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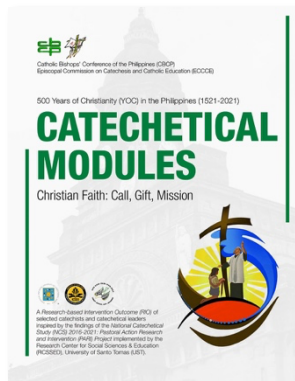
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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : THE NATIONAL CATECHETICAL STUDY (NCS) 2021:
PASTORAL ACTION RESEARCH AND INTERVENTION (PARI) PROJECT

DATE : 28 April 2022 (411th Foundation Anniversary of UST)



As we conclude the Quincentennial Celebration of the Arrival of Christianity in the Philippines, the University humbly and joyfully share our “*ambag*”—a **seven-book collection** for the continuous improvement of the **Catechetical Ministry** in our country, our most heartfelt gifts to the Catholic Church in the Philippines. This collection is composed of four (4) *catechetical modules*, and three (3) *research-based outputs*—a book of research poems, a handbook on Catechetical Ministry, and a research monograph.

This research initiative was conducted from 2016 to 2021 in partnership with the *Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Episcopal Commission on Catechesis and Catholic Education (ECCCE)*, and the *UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED)* under the ***National Catechetical Study 2016-2021 – Pastoral Action Research and Intervention (PARI) Project***, which endeavored to examine the current state of the Catechetical Ministry in five (5) dimensions: namely, the catechists, the catechetical leaders, the catechized, the catechetical formation programs, and the catechetical human resources.

The project also implemented *Research-based Intervention Outcome (RIO)* initiatives that introduced various strategies such as family, digital, youth, adult, bible, and creative catechesis to re-energize the Catechetical Ministry across Ecclesiastical Territories. The general message of these research initiative, interventions, and publications lead to the path of *new evangelization*, and the insightful discovery of “*The Catechist in All of Us*”. All books, RIO initiatives, and research activities may be accessed online thru www.ncs2021pariproject.com.

With gratitude to the Lord, let us humbly share this Good News to our families, friends, and respective parishes and communities. May the Thomasian community continuously illuminate others and share the fruits of our contemplation.¹ Thank you.


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¹ cf. St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, II-II q. 188 a. 6

