



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO: THE DEANS, REGENTS, DIRECTORS, PRINCIPALS AND
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

FROM: THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SUBJECT: BACCALAUREATE MASS 2019

DATE: 21 MAY 2019

As we end the Academic Year 2018-2019, we laud the academic accomplishments of our graduating students with the **Baccalaureate Celebration on Friday, 24 May 2019**. The Mass will be preceded by a walk of the graduating batch by Faculty/College/Institute/School from their respective buildings toward the Open Field, and will be followed by a Post-Mass program.

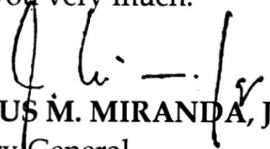
Each Faculty/College/Institute/School is requested to send a graduating student representative to present a **love offering in cash or check**. All love offerings and collections during the Mass will be forwarded to the Dominican Missions, specifically to the **St. Bartholomew Academy, Calayan** and the **Lyceum of Camiguin** in the Babuyan Group of Islands. Meanwhile, checks may be made payable to the Dominican Province of the Philippines. All love offerings are to be coordinated with the UST Center for Campus Ministry for proper documentation.

Kindly find with this circular a copy of the Guidelines and Information related to the Baccalaureate Celebration, for your reference.

The **seating assignments** and the **route of entrance to the Grandstand**, as well as the **order of Faculties/Colleges for the recessional parade**, will be sent to your office as soon as available. Please advise your participating students and faculty advisers to carry with them their **umbrellas, light snacks, and drinking water (in personal tumblers and NOT disposable bottles)** during the event.

All administrative and academic officials, faculty members, and graduating students are enjoined to attend this significant University activity. Parents and guardians are likewise invited to this special occasion.

Thank you very much.


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

GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION
BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION AY 2018-2019
Friday | 24 May 2019 | UST Grandstand

PRE-MASS PROGRAM

3:30

- The candidates for graduation of the different Colleges **assemble inside** their respective buildings.

4:30

- Candidates start to **walk toward the Football Field** passing through their designated entry points.
- Members of the Reception/Welcome Committee will lead them to their assigned seats upon arrival at the venue.
- The academic officials of each College are requested to lead the candidates for graduation to the Football Field.

5:30

- **PRE-MASS PROGRAM**
- Entrance of the Philippine Flag and the UST Flag, followed by a National Anthem, to be led by the UST Symphony Orchestra, Coro Tomasino, and Liturgikon
- Introduction of Colleges, with flag bearers, accompanied by an AVP
- The faculty secretaries are requested to choose the flag bearers of their respective College for the presentation before the Mass proper. There will be a rehearsal on Thursday, 23 May 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Grandstand.

MASS PROPER

6:00

- Main Celebrant and Homilist - Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.
Rector
University of Santo Tomas
- Offertory - A representative graduating student from each College will walk in procession bringing their love offerings to the altar.
(Coordinate with Campus Ministry)

POST - MASS PROGRAM

7:15

- Recognition of the Colleges

- ❑ Each College is encouraged to come up with its own 'GIMMICKS" for a joyful ambience and spirit of celebration and thanksgiving after the Mass. However, please be guided by the following:

- Students should wear the clean and proper official TYPE A uniform.
- Hand-held props and other similar materials to add color and happy mood can be used for the gimmicks during the recessional parade.
- There should be **NO FIREWORKS/FIRECRACKERS, SKY LANTERNS, CANDLE BALLOONS, HELIUM BALLOONS, FLOATING BALLOONS, CONFETTI, FOAM SPRAYS, PAINT SPRAYS, COLORED POWDER, PARTY POPPERS (BLIZZARDS), GLITTERS, ANIMALS, CAMERA DRONES (except the official photography drones), and AC-POWERED GADGETS/PROPS,** during the walk/parade and the post-Mass program.
- Since the students will pass through the Arch of the Centuries, there should be **NO decorations or paraphernalia** such as **PAINT BRUSHES/SPRAYS, FOAM SPRAYS, and COLORED POWDER** that would compromise the integrity of the heritage structure.
- Please **distribute the paraphernalia** for the gimmicks such as clappers, masks, etc., immediately **AFTER THE BACCALAUREATE MASS.**

- Video Presentation titled "The Year that Was"
- Graduation Message
- **Blessing and Imposition of the Thomasian Mission Cross**

- ❑ The Thomasian Mission Crosses to be used for the Imposition Ceremony, the candles and candle holders for the Ceremony of the Light, and Thomasian Pledge bookmarks will be claimed by the Colleges from the Office of the Secretary-General a day before the Baccalaureate Mass. We request the College administration to decide on the manner of distributing the Mission Crosses to the graduating students. However, please be advised that **the Crosses should already be with them before they proceed to the Football Field.**
- ❑ Every College, represented by one candidate for graduation, carrying their respective Mission Crosses will be invited to come up the stage

for this ceremony. Each candidate for graduation will be accompanied by the respective Dean and Regent, who will impose on them their symbolic Thomasian Mission Cross.

- Simultaneously, for the graduating students in the audience, the Crosses distributed to them by the Colleges will be imposed, by one student on another student.
- Thomasian Pledge of Loyalty
- Ceremony of the Light
 - For the Ceremony of the Light, each graduating student should already have his/her candle with him/her. **PLEASE ADVISE THEM THAT THE CANDLE SHOULD BE LIGHTED ONLY DURING THE CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT.**
 - One of the servers will hand over the symbolic torch to the Father Rector. The Deans and Regents will light their corresponding torches from the Father Rector's torch. Candidates for graduation will receive their own light from the torches of their respective Deans and Regents.
 - The Office of the Secretary-General will distribute the candles and candle holders for the Ceremony of the Light a day before the Baccalaureate Mass.
- UST Hymn
 - By the UST Symphony Orchestra and the whole community.
- FIREWORKS!

RECESSIONAL PARADE

8:45

- Fr. Dagohoy and Fr. Miranda, together with the administrative and academic officials and the Marching Band will lead the parade wherein the candidates for graduation from the different Colleges will "exit" through the Arch of the Centuries.