

Four more undergraduate programs now AUN-QA accredited



UST administrative and academic officials led by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., with representatives and assessors from the AUN-QA during the opening ceremony for the accreditation visit in April 2018

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The Biochemistry, Chemical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, and Nursing programs of the University of Santo Tomas recently received the ASEAN University Network (AUN) Quality Assurance (QA) Seal two months after the accreditation visit in April. This brings to a total of 12 successfully assessed programs in the University officially certified since becoming an associate member of the AUN-QA in January 2016.

Valid for five years, this accreditation means that each program has been audited and found to be in accordance with the requirements of the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance Standard, based on the final report received by the University from the AUN-QA, according to Academic Programs-Quality Assurance Office (APQAO) Director Asst. Prof. Marife V. Narcida.



UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., presents a token to AUN-QA ASEAN University Network Executive Director Assoc. Prof. Nantana Gajaseni, Ph.D., during the closing ceremony.

AUN-QA has a pool of Chief Quality Officers (CQO) and professionals from the top Universities in Asia who serve as panel

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Cardinal Tagle interviews a child during the program.

he University of Santo Tomas once again was the primary host of the Philippine Conference for New Evangelization (PCNE) for its fifth year. In its five-day run from July 18 to July 22, the conference focused on the theme "Moved by Compassion... Feed the Multitude." Inspired by the gospel story of Jesus' miraculous feeding of the multitude, the conference intended to reflect on the gift of priesthood - ministerial and baptismal - and the gift of consecrated life.

UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs, Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., in his message to the participants, thanked the many clergy, consecrated, and lay attendees of the conference for coming despite the heavy rain and class suspension, saying, "Your faith inspires the Thomasian community."

Fr. Tiong also shared that, "Evangelization is always in the hands of God. Whether it is evangelization as missio ad gentes, or evangelization to Christian communities, or new evangelization, in faith, we all rely on God's mercy and compassion."

Archbishop of Manila His Eminence Most Rev. Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle read a letter to the participants from the

UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo Tiong, O.P., delivers the Welcome Message on the opening day of PCNE.

Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines and Titular Archbishop of Sepino His Excellency Msgr. Gabriele Giordano Caccia, S.Th.D., J.C.L, in which Archbishop Caccia passed along a message from the Holy Father. "[The Pope] sends his fraternal best wishes to you, your brother bishops, the clergy, the men and women religious and the lay faithful who will participate in it," the letter said.

Archbishop Caccia also shared Pope Francis' prayer "that the participants will be challenged to a missionary discipleship and transformation setting their vision not only within the Philippine archipelago but also to the vast continent of Asia and even beyond."

New Evangelization

New Evangelization is a term first used by Pope Paul VI in his 1975 apostolic exhortation Evangelii nuntiandi which affirms the role of every Christian in spreading the Gospel of the Lord. The term was then popularized by Pope John Paul II. now Saint John Paul II. during an address to Latin-American Bishops in 1983. In anticipation of the quincentennial anniversary of evangelization in the Americas (1492-1992), Pope John Paul II declared that the milestone should spark a new era of evangelization, which "will gain its full energy if it is a commitment, not to re-evangelize but to a New Evangelization, new in its ardor, methods and expression."



Bishop of Kalookan Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio David, D.D., is the main presider for the Eucharistic Celebration on the second day.

There is a call for a new evangelization to those who have already been baptized, so as to deepen and enkindle their faith and to motivate the baptized to reach out to other Christians in need of a new encounter with the Lord. In today's context, this means sharing the Word and the teachings of the Church to people in countries and cultures heavily influenced by secularization.

The Philippines will celebrate 500 years of evangelization in 2021. Yet despite being heavily entrenched in Catholicism for those five centuries, in 2018, "the Filipino Church is bleeding - 740,000 Catholics per year - stopped going to church," said Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal and Leadership Support for the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth in Canada Fr. James Mallon.

One of PCNE's main objectives is therefore to revitalize the Catholic Church in the face of changes in the social, cultural economic, civil, and religious landscapes in the country and across the world.

Conversations with Cardinal Tagle

Cardinal Tagle delivered a plenary talk "Sharing in the One Priesthood of Christ" and led three panel discussions throughout the five-day conference. He emphasized that "the holiness of Jesus [is] a life totally given to do the will of God and a life of total intercession for erring sinners," and urged the public to share in this holiness by sharing and emulating the priesthood of Christ.

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UST hosts

5th Philippine

Conference on

New Evangelization;

Catholics of call to







Rev. Fr. Albert E. Alejo, S.J., speaks during his plenary talk "Moved with Compassion...Feed the Multitude.'

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Assoc. Prof. Rouena Villarama from the College of Nursing (left in black coat) demonstrates to the assessors (in black coats) and Tier 2 Trainees (in white coats) the functions of the patient simulation mannequin that students use.

of AUN assessors in quality assessment. They visited the University of Santo Tomas from April 23 to 25, 2018 as part of the 112th AUN-QA program assessment.

Narcida said that earlier, eight programs were successfully assessed and officially certified. The certificates of the four recently assessed undergraduate programs will soon be released.

UST APQAO is set to apply for the assessment of eight more programs in Academic Year 2019-2020.

Programs for potential AUN-QA assessment are chosen according to their level of accreditation by bodies such as PACUCOA and their recognition by the government through CHEd as Centers of Development or Excellence.

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The Cardinal expounded, "Jesus sets into motion a powerful movement of holiness, of solidarity, of reconciliation, of communion - abolishing all barriers and separation, reuniting people among themselves as brothers and sisters in compassion, and reuniting sinful humanity with the Holy God. In Jesus, a new dynamism is being spread all over the world: 'Have no fear. The distant God wants to come near. Do not run away from the throne of Mercy.' This is the dynamism that Jesus' priesthood wants to share with us and to start as a movement of life with Christians."

Conversations with Father Mallon

Fr. Mallon delivered two plenary talks and led a group discussion. The first talk was on "Renewed Servant Leaders for the New Evangelization." He described servant leadership as leadership by character and cited seven values that one needed to have and prioritize, namely, confidence, commitment, [initiative to] empower [others], courage, passion, trustworthiness, and likability. He also urged listeners to cling to an accountable model of leadership where those who are great must become the least and where real leaders must develop and follow a culture that raises up others.

In his second address, Fr. Mallon tackled "From 5 to 5,000: The Challenge of Pastoral Conversion and Missionary Transformation." He shared information on the dwindling Church attendance and highly recommended a "missionary mode of Church" motivated by self-giving love over a "maintenance mode of Church."

The priest warned that, "When the rate of change outside an organization becomes greater than the rate of change within, that organization will become irrelevant," and said, "Our culture has changed entirely and

yet we still use the same methods as we did in the past."

Fr. Mallon then challenged participants: "Are you more attached to your method or to your mission?"

'Moved with Compassion...

Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines His Excellency Msgr. Gabriele Giordano Caccia, was the main presider of the Eucharistic Celebration for Day 5 of the PCNE. In his parting message, he urged the participants to realize that being compassionate means not looking at people as numbers. "If we want to have compassion, don't look at numbers. Look at people. Each one is unique. Each one has a name. Do as Jesus does. He knows us by name." he said.

"And when you see that the needs [of the people] are so many, do not think, 'Who will accomplish [what needs to be done]'?



Participants raise their fish-shaped bread for the blessing.



But say 'What can I do?' and give what you have and what you are to Jesus. He will perform miracles, not us," Archbishop Caccia added.

...Feed the Multitude'

To cap off the five-day conference, Cardinal Tagle gave 6,000 pieces of bread for participants to pass to and share with their fellow participants, saying that "Jesus sends us to be bread broken and shared for others."

Baked in the shape of fish, the bread was a two-fold symbol for Jesus, who is the Bread of Life and IX/IYY (Ichthys), an ancient Greek word meaning 'fish' that also functions as an acronym for the phrase lesous Christos Theou Yios Soter (Jesus Christ God's Son is Saviour). The fish functioned as one of the earliest symbols of Christianity - a simple and discreet means by which to identify themselves as believers in a time of persecution. It also brings to memory the two fish and five loaves multiplied by Jesus to feed the multitude. The Cardinal said that it is a "reminder of our call to compassion and solidarity."

"Faced with so many kinds of hunger in our world, we hear the words of Jesus: You give them something to eat," said Cardinal Tagle.

PCNE in UST

PCNE first took place in 2013 at Cardinal Tagle's initiative as a local response to the call of new evangelization. With the theme of "God makes all things new (Revelations 21:15)," PCNE I focused



Rev. Fr. James Mallon urges Catholics to renew themselves as servant leaders.



Participants pass the fish-shaped bread to their fellow Catholics as a symbolic commitment to feed the multitude.



Clergy, consecrated, and lay participants of all age groups intently listen to the speakers.

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The Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Caccia is the main presider of the closing mass on the fifth day of PCNE V.



on renewing and rekindling the ardor of faith within the local and Asian context and was held from October 16 to 18, 2013.

PCNE II coincided with the visit of Pope Francis to the Philippines and was held from January 15 to 17 2015, with the theme "Blessed are you... (Matthew 5:1-12)."

PCNE III centered on the theme of *"Awa, Unawa, Gawa* (Mercy, Understanding, Action): The Filipino Experience of Mercy" and was held from July 15 to 17, 2016.

PCNE IV celebrated the Year of the Parish, occurring from July 28 to 30, 2017, with the theme "Of One Heart and Soul (Acts 4:32)."

PCNE has been hosted by the University of Santo Tomas since 2013.

Public Affairs meets Catholic media practitioners from Archdiocese of Los Angeles, USA



Rev. Fr. Griesgraber (fifth from left), Rev. Fr. Southard (sixth from left), Ms. Martinez (third from left) with Dr. Fontanilla (fourth from left), Asst. Prof. Sembrano (seventh from left), and the Office of Public Affairs Team.

he University of Santo Tomas Office of Public Affairs met with Catholic Media practitioners based in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, USA, on July 22, 2018, at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion.

The group was composed of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Restorative Justice Chaplain Rev. Fr. Paul Griesgraber, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Ethan Southard, and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Parish Director of Liturgy Ms. Clarissa Ann Martinez, who are often invited to speak on radio, broadcast, or plenary discussions on the topics of faith.

They attended the fifth Philippine Conference for New Evangelization (PCNE) held at the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion. UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., led the members of the Office of Public Affairs in the meeting. Also present were: Assistant to the Director for Publications Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano, Ms. Shenine Levina Pascual, Ms. Michaela Lagniton, Ms. Christie Elise Cruz, Ms. Basilia Lanuza and Mr. Kennett Roger Garcia.

Fr. Southard and Ms. Martinez were concurrent session leaders for PCNE V. They discussed the theme "Liturav is to be lived: Millenials demand authenticity and connectivity." Ms. Martinez was a resource person for the concurrent session on "Transforming relationships and community through faith tech media."

Focusing on the topic of Catholic media and the way Catholic events are covered, they cited the example of their "Hollywood Beloved Movement," an intentional play on the name of the street, Hollywood Blvd., through which the procession passed through.

The Hollywood Beloved Movement was a Eucharistic candlelight procession intended to not simply just help the homeless population of Los Angeles, but to help members of their community "recognize the right message that the Lord is near and dear to His loved ones." Fr. Griesgraber said. As participants moved forward with the procession, meaningful outreach activities for brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness and loneliness were conducted.

Fr. Southard, who personally participated in the movement, added that there was a need to have a "new way of evangelizing in Hollywood," different from the usual programs which provide resources and services to the homeless population. The issue, he said, is "not a lack of funding, but a lack of meaningfulness." He further explained. "There's a lot of bitterness and despair among the homeless population because they feel that nobody cares. They stopped seeking care because of the way they're treated. If the resources are there, but you're treated as less than a person, like a criminal. then you're not gonna be able to receive those services well." He emphasized the need to look at them like people who need help from fellow people, rather than a potential danger.

The Hollywood Beloved Movement was an answer to Pope Francis's Liturgical Memorial on the feast day of St. Anthony of Padua for the second World Day of the Poor, in which he called on Catholics to recognize the voice of the poor and listen.

Pope Francis writes, "On a day like the World Day of the Poor we are called to make a serious examination of conscience in order to understand if we are really capable of hearing them. What we need in order to recognize their voice is silence in which to listen. If we speak too much ourselves, we will be unable to hear them. Often I am afraid that many initiatives, by themselves meritorious and necessary, are intended more to please those who undertake them than to really acknowledge the cry of the poor. If this is the case, when the cry of the poor rings out, our reaction is incoherent and we are unable to empathize with their condition. We are so entrapped in a culture which obliges us to look in the mirror and to pamper ourselves that we believe that a gesture of altruism is sufficient without compromising ourselves directly."

Fr. Griesgraber emphasized that. "Spirituality is an incredient that is missing from media. [Catholic media and events] need to do more than broadcast, [we must] show that we care about our community."

To do this, he suggested meaningful media coverage such that readers or audiences must

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E Way Chong of QS Intelligence Unit visits UST through CHEd

nouth East Asia Regional Sales Manager of QS Intelligence Unit Mr. E Way Chong visited the University of Santo Tomas through the Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) in coordination with the UST Office of International Relations and Programs (OIRP) and the Quality Management Office (QMO) for the purpose of meeting the QS ranked Philippine universities. The meeting took place on June 28, 2018.

Chong conducted a short presentation on the QS Analytics that consists of four products such as academic reputation dataset, employer reputation dataset, ranking tracker, and subject rankings tracker.

During the discussion that followed, CHEd Project Support Staff Mr. Renz Tibigan, inquired if the QS Analytics presented is needed by Philippine universities for possible subscription to the said QS product offerings.

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be able to "hear Christ's voice inside the crv of the poor," rather than focusing the narrative on what privileged people have done to help.

Ms. Martinez shared that despite being willing to help, most people have the human condition in which there are internal doubts left within them that prevent them from helping wholeheartedly and meaningfully. She said that stillness, the silence of contemplation within a one-on-one encounter with the Lord, helped her overcome this fear.

Fr. Southard affirmed this notion, saying that "Human condition responds to human condition. [Jesus] needs to enter your heart through graceful contemplation and prayer. Let Him shift your fear, your nervousness, to fit His vision."

Dr. Fontanilla concluded the meeting with the sharing that Thomasians are "contemplative men and women in action." The priests added that "contemplation is the simplest expression of the power of God."



From left: OMO Assistant Director Engr. Ong. South East Asia Regional Sales Manager Mr. Chong. CHEd Project Support Staff Mr. Tibigan, and QMO Director Assoc. Prof. Ngo

Chong explained that CHEd's decision to subscribe to the QS Analytics depends on the inputs and feedbacks from the Philippine universities. Tibigan added that CHEd should therefore disseminate such information ahead of time and brief the selected universities that are part of his (Chong) Philippine trip.

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Part of Chong's itinerary included a University tour comprising of the UST Museum, the Miguel de Benavides Library. the Office for Alumni Relations, and the Educational Technology Center. He was accompanied by the Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Asst. Prof. Lorna T. Paras.

Chong's visit to the Philippines is part of the engagement with the government, and he would have to



In this visit to UST, Chong and Tibigan were welcomed by the Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., QMO Director Assoc. Prof. Joehanna K. Ngo, ASEAN Eng, and QMO Assistant Director Engr. Nestor R. Ong, ASEAN Subject.

visit the Philippines twice or thrice a vear. He also invited the OIRP and QMO administrators to attend the QS University Rankings: South East Asia Performance and Improvement Seminar, taking place on August 8, 2018 in Manila.

The seminar, organized by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), best known for World University Rankings and worldwide student fairs, is a one-day event, where participants gain comprehensive insights into the methodologies used to create the QS World University Rankings, QS Asia Rankings, and QS World Rankings by

The participants also analyze and discuss how university rankings impact universities' reputation and international student recruitment; get thorough insights into Philippines' performance in rankings. based on regional and international comparisons; gain better knowledge and understanding of the Academic and Employer Reputation metrics, and how they impact universities' performance. Registration to the event is free to all academic officials and administrators from Philippine universities.

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Bernardo of Graduate School delivers papers on linguistic landscape, Philippine English at two international conferences

Raduate School Faculty Secretary Assoc. Prof. Alejandro S. Bernardo, Ph.D., presented a paper during the 22nd Sociolinguistics Symposium (SS22) held from June 27 to 30, 2018 at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Bernardo presented a paper "A Look into the Linguistic Landscape of Manila Chinatown: The Role of Language and Language Ideologies." The paper was presented on behalf of his co-author and mentee, Eena Maxine A, Jazul, a graduate of UST under the AB English Language Studies Program of Faculty of Arts and Letters. The study, which examines language and language ideologies mirrored in the public signs found in the landscape of Binondo Chinatown, recently found print in the 2017 issue of the Philippine Journal of Linguistics (PJL) published by the Linguistic Society of the Philippines (LSP). Bernardo teaches at the Graduate School and at the Faculty of Arts and Letters.

The SS22 was attended by over 900 participants from across the globe. Countless papers were presented either in a themed panel, a colloquium or in individual paper presentations. Since its early beginnings, the Sociolinguistics Symposium has become the premier international sociolinguistics conference. In 2002, the symposium was first held in continental Europe and 2018 sees it held for the first time outside of Europe and in the Southern Hemisphere. This year's theme is "Crossing Borders: South, North, East, West."

The keynote speakers were renowned sociolinguists Prof. Allan Bell (Auckland University of Technology), Prof. Anna de Fina (Georgetown University), Prof. Rawinia Higgins (Victoria University of Wellington), Prof. Janet Holmes (Victoria University of Wellington), and Prof. Rita Kotari (Ashoka University).

In another international conference, Bernardo presented a paper and was part of the panel on Philippine English at the 23rd International Association for World Englishes (IAWE) conference held at the Ateneo de Manila University from May 31 to June 2. IAWE endeavors to forge links among those who are involved with any aspect of World Englishes in research and/or teaching. IAWE conferences focus on global issues relating to three major aspects of World Englishes: language, literature, and pedagogy.

On the first day of the IAWE conference, Bernardo presented his paper titled "Teaching (in) Philippine English." He



proposed an endocentric model for teaching English in the Philippine ESL classrooms. The same paper is coming out as a chapter in the Handbook of Philippine English edited by Dr. Ariane Borlongan and published by Routledge in 2019.

The other members of the themed panel were Filipino linguists: Dr. Isabel Martin (Ateneo de Manila University), Dr. Priscilla Cruz (Ateneo de Manila University), Dr. Potch Valdez (De La Salle University), Dr. Ruanni Tupas (National Institute of Education, Singapore) and Dr. Ariane Borlongan (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies).

UST Physical Therapy conducts seminar-workshop on Stroke Rehabilitation in Koronadal City



UST-CRS faculty members and facilitators (from left) Ms. Maya, Mr. Cruz, Department of Physical Therapy Chair Ms. Regino, and Ms. Versales

he UST CRS Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee in collaboration with the Dr. Arturo P. Pingoy Medical Center conducted a seminar-workshop on Evidence-Based Examination and Intervention in Stroke Rehabilitation in Koronadal City, Mindanao from July 14 to 15, 2018.

Physical Therapy Department Chair Ms. Jocel Regino together with CRS faculty members Ms. Cristine Rose Versales, Ms. Arlene Chiong Maya, and Mr. Christopher Cruz conducted the lectures and facilitated the workshop. The two-day event covered topics on steps in evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning and searching, and basics in statistics. During the workshop, the participants were divided into groups to give them the chance to search and critically appraise journal articles and to apply valid and reliable outcome measure tools in Stroke Rehabilitation. This was an effort to provide Filipino physical therapists in Mindanao an opportunity to update themselves with the current trends in Stroke Rehabilitation.



UST Singers with Prof. Calalang (center, standing) in Copenhagen

he University of Santo Tomas Singers, the University's premiere chorale, is currently in its 34th international concert tour.

The UST Singers, under the baton of Prof. Fidel Gener Calalang Jr., held concerts that received numerous standing ovations and clamor for encores in Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and Spain. They have been praised with much acclaim by numerous critics from different news publications across Europe.

The two-time choir of the world winner was invited to perform on July 24 as guest artist to open the 64th edition of the prestigious Certamen Internacional de Habaneras y Polifonia in Torrevieja, Spain, where the choir won the top prizes in 2010 including the Premio de

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UST Singers wows audiences across Europe in its 34th Int'l Concert tour

The UST Singers performs for a full crowd at Bad Harzburg, Germany

Habaneras, Premio del Publico, and Premio Intercontinental for garnering the highest points in both the Habaneras and Polyphony categories. The said competition is one of the oldest and highly regarded choral competitions since its foundation in 1955. The choir showcased a virtuosic repertoire ranging from sacred, classical, international, folk, broadway, and spiritual genres.

The group performed as guest artist in the 39th Festival Internacional de Cant Coral Catalunya Centre in Castellbell, Spain together with choirs from other parts of the world. On July 19, the UST Singers performed at the Basilica de Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain, making it the first Filipino choir to perform inside the historical Basilica designed by worldrenowned architect, Antoni Gaudí. The choir sang at the medieval Basilica de Montserrat in Catalonia, Spain, a famous pilgrim site in the region which houses the Black Madonna. The Singers was also a featured artist at the International Music Festival in the St. Blasien Cathedral in Black Forest in Baden-Württemburg, Germany, one of the largest dome cathedrals in Europe.

The UST Singers was founded in 1992 by Prof. Fidel G. Calalang Jr., and has since represented the Philippines in 23 international choral competitions, garnering a total of 82 top prizes. Most notably, the Singers is the only choir to have won twice the most coveted Choir of the World-Luciano Pavarotti Grand Prize in Wales, the United Kingdom, in 1995 and 2010.

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College of Architecture Dean Rodolfo P. Ventura (left) presents a Pope Francis coffee table book to Amb. Khovaev.



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