



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : DEANS, REGENTS, DIRECTOR, PRINCIPALS, AND CONCERNED
HEADS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : THOMASIAN HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

DATE : 20 August 2022

In reference to OSG Circular No. 4, AY 2022-2023, dated 8 August 2022 (Thomasian Walks, AY 2022-2023), the University, through the Central Committee on University Events, announces the following details of the **Thomasian Homecoming Activities**, which will be streamed live via the official University Facebook page (UST1611official):

A. In-person ROARientation 2022: "Unearthing the University Treasures"
23 August 2022 (Tuesday), Quadricentennial Pavillion (QPav) Arena

1. Thomasian Homecoming Mass (*Memorial of St. Rose of Lima*)

- The main celebrants and homilists are as follows:
 - 8:00 am Mass — Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., OP, *Vice-Rector for Finance*;
 - 12:00 nn Mass — Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, OP, *Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs*, and
 - 4:00 pm Mass — Rev. Fr. Jannel N. Abogado, OP, *Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation*.
- The *Homecoming Rite* will be integrated in the Mass, which will be concelebrated by the Dominican Fathers, especially the respective **Regents** of the clustered academic units.

2. ROARientation Programme [*Please see the attached copy (Appendix A)*]

3. Thomasian Homecoming Walk

- After the programme, the students of the tertiary cluster will be ushered to their rite of passage, from the QPav Arena and pass through the Arch of the Centuries.

B. In-person ALAB 2022: "Kayo Naman! The Thomasian Welcome Rites"
24 August 2022 (Wednesday), Quadricentennial Pavillion (QPav) Arena

1. Thomasian Homecoming Mass (*Memorial of St. Rose of Lima*), 8:00 am

- The main celebrant and homilist is Rev. Fr. Ermito G. De Sagon, OP.

2. Alab Programme [*Please see the attached copy (Appendix A)*]

3. Thomasian Homecoming Walk

- After the programme, the learners of the Basic Education cluster will be ushered to their rite of passage, from the QPav Arena and pass through the Arch of the Centuries.



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We likewise make the following gentle reminders:

1. Health and Safety Protocols

- a) Strict observance of **Health Protocols** issued by the UST Health Service shall be implemented. *Please see the attached copy* (Appendix B).
- b) Reiteration on the **Responsibilities of Students**:
 - Upload the vaccination record via [ThOMedSS](#), and present the screenshot of the Health Declaration upon entrance.
 - Non-vaccinated students must present a negative RT-PCR (taken 48 hours before the event) or antigen test result (taken within 24 hours before the event).
- c) Reiteration on the **Responsibilities of Academic Unit's Ushers and Marshals**
 - Ensure that **minimum public health standards** are being followed such as 1) physical distancing of at least one (1) meter; 2) wearing of well-fitted mask at all times, and 3) presentation of an updated health declaration checklist prior to the event.
 - Ensure that those who are entering the venue are on the list of expected attendees, who must submit their vaccination cards (or valid RT-PCR/antigen results) prior to the event.

2. Access Points and Parking

- a) **Access Points**
 - **Vehicular access** to the campus is through Dapitan St. (Gate 10), A.H. Lacson St. (Gate 14) while **vehicular exit** is through the P. Noval St. (Gate 7), Dapitan St. (Gate 11) and A.H. Lacson St. (Gate 14).
 - **Pedestrian access** to the campus is through España Boulevard (Gates 1, 2 & 6), P. Noval St. (Gate 7), Dapitan St. (Gates 10 & 11), and A.H. Lacson St. (Gate 14). The same gates also serve as exit gates for pedestrians.
 - *Please see the attached copy of access points* (Appendix C).
- b) **Parking Slots**
 - **Limited free parking slots for guests, officials, and support staff** are available along Villamor Drive (back of the Tank Yan Kee building, parallel to Dapitan St.), Pres. Sergio Osmeña Drive, and Fr. Ceferino Gonzales Drive (in front of the UST Chapel).
 - When these parking slots are already filled, other guests are advised to use the UST Carpark.

3. Love Offering during the Mass

- Through the Offices of the Deans, the students and learners are requested to prepare a **cash donation**, *in any amount*, which will be offered by a representative during the Mass.
- All love offerings will be for the benefit of the continuing **Tulong Tomasino Program** of the UST *Simbahayan* Community Development Office.
- Kindly advise the student representative/s to coordinate with the UST Center for Campus Ministry (look for Mr. Albert Loteyro), on or before 22 August 2022, Monday.



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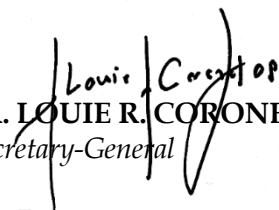
4. Rite of Passage

- Please advise all students and learners attending the event to **wear rubber shoes, denim pants and college shirt/yellow shirt**, bring rainwear with them in case of a downpour.
- Please remind them as well that the **use of pyrotechnics, party poppers/confetti, flying helium balloons, sky lanterns, animals, and vehicles as "gimmicks" or props for the parade and the welcome rite, are strictly prohibited.**
- They may use hotdog balloons, banners/streamers, flaglets, LED-based lights, letter placards, face paints and anything else that will **not** endanger lives and property.

5. Other Reminders

- Please take care of yourself and do not forget to take a meal before the event.
- Kindly use the official hashtags that will be provided during the program.

With all gratitude, we acknowledge your cooperation and support as we welcome back on campus our students and learners. Thank you.


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