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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
RE : NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS 2022  
DATE : 3 MAY 2022

"It is necessary that all participate, each according to [one's] position and role, in promoting the *common good*. This obligation is inherent in the *dignity of the human person*... As far as possible, citizens should take an *active part in public life*."<sup>1</sup> "People in every nation enhance the social dimension of their lives by acting as *committed and responsible citizens*... Let us not forget that *responsible citizenship is a virtue*, and *participation in political life is a moral obligation*."<sup>2</sup>

As responsible citizens, all members of the Thomasian community who are eligible to exercise their *right of suffrage*<sup>3</sup> are enjoined to actively participate in the 2022 National and Local Elections on 9 May 2022 (Monday).

In line with this, the University, in consultation with the Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, announces **the suspension of classes and work on 9 May 2022 (Monday)**, the day of the elections,<sup>4</sup> and **10 May 2022 (Tuesday)**.

**Classes and office work resume on 11 May 2022 (Wednesday).**

Furthermore, attached are the **Pastoral Letter** and the **Prayer** for the **2022 National and Elections** from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines for our guidance.

Considering the sacredness of our votes and our participation in the electoral process, let us dutifully and wisely exercise our right to vote for the sake of the common good of the Filipino nation. Likewise, we pray for a clean, orderly, credible and peaceful elections.

  
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<sup>1</sup> Pope John Paul II, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1992 nos. 1913-1915.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, *Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium: On the Proclamation of the Gospel in Today's World*, 2013, no. 220.

<sup>3</sup> cf. *Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines*, 1987, Article V, Section 1.

<sup>4</sup> cf. *Republic Act no. 7166: An Act Providing for Synchronized National and Local Elections and for Electoral Reforms*, 1991, Section 2.