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FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : JUBILEES IN HONOR OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS (2023-2025) AND THE HOLY YEAR OF HOPE (2025)

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

As we celebrate today the 411th Foundation Anniversary of our University, the Office of the Secretary-General would like to inform the University units concerning the upcoming Jubilees in honor of our patron, **Saint Thomas Aquinas**, and the **Holy Year of Hope** of the Church in 2025.

The following information are provided in order to anticipate and consider the forthcoming celebrations in our plans, projects, and programs, which includes lectures, publications, and events among others.

A. JUBILEES IN HONOR OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (2023-2025)

Year	Events	Remarks
2023	The 700 th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Thomas	Fifty years after the death of St. Thomas on 18 July 1323, Pope John XXII pronounced Thomas a saint.
2024	The 750 th Anniversary of the Dies Natalis of St. Thomas	St. Thomas died on 7 March 1274 while giving commentary on the <i>Song of Songs</i> .
2025	The Eighth Centenary of the Birth of St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Thomas was born in <i>ca.</i> 1225 and spent his early years at the Abbey of Monte Cassino, Italy.

B. JUBILEE OF HOPE (2025)

Providentially, the Church will celebrate 2025 as a Jubilee Year¹ with the theme: **“Pilgrims of Hope”**. The 2025 Jubilee will be the Church’s first ordinary jubilee since St. John Paul II led *The Great Jubilee* of 2000. The 2015 *Jubilee of Mercy* led by Pope Francis was an extraordinary jubilee.

Thank you.


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¹ The first-ever ‘Holy Year’ of the Church was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and was initially celebrated every 100 years. Then, following biblical tradition, it was marked every 50 years, and it was finally decided by Pope Paul II in 1490 to observe it every 25 years, so that each person could experience one in his/her lifetime (cf. Gutiérrez, Lucio OP, “The Christian Jubilee in History”, *Philippiniana Sacra*, Vol. XXXVI, No. 106, January-April 2001).