



# UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

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

**RE :** PARTIAL OPENING OF THE ST. JOHN PAUL II (SJPII) BUILDING OF THE UST HOSPITAL

**DATE :** 26 April 2022

The University announces the *partial opening* of the nine-storey **St. John Paul II (SJPII) Building of the University of Santo Tomas Hospital** on **30 April 2022** (Saturday). The Program of Activities includes the following:

- a) **The Opening Ceremony** at the Benavides Cancer Institute Auditorium includes the *Opening Message* of **Rev. Fr. Julius Paul C. Factora, OP**, USTH CEO; the *Eucharistic Celebration* with **Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, OP**, UST Chancellor and Master of the Order of Preachers as presider and homilist; a video presentation; the *Inspirational Message* of **Very Rev. Fr. Richard, G. Ang, OP**, UST Rector; and the *Unveiling of a Commemorative Marker*.
- b) **The Ceremonial Opening and Ribbon Cutting** at the connecting bridge between the St. Vincent Ferrer Building and SJPII Building shall be highlighted by the blessing of some operational ancillary and medical services<sup>1</sup> of the new building; and
- c) **The Concluding Ceremony** includes the *Closing Message* of **Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., OP**, UST Vice-Chancellor and Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines, which shall be held at the San José Ward, 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the SJPII Building.

The Thomasian community is invited to participate *virtually* in the *Eucharistic Celebration and Program* at **9:00 am**, which will be streamed live via the official Facebook pages of the [University](#) and the [UST Hospital](#).

At the height of the pandemic, Pope Francis said: "We have felt more deeply than ever an appreciation for doctors, nurses and all healthcare workers on the front lines in providing an arduous and at times heroic service. They have been visible signs of humanity that warm the heart."<sup>2</sup> We pray that USTH as a teaching hospital may continue to deliver a multidisciplinary Healthcare service that is Exemplary, Appropriate, Responsive, and Thomasian (HEART).

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

<sup>1</sup> It includes the Dermatology Center, Business Office, Clinical Pathology and Drug Testing, Blood Bank and Transfusion services, Center for Respiratory Medicine, and San José Ward.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, *Address to the Doctors, Nurses, and Healthcare Workers*, 20 June 2020.