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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*

**Prof. Francesco Bonini, Ph.D.**

*Rector,  
LUMSA Università Maria SS. Assunta di Roma*

**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**

**"Catholic Education: Re-cultivating its Seedbed for Evangelical Growth, Renewed Ground for Dialogue, Becoming a Shield for an Imperilled Humanism"**

***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**

**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. Carina Rossa, Ph.D.**

Researcher and Collaborator in the Congregation for the  
Catholic Education of the Holy See  
LUMSA University, Rome Italy

**Prof. Ruben Mendoza, Ph.D.**

Chair, Department of Theology,  
Ateneo de Manila University

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DAY 2: SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023

## AFTERNOON SESSION

4:30 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

