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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : SOLEMNITY OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
DATE : 19 JANUARY 2022

With the theme *“Saint Thomas: Beacon of Hope and Perseverance”*, the University, through the Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs and the Center for Campus Ministry, celebrates the Solemnity of St. Thomas Aquinas, our patron, with the following religious activities:

A. Triduum in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas

- It will be held from **January 25-27, 2022** (Tuesday to Thursday) at the Santísimo Rosario Parish Church-UST.
- The **Rosary and Triduum Prayers at 4:30 p.m.** will be followed by the **Eucharistic celebration at 5:15 p.m.**

B. Eucharistic Celebration in Honor of St. Thomas Aquinas and Academic Mandatum

- On **January 27, 2022** (Thursday), **5:15 p.m.**, His Eminence **José Cardinal F. Advincula, D.D.**, Archbishop of Manila, with the concelebrating Dominican priests, will lead us in celebrating the Solemnity of our dear saint at the Santísimo Rosario Parish Church-UST.
- During the celebration, professors from the **Institute of Religion**, who are to receive the **academic mandatum**, will make their Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity. This is a visible manifestation of the abiding commitment, not only of the individual professors but of the University itself, to ensure the delivery of a sound theological education faithful to the Magisterium of the Church as part of its mission to provide a solid Catholic education rooted in the Faith.

All the liturgical celebrations will be streamed live through the official Facebook page of the University ([@UST1611official](#)) and the Santísimo Rosario Parish Church-UST ([@SantisimoRosarioUST](#)). **The administrative and academic units are hereby encouraged to virtually take part in this event.** For your reference, please refer to the attached schedule and assignment of sponsoring units.

C. School Holiday

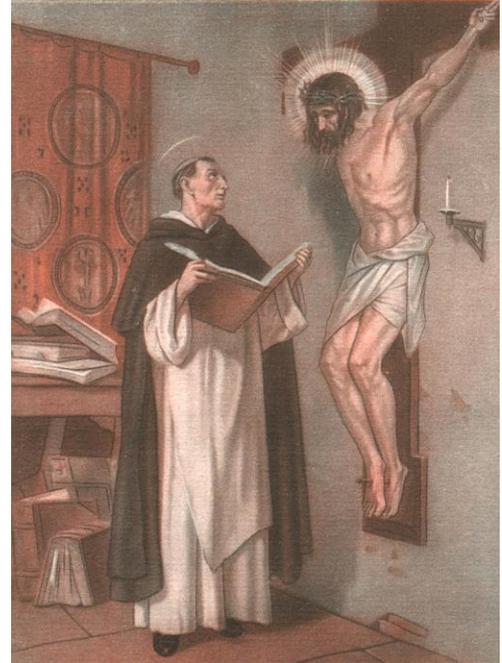
- Kindly take note that **January 28, 2022** (Friday), the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas itself, is a **school holiday**, a “no-class, no-work day” as per Academic Calendar 2021-2022.
- Masses at the Santísimo Rosario Parish Church-UST will be 6:15 a.m. and 7:30 a.m.

In an episode in the life of **St. Thomas Aquinas**, while he was praying before the Crucifix one early morning, the sacristan overheard a conversation. Thomas was anxiously asking the Lord whether what he had written on the mysteries of the Christian faith was correct; and the Crucified One answered him: “*You have spoken well of me, Thomas. What would you desire as a reward?*” Thomas broke into tears and responded: “*Nothing but Yourself, Lord!*”¹

May we draw wisdom, strength and inspiration from St. Thomas Aquinas as we continue to hope and persevere amidst the challenges of the current pandemic.

Thank you.


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¹ cf. Jean-Pierre Torrell, *Tommaso d'Aquino. L'uomo e il teologo*, Casale Monf., 1994, p. 320; Benedict XVI, *General Audience*, St. Peter's Square, 2 June 2010.