



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS  
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**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
**RE :** *MISA y DISCURSO DE APERTURA* for A.Y. 2023-2024  
**DATE :** 27 July 2023

In joyful anticipation of the Academic Year 2023-2024, the University announces the following activities for the **Opening Exercises** on **4 August 2023 (Friday)** at the **UST Chapel (Santísimo Rosario Parish Church)**:

**A. Holy Rosary | 8:30 am**

**B. MISA DE APERTURA (MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT) | 9:00 a.m.**

- **His Excellency Most Rev. Cerilo Alan U. Casicas, DD**, *Bishop of Marbel* (South Cotabato), will be the Presider and Homilist of the Eucharistic Celebration.
- It will be concelebrated by the Dominican Fathers and student-priests of the University.

**C. DISCURSO DE APERTURA (INAUGURAL LECTURE) | 10:30 a.m.**

- **Academician Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D.**, Assistant to the Rector for UST General Santos, will deliver the Inaugural Lecture titled "*C.A.R.E. in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Academic Institution.*"

In this light, select University officials; representatives of the academic and support staff, alumni, student leaders, UST Hospital, and Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST are invited to participate *in-person* while observing the updated University health protocols. They are expected to be seated **not later than 8:30 a.m.** The invitations and the seat plan will be communicated soon.

The rest of the community is invited to *virtually* participate through the livestream via the official University [Facebook](#) page.

All invited administrators, academic staff, and other invitees are requested to be in their **academic robes without the cap** during the event. The Deans, Institute Directors, and Principals will join the academic procession before 9:00 a.m.

May the Merciful Lord of our restless being, keep the Thomasians in beauty, truth and virtues; and in our teaching, researching and community development endeavors, may we be continuously imbued with *unending grace*. Thank you.

  
**FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP, EHL**  
Secretary-General