



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO: THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

SUBJECT: TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS AND THE
LAUNCH OF THE TRIENNIUM OF SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS 2023-2025

DATE: 12 JANUARY 2023

The University, through the Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs and the Center for Campus Ministry, will celebrate a **Triduum** in honor of **St. Thomas Aquinas**, patron of the University, and will officially launch the **Triennium of St. Thomas Aquinas 2023-2025**, which will be held at the **Santisímo Rosario Parish Church-UST**.

A. Triduum in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, 24-26 January 2023 (Tue-Thu)

Theme: "Saint Thomas: Contemplating the Beauty of God"

3:30 pm **The Rosary and Triduum Prayers**
4:00 pm **Holy Eucharist**

- **Note:** Please see the attached copy of the schedule of presiders, particular themes, and the units assigned for each day of the Triduum.

B. University Fiesta Mass in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, 27 January 2023 (Fri)

4:00 pm **Holy Eucharist**
His Excellency Most Rev. Teodoro C. Bacani, DD,
Bishop Emeritus of Novaliches, *Presider and Preacher*

- **Note:** Academic staff teaching subjects/courses related to faith and morals shall receive the academic *mandatum*,¹ and will make their *Profession of Faith* and *Oath of Fidelity*.

C. Launch of the Triennium of Saint Thomas Aquinas 2023-2025
27 January 2023 (Fri), 5:00 pm

- This event opens the celebration of three (3) important jubilees of Saint Thomas Aquinas:
 1. **2023** marks the **700th anniversary of his canonization** (18 July 1323),
 2. **2024** is the **750th anniversary of his death** (07 March 1274), and
 3. **2025** is the **800th anniversary of his birth** (28 January 1225).

¹ The **Mandatum Cross** is a visible manifestation of the abiding commitment, not only of the individual professors but of the University itself, to ensure the delivery of a sound religious education faithful to the Magisterium of the Church as part of its mission to provide a solid Catholic education rooted in the Faith.



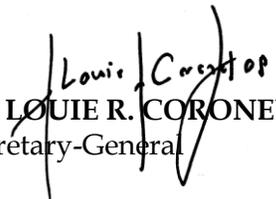
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We invite all members of the Thomasian community and friends to take part in this event *in-person*, if their schedule permits, or *online* through the UST Facebook page ([@UST1611official](#)).

Furthermore, the University will observe a no class/no work day on **28 January 2023** (Sat), in observance of the **Solemnity of Saint Thomas Aquinas, patron of the University**.

May the forthcoming Solemnity and Triennium lead us to a deeper appreciation of the great gift of our patron, Saint Thomas Aquinas, whose life and teaching could be summed up in an episode passed down by his ancient biographers: While praying before the Crucifix, Thomas anxiously asked the Lord whether what he had written on the mysteries of the Christian faith was correct. And the Crucified One answered him: "You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward will you receive from me for your labor?" And Thomas answered: "**Nothing but You, Lord!**"²

Thank you.


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

² cf. Jean-Pierre Torrell, *Tommaso d'Aquino. L'uomo e il teologo*, Casale Monf., 1994, p. 320; Pope Benedict XVI, *General Audience*, 2 June 2010.



TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS 2023

Theme: Saint Thomas Aquinas: Contemplating the Beauty of God

January 24, 25 & 26, 2023, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Santísimo Rosario Parish Church-UST

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| <p style="text-align: center;">DAY 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 24 <i>Tuesday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Thomas: Contemplating the Beauty of God in the Family</p> | <p>All Administrative offices under the Office of the Vice-Rector for Finance and Office of the Secretary-General</p> <p>Faculty of Civil Law Faculty of Pharmacy College of Science College of Fine Arts & Design College of Architecture Graduate School UST-AMV College of Accountancy College of Education Education High School</p> | <p>Rev. Fr. Ramon Claro Mendez, OP <i>Santo Domingo Convent</i></p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">DAY 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 25 <i>Wednesday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Thomas: Contemplating the Beauty of God in Study</p> | <p>All Administrative offices under the Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs & Office of the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation</p> <p>Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Conservatory of Music Institute of Physical Education & Athletics College of Tourism & Hospitality Management Faculty of Engineering College of Information and Computing Sciences UST Junior High School UST Senior High School</p> | <p>Rev. Fr. Nicanor Pier Giorgio Austriaco, OP <i>Priory of Saint Thomas Aquinas</i></p> |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">DAY 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 26 <i>Thursday</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Thomas: Contemplating the Beauty of God in the Eucharist</p> | <p>All Administrative offices under the Office of the Rector, Office of the Vice Rector, and Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs</p> <p>College of Commerce and Business Administration Faculty of Arts and Letters College of Nursing College of Rehabilitation Sciences Faculty of Sacred Theology Faculty of Philosophy Faculty of Canon Law Graduate School of Law Institute of Religion</p> | <p>Rev. Fr. Paul Reagan O. Talavera, OP <i>Parish Priest, Santísimo Rosario Parish Priory of Saint Thomas Aquinas</i></p> |