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**TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY**

**FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**RE : RED WEDNESDAY**

**DATE : 19 NOVEMBER 2021**

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Through the Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, the University is one with the *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) – an international organization supporting the faithful, who are “persecuted, oppressed, or in need, through information, prayer and action”<sup>1</sup> – in the observance of **RED WEDNESDAY**.

In January 2020, the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) formally approved the institutionalization of the “Red Wednesday” campaign as an official day of observance in all churches and Catholic institutions in the Philippines.

With the theme “Red without fear: A Church journeying as one”, ACN-Philippines will be weaving together two of the recent events in the local and universal Church: the 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines and the preparation towards the Synod of Bishops in 2023.

A Holy Mass will be offered on **24 November 2021, 5:15 p.m.** at the **Santisimo Rosario Parish Church-UST**, and will be livestreamed via the official Facebook page of the University and the Parish ([www.facebook.com/ust1611official](http://www.facebook.com/ust1611official) and [www.facebook.com/SantisimoRosarioUST](http://www.facebook.com/SantisimoRosarioUST)).

**All Thomasians are invited to virtually participate in the Eucharistic celebration.**

May this event lead us to pray for our *persecuted brothers and sisters* worldwide. May this observance help us also to remember the *Thomasian martyrs*, so that “we may imitate them and celebrate them, learn from them and live like them, in the preaching of God’s Word, in the blessing of God’s people, in praise of God’s Name, in Jesus. Amen.”<sup>2</sup>

Thank you.

  
**FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL**  
Secretary-General

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<sup>1</sup> cf. Mission of the *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN)

<sup>2</sup> cf. *Prayer in honor of the Thomasian Martyrs*