successfully passed the screening procedure conducted by the Community Development Society of the Philippines, Inc. (CDSP).

The certificate course was participated in by faculty members and community development coordinators of UST, together with other faculty members and community development workers from Angeles University Foundation, City College of Angeles, College of St. Benilde, De la Salle University Manila, Don Bosco Technical College-Mandaluyong, Letran-Bataan, La Salle Greenhills, Our Lady of Fatima University-Pampanga, Our Lady of Perpetual System-College Marikina, Trinity University of Asia, University of Assumption, and University of St. La Salle.

The participants received a CHED scholarship which covers the registration fee, accommodation, transportation expenses, and training for the entire program. The CDSP is the partner of UST CCPED & UST SIMBAHAYAN for processing the application of course participants. Part of the CHED funding is a research project which aims to investigate the impact of the said training intervention on

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SIMBAHAYAN Director Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, (standing) delivers lecture on Community Engagement and Organizing with the participants from Higher Education Institutions in the Philippines.

course participants based on three levels: (1) inquiring on their personal and professional growth, (2) monitoring improvements in their ability to help communities bring about social change and improve their quality of life, and (3) investigating enhancements done in order to institutionalize community engagement in their respective educational institutions.

This certificate course is funded by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) through its Continuing Professional Education Grant by virtue of CHED CMO NO. 72, Series of 2017. It has been endorsed to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) for equivalent CPD units. The course primarily aims to provide learning opportunities on the essentials of community engagement and organizing among faculty members or community development workers in the universities/ colleges in the Philippines.

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Dr. Batan (standing, in white) presents the results of their study.

catechetical annual assembly in each of the different areas namely, Tuguegarao, Balanga, Davao (Davao, Digos, Tagum and Mati), and Caceres.

Likewise, this was presented during the 18th Annual Meeting of Catechetical Ministers and the Philippines Conference on New Evangelization (PCNE) 5. The assembly was attended by thousands of catechists and catechetical directors/coordinators.

The Research team, which is composed of Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D. (Project Leader); co-lead Joan Christi S. Trocio-Bagaipo, Ph.D. (co-leader); Florence C. Navidad, Ed.D. (co-leader); Ma. Cecilia L. Balajadia, (researcher); Louell V. Baldoza (researcher); Dennis Ian B. Sy (researcher); Joanne C. Santiago (research assistant); and Arthur Ace B. Malatag (research assistant). With seven Project consultants namely, Bishop Roberto Mallari, D.D. (CBCP-ECCCE Chair); Sr. Ma. Jesusa Enginco, O.P.; Msgr. Gerardo Santos; Fr. Renato de Guzman, S.D.B.; Fr. Salvatore Putzu, S.D.B.; and Dr. Linda Tacord, the research team still has an upcoming series of presentations of the national catechetical state as compared to their ecclesiastical territories such as Manila and Sorsogon.

UST plants 1,000 cacao, guyabano seedlings to celebrate 'Season of Creation'

A total of 1,000 cacao and guyabano seedlings were planted during the Community Service Day organized by the University of Santo Tomas SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office in partnership with the Office for Alumni Relations and the UST Human Resource Department to celebrate the 'Season of Creation' on September 29, 2018 at Barangay Sto. Niño, Tanay, Rizal. The event, Tree Planting and Growing Activity, is one of the annual Community Service Day activities of the UST SIMBAHAYAN in support of its environmental advocacies through cultivating more trees and preserving our natural ecosystem.

Seventy-nine participants composed of faculty members, administrative and academic officials, support staff, alumni, and guests took part in this environmental advocacy activity. The participants included Conservatory of Music Dean Assoc. Prof. Antonio P. Africa, Ph.D., and faculty members from the UST Junior High School, Senior High School, AMV-College of Accountancy, Faculty of Arts and Letters, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Institute of Information and Computing Sciences, College of Education, Institute of Religion, and Faculty of Engineering.

Prior to the actual planting activity, a brief program was held that consisted of the welcome of the participants by the SIMBAHAYAN Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, a brief orientation on the activity by SIMBAHAYAN Training and Community Engagement Officer Asst. Prof. Evalyn B. Abiog, Ph.D., and a demonstration on how to properly plant seedlings by Mr. Christian J. Revil of NSTP,



Thomasian administrators, faculty, support staff, alumni, and guests listen to the orientation on how to plant seedlings properly.

together with the representatives of the Department of Natural Resources (DENR).

The Season of Creation is celebrated annually from September 1 to October 4 by Christians around the world through activities that vary from prayer services to clean-up advocacy actions. September 1 is the Day of Prayer for Creation while October 4 is the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology in many traditions.



Thomasian administrators, faculty, support staff, alumni, and guests at Barangay Sto. Niño, Tanay, Rizal.

UST Museum, NCCA, KASIBULAN, mount exhibition on IP women



A Starkey Foundation exhibition is presented in which the beneficiaries of the health aids from Pampanga (courtesy of Starkey Hearing Foundation)

NCCA Chair Prof. de Leon (third from left) and UST Museum Assistant Director Ar. Sayco, with KASIBULAN artists and members, during the ribbon cutting



The "Kalinga" (Nurture) exhibit

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) Museum, together with the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) and *Kababaihan sa Sining at Bagong Silbol na Kamalayan* (KASIBULAN), mounted the "Kalinga" (Nurture) exhibition at the UST Main Building Lobby on October 27, 2018. This event coincided with the celebration of the National Indigenous People's Month in October.

Intended as a celebration of the culture of the Indigenous Peoples of the Philippines, "Kalinga" featured eighteen paintings that show women in action from IP communities in the Philippines.

Indigenous songs of praise and worship opened the program after the prayer. UST Museum Assistant Director Ar. John Carlo Sayco delivered the opening remarks and thanked the guests and artists from KASIBULAN who showcased their works.

Kasibulan founding member Ms. Anna Fer shared her insights about the exhibition's theme "Kalinga", while Atty. Trixie Cruz-Angeles highlighted the significance of gender awareness and development within indigenous cultures and the active role of women in IP communities.

NCCA Chair Prof. Felipe M. de Leon, Jr., highlighted the values that could be emulated from the indigenous communities, saying that they are, "Makalinga, maka-Diyos, malakas ang loob, at marunong" (Nurturing, God-fearing, courageous, and wise).

The program was capped off with a presentation of Manobo and T'boli dances.

This collaborative project was coordinated by KASIBULAN President Ms. Rajelyn Bustamante and curated by UST College of Fine Arts and Design alumna Ms. Doris Rodriguez. The exhibition ran until November 21, 2018.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS

International Deans' Course Project Director



International Deans' Course Project Director Prof. Dr. Peter Mayer, who also teaches Economics at the University of Applied Sciences in Osnabrueck, Germany, receives the '400 at 800' coffee table book from Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., during the visit of the members of the International Deans' Course to the University of Santo Tomas on November 7, 2018.

Universitas Negeri Jakarta Chair of International Relations

Universitas Negeri Jakarta Chair of International Relations Dr. R.A. Hirmana Wargahadibrata (fourth from left) and Faculty of Sport Science Professor Dr. Susilo (fifth from left) visited the University of Santo Tomas on October 23, 2018 to meet with UST Institute of Physical Education and Athletics officials led by Physical Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Jerome Porto ((third from left) for a discussion on possible partnerships and joint ventures. They were welcomed by UST Office of Public Affairs Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (sixth from left).



ARTS&CULTURE

'Galvanize' of UST Senior High School wins Hip Hop qualifying round; represents PH in Asian competition

UST Senior High School dance team 'Galvanize' was declared Champion in the recently concluded Asian Hip Hop Philippines Qualifying Round – High School Division. This year's competition was held on November 11, 2018 at *Tanghalang Pasiguerño* in Pasig City.

With this win, 'Galvanize' earned the right to officially represent the Philippines in the Asian Hip Hop Competition to be held in Hong Kong in May 2019.

Kaela Madrunio, Jonas Belgica, Keith Anderson, Mico Bacani, Dylan Ruiz, Yuri Miranda, Kio Talactac, Lia Escudero, Niña Reyes, Julia Del Rosario, Kurt Garbo, Andi Lopez, Gab Estrada, Matthan Henri Ang, and Regina Saccalan comprised the 15-member group who competed in Pasig. Their advisers are Mr. Reinhel Angelo Sicat, Ms. Hera Alexan Benitez, and Mr. Jake Morales.

Established in 2016, 'Galvanize' also bagged championships in the UAAP Season 80 Juniors Street Dance Competition and the Novice Division of the 2016 and 2017 Step Up Hip Hop Competition.



The 15 students that comprise 'Galvanize'

BOARD TOPNOTCHERS



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UST Passing Rate: 98.71%
National Passing Rate: 81.84%



3rd – 90.58%
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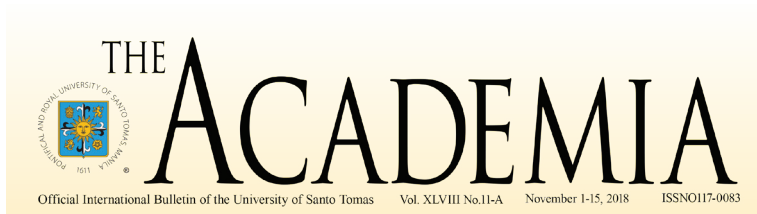


5th – 90.08%
Luisa I. Encarnacion



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