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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : DEMISE OF †REV. FR. ENRICO D. GONZALES, O.P. (1949 - 2023)

DATE : 12 May 2023

With deep sorrow, the University announces the passing of

†Professor Emeritus Rev. Fr. Enrico Diño Gonzáles, O.P., Ph.D.
(27 October 1949 - 11 May 2023)

who was born on 27 October 1949 in Obando, Bulacan, and joined our Creator on 11 May 2023. He was 73 years old. He finished his high school studies at the UST Education High School in 1966. He entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 1967 and made his Profession on 29 May 1969. He was ordained to the priesthood on 16 December 1976. He held the degrees in Bachelor of Sacred Theology, Licentiate in Sacred Theology, Master of Arts in Theology, and Doctor of Philosophy.

An esteemed formator, preacher, and academic, Fr. Gonzales taught generations of seminarians, religious and lay students for decades. He was elevated to the rank of *Professor Emeritus* of the UST Faculty of Philosophy on 16 October 2009 by then-Rector Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, O.P., Ph.D., SThD. Professor Emeritus Gonzales served as Dean of the UST Faculty of Philosophy from 2007-2010, among other designations.

A sought-after preacher, he shared his reflections in countless University events and activities, including the *Ambag* University-wide retreats, our institutional Advent and Lenten recollections, and even recently, in the *Break Time* Gospel reflection series.

Fr. Gonzales published several works, including *Love Letters from the Seminary* (UST Publishing House), *Diary of a Preacher: Guidelines for Preaching* (C&E Publications, 2006), *Siete Palabras: Pitong Misteryo ng Buhay* (Paulines Publication, 2007), and *On Being and Being Human: A Primer on Aquinas Philosophy* (C&E Publication, 2007).

Fr. Gonzales leaves behind a legacy of great service to God and His children. We join all those who have been touched by his presence in mourning his loss and celebrating his birth in heaven. In a reflection quoted by the Dominican Province of the Philippines, Fr. Gonzales opined: "For those who have faced death squarely and learned to walk with it daily, the presence of the angel





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of death will be a premonition that God is coming with His love and mercy – nothing to fear, only hope giving way to a promise absolutely fulfilled. Heaven at last! Home forever!”

We invite the Thomasian community to offer prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of †Fr. Enrico D. Gonzales, OP, whose remains lie in state at the Paschal Chapel of the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary of Manaoag in Manaoag, Pangasinan from May 12 (Friday) until the morning of May 14 (Sunday).

The remains of Fr. Gonzales will be transferred to Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City on 14 May 2023 (Sunday) at 2:00 PM. Public viewing at the Parish Hall of the Santo Domingo Church is scheduled from the afternoon of May 14 until the afternoon of May 15.

From the evening of May 15 (Monday) until the morning of May 16 (Tuesday), his remains will lie in state at the La Naval side altar of Santo Domingo Church.

The *Funeral Mass* will be on **16 May 2023**, Tuesday, at **9:00 AM** at **Santo Domingo Church** in Quezon City, and the interment follows at the **Santuario de Santo Domingo**.



*Requiem aeternam dona fr. Henrico Gonzales, OP,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.*

[Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Enrico Gonzales, OP,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.]

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