



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
(UST KUMPILANG BAYAN 2023)

DATE : 18 FEBRUARY 2023

Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation constitute the *Sacraments of Christian Initiation*, whose unity must be safeguarded.¹ Moreover, Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.² For “by the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, [the baptized] are *more perfectly bound to the Church* and are *enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit*. Hence they are, as *true witnesses of Christ*, more strictly obliged to *spread and defend the faith by word and deed*.”³

The University, through the Center for Campus Ministry (CCM), announces the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation (Kumpilang Bayan)** for the **Thomasian Community** on **15 April 2023 (Saturday), 2:00 p.m.** at the **UST Quadricentennial Pavilion**. The following are required for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

A. Requirements

- 1. For Students:** A candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation must:
 - be a *baptized* person, and provide a *photocopy* of one’s *baptismal certificate*;
 - have received the *First Holy Communion*;
 - be *at least 12 years old*,
 - be currently *enrolled in UST*;
 - commit to practice the *Catholic Faith*; and
 - choose *one or two sponsors* who are practicing Catholics and old enough to be godparents.
- 2. For UST and UST Hospital Staff and personnel** (i.e., regular staff, sub-contractual employees, security personnel, maintenance staff) who wish to be confirmed, kindly visit the Center for Campus Ministry, third floor of the Tan Yan Kee Student Center.

¹ cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1285

² cf. *Roman Ritual*, Rite of Confirmation (Ordo Confirmationis), Introduction 1.

³ cf. *Lumen Gentium*, no. 11; *Ordo Confirmationis*, Introduction 2.





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- 3. For those who are not yet baptized and are considering Catholic Baptism, and those who have not yet received their First Holy Communion or gone to First Confession, kindly visit the Center for Campus Ministry, third floor of the Tan Yan Kee Student Center.

B. Instructions

A candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is advised to:

- 1. Complete two (2) onsite sessions (Modules 1 and 2) of Orientation and Catechetical Instructions at the CCM Multi-Purpose Room, 3rd floor of the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center, on the following available schedules:

Table with 3 columns: Modules, Days, Time Slots (1.5 hours). It lists schedules for Module 1 and Module 2 across different dates and times.

- 2. Attend the onsite Recollection and Confession at the Medicine Auditorium, 4th floor of the St. Martin de Porres Building on either 12 April 2023 (Wed), 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm or 13 April 2023 (Thurs) 8:00 am - 12:00 nn.

- 3. Register online not later than 28 February 2023 (Tue) via the link below:

https://forms.gle/ByWRL7QiFW76QQux5

Pope Francis said that faithful must conserve and take care of the gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation by praying for the strength to go forward, and by cultivating friendship in the Church.

Thank you.

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4 cf. Pope Francis, Address to the Candidates for Confirmation, Genoa, Italy, 21 May 2022.

