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FROM: THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SUBJECT: PILGRIMAGE OF THE BLOOD RELIC OF ST. JOHN PAUL II
AND THE ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CROSS

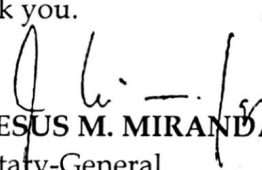
DATE: 10 MAY 2019

In celebration of the Year of the Youth, the Archdiocesan Commission on Youth is holding a year-long pilgrimage of the Blood Relic of St. John Paul II and the Archdiocesan Youth Cross to parishes, schools, and youth centers in the Archdiocese of Manila.

The relic and cross are set to visit our University on May 15-16, 2019. The Center for Campus Ministry, in coordination with the Santisimo Rosario Parish, has prepared youth activities on May 15, 2019 to highlight the said visit. Please refer to the attached details.

In view of this, the Thomasian community, especially the administrators, faculty, support staff, and students, is encouraged participate in the aforementioned activities in honor of St. John Paul II.

Thank you.


FR. JESUS M. MIRANDA, JR., O.P.
Secretary-General

**VISIT OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CROSS AND THE
BLOOD RELIC OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II
TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
AND SANTISIMO ROSARIO PARISH**

MAY 15, 2019 WEDNESDAY

A. WELCOME CEREMONY

1. The Youth Cross and Blood Relic of St. John Paul II will arrive at the Intramuros Drive in front of the Arch of the Centuries at 2:00 p.m. The Youth Cross will be brought immediately to the UST Martyrs' Monument.
2. The Parish Administrator, flanked by ROTC honor guards and Holy Name Society Members serving as marshals, will carry the Blood Relic in solemn procession from the Arch of the Centuries to the UST Martyrs' Monument where the welcome liturgy will be held.
3. The Procession will pass through the center walkway of the Benavides park towards the Benavides Monument, then makes a left turn to the walkway near Osmeña Drive, straight to the Plaza Mayor, then passes across Osmeña Drive to Ceferino Gonzales Drive and ends at the Carillon area.

Students from the UST High School, UST Education High School, UST Senior High School and at least one class from each Faculty, College, Institute are to stand at either side of the route of procession and wave yellow-white flaglets as a gesture of welcome to St. John Paul II. They are to follow the procession as soon as the relic passes them by.

The Order of Procession is as follows:

- UST Symphony Band
- Pontifical Servers
- Seminarians
- Fathers
- Blood Relic
- Students, Parishioners and Other Devotees

4. A short welcome liturgy will be celebrated at the UST Martyrs' Monument, after which, the Youth Cross will be solemnly carried to the sanctuary of the Santisimo

Rosario Parish Church and the Blood Relic to the designated area for veneration at the center of the Chapel. Public veneration commences.

B. EASTER RECOLLECTION

1. In order for the visit of the Cross and Relic as an opportunity of spiritual renewal for Thomasians and Parishioners, an Easter Recollection will be held at the UST Santisimo Rosario Parish Church, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. The Recollection Speaker is Fr. Jayson R. Gonzales, O.P., from the Santo Domingo Convent.
2. Confessions will be available from 3:30 p.m. onwards
3. *Each Faculty, College, Institute shall send one class to participate in the recollection*

C. SOLEMN MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN PAUL II

1. At 5:00 p.m. public veneration will be temporarily stopped to give way to the 5:15 PM celebration of the Eucharist at the Santisimo Rosario Parish.
2. The Mass will be presided over by the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs, and the homilist will be Rev. Fr. Rolando V. De la Rosa, O.P., Rector of UST during the 1995 visit of St. John Paul II. *Each Faculty, College and Institute shall send another class to participate in this Mass.*
3. The Mass concludes with a blessing of the sick, blessing of students, and a procession to the Main Building canopy where public veneration will continue while the Youth Vocation Festival is held at the Plaza Mayor.

D. YOUTH VOCATION FESTIVAL

1. The Youth Vocation Festival will feature performances by Student Religious Organizations and faith testimonies by a priest, a religious brother, a consecrated sister, a married couple and a single lay servant. This will be held at the Plaza Mayor from 7:00 pm to 9:00 p.m.
2. Public veneration in front of Main Building canopy will end at 9:00 p.m. when the Relic will be brought back to the Santisimo Rosario Parish Church for a 9:15 p.m. Mass. After which, public veneration in the Church continues until 11:00 p.m. and will resume at 8:00 a.m. the following day.

MAY 16, 2019

RITE OF FAREWELL

1. Public veneration of the Blood Relic starts immediately after the regular morning masses at the UST Chapel and ends at 11:00 a.m.

2. At 11:00 a.m., the Parochial Administrator will celebrate the Farewell Mass, after which, the Relic will be brought to the Manila Cathedral.

*The visit of the Archdiocesan Youth Cross and Blood Relic is part of the Archdiocese of Manila's celebration of the Year of the Youth

*The Blood Relic is a vial of St. John Paul II's blood, still in liquid form, extracted from him during his hospitalizations before his passing in 2005. There are only seven such vials in Churches around the world

* All events are open to the public.