With pleasure, we announce the Opening Exercises for the Academic Year 2021-2022, which will be held on Monday, 2 August 2021, at 9:00 a.m., with the traditional Mass of the Holy Spirit (Misa de Apertura) at the Santisimo Rosario Parish Church preceded by the communal praying of the Dominican Rosary. The Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, His Excellency Archbishop Charles John Brown, will be the main celebrant and homilist of the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration.

The Misa de Apertura will be followed immediately by the Inaugural Address (Discurso de Apertura) to be delivered by Asst. Prof. Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, MD, MHPed, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, whose academic discourse is titled "Leading Change in a 150-year-old Medical School: Overcoming the Challenges of a VUCA world amidst the 21st Century Pandemic."

In this light, we cordially invite the Thomasian community to join in prayer during the Misa de Apertura and likewise, to listen and reflect on the Discurso de Apertura virtually.

Furthermore, we invite the members of the Academic Senate, including the Principals, to participate in-person and be in their academic robe without the cap. They will join the Dominican Fathers and other invited guests at this event.

We thank you for your share of warmth in welcoming the new Academic Year.

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