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## UST hosts Philippine Conference on New Evangelization 4



Cardinal Tagle is main presider at PCNE opening mass.



Cardinal Tagle and Hon. Yoshihiro Shintani of Toyono, Japan lead the opening of the exhibit on migrants and martyrs.

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Now on its fourth year, the University of Santo Tomas hosted the Philippine Conference on New Evangelization (PCNE) 4 held at the Quadricentennial Pavilion from July 28 to 30, 2017. According to PCNE organizers, more than 6,000 participants attended the conference, the biggest number so far in the four years that the conference is being held.

Office of the Promotion of the New Evangelization Director Fr. Jason Laguerta, said that the participants consisted of priests, lay people, students, youth, catechists, members of other communities and organizations and participants from other dioceses in the Philippines.

The theme for this year's PCNE is "Of One Heart and Soul (Acts 4:32)," and is aimed to celebrate the Year of the Parish as Communion of Communities as declared by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

Archbishop Salvatore Rino Fisichella, D.D., president of the

Pontifical Council on Promoting New Evangelization, delivered the keynote message on the theme "Being Christian in the age of indifference" during the second day of PCNE 4, July 29 while Archbishop Bernardito Auzo, D.D., the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations talked on the topic "The role of the Church among community of nations" on the third day, July 30.

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, D.D., who presided over the opening mass on the first day, on June 28, held his much-awaited stories of conversion in his "Heart to Heart with Cardinal Chito" segment. His celebrity guests were Dimples Romana, Dingdong Dantes and Alden Richards.

The life of Blessed Justus Takayama Ukon, San Lorenzo Ruiz and other martyrs was recalled in an exhibition titled "Ecclesia Peregrinans: Refugees, Migrants, and Martyrs of Manila" was opened with Cardinal Tagle and Hon. Yoshihiro

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# Japanese martyr in PH honored at rites in UST



Fr. Miranda (fourth from left) with UST administrators and guests after the blessing rites. (From left) Mr. Nakamura of JICA, Ms. Imaizumi, Ms. Nepomuceno, Dr. Ernest de Pedro, Dean Madrunio, Hon. Shintani, Mr. Ohnishi, and Prof. Jose



The Blessed Takayama Ukon Sanctuary at the UST Graduate School



Fr. Miranda, O.P., during the blessing rites of the marker for Blessed Takayama Ukon given by the people of Toyono, Japan brought by Hon. Yoshihiro Shintani (in grey suit) and Mr. Takaki Ohnishi.



Organizers and guests: (from left) Mr. Nakamura, Ms. Nepomuceno, Dr. Imelda Dakis, Executive Assistant of the Office of the Secretary-General, Hon. Shintani, OPA Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, and Ms. Imaizumi

Blessed Justus Takayama Ukon, a Japanese migrant who was exiled and died in Manila when the practice of Christianity was forbidden in Japan, was honored by officials from his birthplace and officials from the University of Santo Tomas, in a ceremony held in the morning of July 29, 2017, at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex, University of Santo Tomas. Honorable Yoshihiro Shintani, Toyono Superintendent of Education, Osaka, Japan together with officials from Takayama's birthplace gave a marker to UST that is made of granite, a kind of stone that is found in the town of Toyono.

The blessing and installation of the 100-kilo marker took place at the BI. Justus Takayama's sanctuary, located at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex garden. The ceremony was led by UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., and Mr. Shintani together with Mr. Takaki Ohnishi and Ms. Megumi Imaizumi, both from the Toyono-

cho Government Office. Director Ken Nakamura of the Japan Information and Cultural Center and officials from other Japanese agencies in the Philippines, and officials from the University of Santo Tomas were present. Ms. Maria Leona DG. Nepomuceno, the Tourism Attaché of the Philippine Department of Tourism for West Japan was also in the Philippines to witness the event. She coordinated the transport of the marker from Japan to UST.

UST Graduate School Dean Dr. Marilu R. Madrunio, Faculty Secretary Dr. Bernardo Alejandro and Director for Graduate Research Dr. Grecebio Jonathan Alejandro attended the installation ceremony. University Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José, who was consultant for an exhibition held in UST on the life of Lord Takayama as part of the martyrs for the faith, was also at the event. Dr. Ernesto de Pedro, managing trustee of the Lord Takayama Jubilee Foundation was also present.

Ukon Takayama, called "the Japanese Servant of God" was beatified as the "Samurai of Christ" on February 7, 2017 in Osaka, Japan after Pope Francis signed the decree for his beatification.

Takayama and his entourage of 300 followers arrived in Intramuros in 1614. Upon his arrival, he presented to the Dominican community in Manila a statue of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, later known as "La Japonesa," which is still enshrined at the Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City. A statue of Bl. Takayama is found at the University of Santo Tomas. Takayama died of violent fever in Intramuros on February 1615, 44 days after being exiled in Manila for refusing to renounce his Catholic faith.

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Heart to Heart with the Cardinal



Archbishop Fisichella with Cardinal Tagle at the Closing Mass.



Archbishop Auza discusses the role of the Church in a community of nations.



One of the workshop sessions



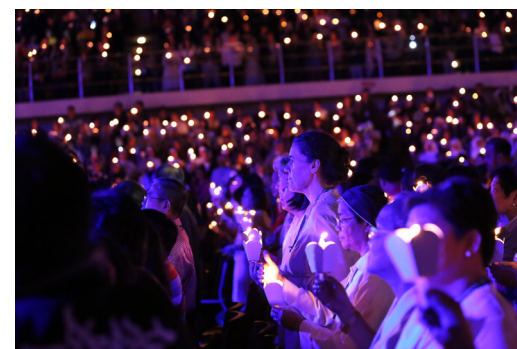
Archbishop Fisichella delivers the plenary speech.



On the foreground are the bishops and priests on a processional for the second day mass and on the background is part of the huge crowd of 6,000, the biggest in PCNE's history.



UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla and DZMM Teleradyo Anchor Bro. Jun Banaag, O.P. lead the ceremony of the light as part of the Closing Eucharistic Celebration.



Candles are lit during the Mission-sending ceremonies.

Shintani, Superintendent of Education of Toyono, Osaka, Japan together with Mr. Takaki Ohnishi and Ms. Megumi Imaizumi, officials from the Toyono-cho Government Office as special guests. Blessed Takayama was born in Toyono, Osaka.

The exhibition was prepared by UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José as consultant and curator and his team from UST that included researcher-writers from the UST Central Seminary Sem. Elson Santos, Sem. Marti Sandino Espenido, and Sem. Paul Obispo. Mr. Jonathan Gamalinda, an alumnus from the College of Fine Arts and Design, prepared the lay-out design.

The second day of the conference focused on the theme "Making Room" where challenges that the Church, as a community of disciples of Jesus, have to face today, were discussed. The third day of PCNE 4, aptly themed "Embracing Mission," tackled the primary tasks of Christians as missionary disciples.

Ten tracks of concurrent sessions on school, catechist, family, youth, new media and evangelization, social justice, new movements, ecology, interreligious/intercultural/ecumenical, and parish/BEC were conducted. Among the speakers in the concurrent sessions were Cotabato Archbishop Orlando B. Cardinal Quevedo, Caloocan Bishop Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., Balanga, Bataan Bishop Ruperto C. Santos, D.D., Bro. Bo Sanchez, Chairman of the Shepherd's Voice Radio and TV Foundation.

The first PCNE took place in 2013. Cardinal Tagle, PCNE's primary mover, introduced it to the people as a local response to the call of new evangelization. It was held from October 16 to 18, 2013 at the University of Santo Tomas with the theme "God makes all things new (Rev 21:5)". PCNE I focused on rekindling the ardor of evangelization and renewal of faith experience in the local and Asian context.

The second PCNE was held from January 15 to 17, 2015 to coincide with the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Philippines. The theme of PCNE II at the University of Santo Tomas was "Blessed are you... (Matthew 5:1-12)."

For PCNE 3 the theme was "Awa, Unawa, Gawa: The Filipino Experience of Mercy." It was held from July 15 to 17, 2016 at the University of Santo Tomas.



## UST meets with PH envoy to Singapore, heads of institutions; plans for collaboration discussed



Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (fifth from left) together with the UST Office of Public Affairs paid a courtesy call on HE Antonio A. Morales, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Singapore (fourth from left) at the Philippine Embassy.

UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., and the Office of Public Affairs headed by Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, one of the offices directly under the supervision of the Office of the Secretary General visited various agencies, academic institutions and a media network in Singapore from June 29 to July 2, 2017 for a benchmarking visit.

The initial activity for the UST group was the meeting with Consul General Victorio Mario M. Dimagiba, Jr. and paid a courtesy call on HE Antonio A. Morales, Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines to Singapore at the Philippine Embassy in Nassim Road on June 29, 2017. The UST group consisted of Fr. Miranda, Office of Public Affairs director, Asst. to the Director for Public Affairs Asst. Prof. Lorna T. Paras, Asst. to the Director for Publication Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano, Ms. Michaela O. Lagniton, Ms. Basilia A. Lanuza, and Mr. Kennett Roger T. Garcia, members of the staff who are involved with media, visit and event management and publication lay-out design, respectively.

In the afternoon of the same day, the group met with the Asia-Europe Foundation

(ASEF). Project Executive of the Education Department Mr. Oscar Bojje and Deputy Executive Director Mr. Sun Xyangyang and exchanged ideas with Fr. Miranda and Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla on possible areas of collaboration. One of ASEF's thrusts is developing student leaders and it partners with different academic institutions in various parts of the world. ASEF is an intergovernmental, not-for-profit organization located in Singapore. It promotes dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across the thematic areas of culture, economy, education, governance, public health and sustainable development.

A meeting with the producers of the TV program 'Between the Lines,' Mr. Lewa Pardomuan and Mr. Andy Ho under Channel NewsAsia (CNA) was held on June 30 at the newly constructed MediaCorp complex. MediaCorp is Singapore's leading media company that includes television, radio, newspapers, magazines, movies, digital and out-of-home media. Channel NewsAsia is a Singaporean English language Asian cable television news agency and news channel established by MediaCorp. In 2016, the Office of Public Affairs facilitated

the taping by CNA of an episode for the program 'Between the Lines.' Resource speakers were Filipino experts that included UST Simbahayan Community Development Office Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD.

Part of the official itinerary of the UST group was a meeting with the Corporate Communication group of the National University of Singapore (NUS), one of Asia's top universities. Publicity efforts and publication were the topics discussed. Participating in the discussion from NUS were Ms. Ovidia Lim-Rajaram, Chief Communications Officer, Ms. Fun Yip, director for Media Relations, Ms. Santie Pillai, deputy director for Internal Communications, Ms. Mariana Fitriany Sahaimi, associate director for Special Events and Visits, Ms. Arlene Tan, associate director for Strategic Communications, Ms. Sharon Jane Roberts, senior manager for the NUS News, and Mr. Johann Loke, associate director and head of visits. A tour of NUS was facilitated by Mr. Loke.

Dr. Edson Tandoc, Jr., a Filipino who teaches at the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information of the

Nanyang Technological University, gave the UST group on July 1, a brief overview of the school's history and policies. During the tour of NTU, Dr. Tandoc explained the features of the different buildings, with unique architectural designs that match their function. Dr. Tandoc also brought the group to the Art Design and Media building, a structure that is mostly made of glass with its rooftop planted to grass, and to the now-social-media-famous Hive building for a souvenir shot.

The Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla and the UST contingent included Fr. Miranda, Asst. to the Director for Public Affairs Lorna T. Paras, Asst. to the Director for Publication Virginia A. Sembrano, Michaela O. Lagniton, Basilia A. Lanuza and Kennett Roger T. Garcia. Lagniton is assistant for media and events, Lanuza is in-charge of visit management, while Garcia handles publication lay-out and physical arrangement for events.



The UST delegation at the National University of Singapore (NUS)

Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. and the UST Office of Public Affairs at the Nanyang Technological University



Fr. Miranda and the Office of Public Affairs team at the Channel News Asia studio.



From left: Mr. Oscar Bojje, ASEF Project Executive of the Education Department; Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., UST Secretary-General; Mr. Sun Xyangyang, ASEF Deputy Executive Director; and Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, UST Office of Public Affairs Director

## Public Relations Society of the Philippines Committee meets in UST

On July 11, 2017, the Professional Development Committee Meeting of the Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP) was hosted by the University of Santo Tomas in the Rector's Hall. Present during these proceedings were Ms. Connie Kalagayan, Assistant Vice President for Corporate Affairs of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, Ms. Ritzi Ronquillo, Vice President for Corporate Communications of Holcim Philippines, Ms. Lourdes De Guzman, PRSP Secretariat, Mr. Edgar Timbungco, Professor at De La Salle University - College of Saint Benilde and San Beda College, Mr. Tony Nebrida, Freelance Media Practitioner, and Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Director of Public Affairs of the University of Santo Tomas, who is also Chair of the PRSP Professional Development committee.

The meeting aimed to finalize proposals for seminars for both members and non-members of PRSP for 2017-2018. The four seminars planned were, "PR Speech Writing Workshop" set for October 19, 2017, "PR for All Seasons: Preparing Key Messages for All Occasions" for October 26, 2017, "Enhancing Your Corporate Image" for November 9, 2017, and "Getting Ready for the Unexpected" for November 16, 2017.



The Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP) Professional Development Committee (From left:) Ms. Ritzi Villarico Ronquillo, Vice President and Head of Communication and Corporate Affairs, Holcim Philippines; Mr. Ed Timbungco, Chair, PRSP Professional Development Committee and Faculty Member of De La Salle College of St. Benilde and San Beda College; Mr. Tony Nebrida, Independent Communication Counselor; Ms. Connie Kalagayan, Vice President for Corporate Affairs, The Philippine Daily Inquirer; and Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Chair, PRSP Professional Development Committee and Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs



# LECTURES&CONFERENCES

## Fr. Pama presents papers on Filipino culture, history at regional conferences in Asia

Institute of Information and Computing Sciences Regent and Assistant Professor at the Ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy Rev. Fr. Hermel O. Pama, O.P., presented the Cebuano's tradition through a paper titled "Fasting and Feasting: Examining Exhibiting Exemption from Taboo in Bantayan Island Cebu, Philippines," during the 7th International Conference of the South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR) held on July 9, 2017. The conference theme was "ASEAN Region's Culture and Religion by the end of 21st Century: A Dialogue of Past with Present?"

The paper discussed the justifications for the claim of the locals of the Bantayan Island, Cebu regarding their alleged exemption from the Catholic Lenten practices of fasting because of an extant document that is written in Spanish and is dated 1840. The paper does a close reading of the text and argues on how that reading could provide an opening for a better understanding of Philippine historiography.

A Bicolano himself and a graduate of Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of the Philippines, Fr. Pama has conducted an extensive study on the culture and history of Bicol's coastal villages. A portion of that study was presented at the Chinese University of Hong Kong during the conference on "Southeast Asia in Evolution: Trans-Pacific Agency and the City" held June on 23 and 24, 2017.

Fr. Pama's paper uncovered the stories of the 'old cities' that have now disappeared; it told of the people's struggles and



Fr. Pama presents his paper at the conference

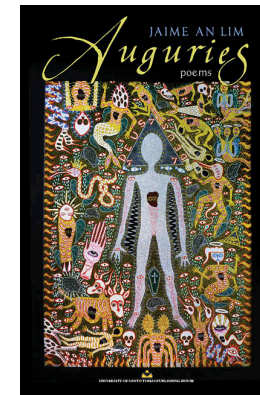
the way the surviving local folks have faced their circumstances in a life that revolved around the industrial modernity that was introduced by the technology of foreign powers, like the railway and steamships used by the United States in order to boost the production of lumber which was a major commodity of the Americans during their process of rebuilding after the First World War. Fr. Pama's paper provided clues for a better appreciation of the people and their culture, and a deeper understanding of their history, and their link to other local cultures, particularly with the people of the Visayas, even on those times prior to the coming of foreign powers who claimed to have introduced to us the notion of a nation.



Fr. Pama (10th from left) with the other participants of the conference that includes UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José (fifth from left)

# ARTS&CULTURE

## UST Publishing House latest title releases



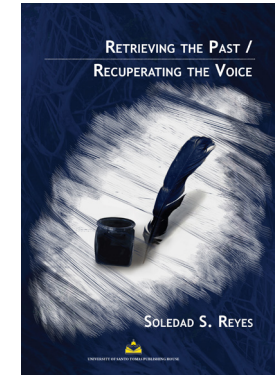
**Auguries: Poems**  
Jaime An Lim

The relentless energy of the poet-as-shaman courses through this latest collection by Jaime An Lim. From the vagaries of any Monday morning, to the irrevocable last days of earthlife as we know it. Sounding the spaces of consciousness between the first poem and the last, An Lim's personae ruminate on the impermanences using the lidless eye of truth.



**Maxie**  
Nicolas B. Pichay

This book is an adaptation of playwright Nicolas Pichay's acclaimed musical of the same name. Based on the screenplay *Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros* by Michiko Yamamoto, Maxie is considered one of the most entertaining Filipino musicals in recent years. It is a bold coming-of-age story overflowing with infectious energy, gritty realism, and an unapologetic sense of humor that treats what others may consider "the dregs of society" with dignity and love.



**Retrieving the Past /  
Recuperating the Voice**  
Soledad S. Reyes

This collection by notable literary and cultural critic Soledad S. Reyes aims to bring to the consciousness of present and future generations the immense wealth of insights that can be culled from the works of some of the nation's most significant writers, among them Jose Rizal. The anthology also includes a lengthy essay on the voluminous and varied works of writers such as Genoveva Edroza-Matute, Lina Flor, Liwayway Arceo, and Rosario de Guzman Lingat, whose careers that spanned almost a century produced thousands of texts—from novels and short stories, to soap operas, to *komiks* and columns in newspapers and magazines.

### NEWS

## UST invited to ANC Leadership Series



The UST contingent led by Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla (seventh from left) with Ms. Cilette Liboro-Co, ANC's Chief Operating Officer (eight from left) with Student leaders.

Former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was the featured speaker in the ANC Leadership Series held on July 19, 2017 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel, Manila. The forum, which focused on global governance and world economy was attended by leaders

from the government, academe, and the media. Forum organizer, the ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC) invited students and faculty members from select universities. From the University of Santo Tomas, seven student leaders, namely, Francis Gabriel O. Santos, Central Student Council PRO;

Arvin Carlo V. Bersonda, Chairperson, UST Central Comelec; Roland Roman G. Lim, President, Becarios de Santo Tomas Student Organization; Jonathan Santos, President, Faculty of Civil Law Student Council; Liam John White, President, College of Nursing; Anne Fernando, President, Faculty of Pharmacy; and Tetsuya Jumi Makimo, President, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. They were accompanied by Ms. Arabel Ada E. Arquiza, Office Staff for General Scholarships and Loans of the Office of Student Affairs.

The Office of Public Affairs, the office in the University assigned to media relations, was represented by its Director, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Asst. to the Director for Publication Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano, Assistant for Media and Special Visits Ms. Michaela O. Lagniton and Events and Visits Management staff Ms. Basilia A. Lanuza.



## Most Rev. Salvatore Rino Fisichella

Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector welcomes Most Rev. Salvatore Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, Vatican at the St. Thomas Priory, University of Santo Tomas.



## Director Ken Nakamura

Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., UST Secretary-General presents token to Mr. Ken Nakamura, Director of the Japan Information and Cultural Office.



## Legislator Chung Chai-Pin

Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., UST Vice Rector, presents token to Legislator Chung Chai-Pin from the PingTung Country in Taiwan at a courtesy call on the Vice Rector.



From left: Prof. Grecebio D. Alejandro, Dr. rer.nat., Director for Graduate Research; Legislator Chung Chai-Pin; and Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs

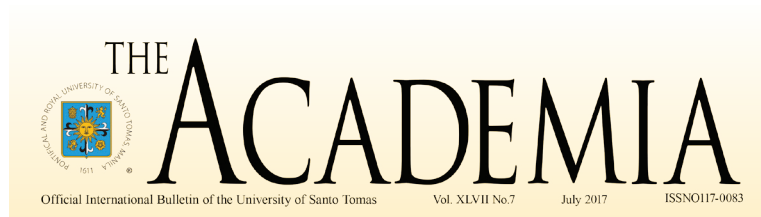
## Hon. Yoshihiro Shintani

Hon. Yoshihiro Shintani, Superintendent of Education, Toyono, Osaka, Japan receives token from Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs.





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