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THE SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS FORUM 2023

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 28-29, 2023

THEME: "ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION,
CULTURES, AND RELIGIONS:
A POST-PANDEMIC CONVERSATION"

P R O G R A M M E

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: FRIDAY 28 APRIL 2023

7:30 AM REGISTRATION

(Please note that the program follows the Philippine Time which is UTC +08:00)

9:00 AM OPENING CEREMONIES

Invocation

National Anthem

Opening Remarks:

The Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D

Rector Magnificus,

University of Santo Tomas

Presentation of Program Rationale

9:20 AM MESSAGE

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Charles John Brown, D.D.

Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines

9:30 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

His Eminence Jose Tolentino Cardinal de Mendonça

Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education

**"On Catholic Education, Cultures, and Religions:
A Post-Pandemic Conversation"**

10:15 AM Break

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MORNING SESSION

10:30 AM **Plenary Session One**

**"Interreligious and Intercultural Exchange in
Catholic Education in the Philippines"**
Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda Jr., O.P., PH.D

11:30 AM **Open Forum**

12:00 **Lunch Break**

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 PM **Parallel Session One**
Paper Presentations

2:30 PM **Break**

3:00 PM **Parallel Session Two**
Paper Presentations

**"EDUCATION IS NOT ABOUT KNOWING
THINGS OR TAKING LESSONS BUT ABOUT
BEING ABLE TO USE THREE LINGOS:
THOSE OF THE HEAD, THE HEART, AND
THE HANDS..."**
-POPE FRANCIS

PROGRAMME

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023

7:30 AM REGISTRATION

MORNING SESSION

9:00 AM Opening Prayer

9:05 AM Synopsis of First Day

9:15 AM Plenary Session Two

**"Interreligious and Intercultural Exchange
in the Global Village"**

Prof. Dr. Declan O'Byrne

*Acting Rector,
Sophia University Institute
Florence, Italy*

10:00 AM Open Forum

10:20 AM Break

10:30 AM Plenary Session Three

**"Catholic Education in the Digiverse:
Prospects, Challenges, and Opportunities"**

Prof. Dr. Maria Cinque

*Department of Human Sciences
LUMSA Università Maria SS. Assunta di Roma*

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DAY 2: SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023

11:30 AM Open Forum

12:00 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 PM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

His Excellency

The Most Reverend Antonius Subianto Bunyamin, O.S.C.

Bishop of the Diocese of Bandung

Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DRPH, PTRP

Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs

University of Santo Tomas

Prof. Roberto Catalano, Ph.D.

Department of Theology, Philosophy, and Human Sciences

Sophia University Institute Florence, Italy

Prof. Ruben Mendoza, Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Theology,

Ateneo de Manila University

Rev. Fr. Randy Jasper Odchigue, S.Th.D.

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Father Saturnino Urios University

Dr. Suphamet Yunyasit

Lecturer

Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies

Mahidol University, Thailand

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DAY 2: SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023

AFTERNOON SESSION

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 PM

Round of Discussion

Open Forum

4:30 PM

**Presentation of
Institutional Commitments :
"The Global Compact
on Education"**

5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P.

Vice Rector for Religious Affairs,
University of Santo Tomas

**"BETTER TO ILLUMINATE THAN
MERELY TO SHINE,
TO DELIVER TO OTHERS
CONTEMPLATED TRUTHS THAN
MERELY TO CONTEMPLATE."
-ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

