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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
RE : ✠REV. FR. FLORENCIO TESTERA y IGLESIAS, OP, JCD (1927-2023)  
DATE : 29 August 2023

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With deep sorrow, the University announces the passing of

**✠REV. FR. FLORENCIO TESTERA y IGLESIAS, O.P., J.C.D.**  
**(10 November 1927 - 29 August 2023),**

who was born on 10 November 1927 in Sahagún de Campos, León, Spain, and peacefully passed away, today, 29 August 2023 at the UST Hospital. He was 95 years old. He entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in 1946 and made his First Profession on 15 August 1947 at the Convent of Santo Tomás in Ávila, Spain.

He pursued his studies in Philosophy at the same convent in Ávila (1947-1950), and proceeded to study Theology in Dublin, Ireland (1950-1951), and back to Ávila (1951-1954), where he was ordained to the priesthood on 4 October 1953. He also received the following degrees: *Lector en Teología* in Ávila in 1954; *Licentiate in Canon Law* from the Catholic University of America, USA, in 1957; and *Doctor in Canon Law* from the University of Santo Tomas (UST), Manila, in 1958.

As an esteemed head of both administrative and academic units, Fr. Testera's diverse contributions within the University of Santo Tomas highlighted his resolute commitment to foster academic excellence and spiritual nourishment. Among his notable positions were:

- Assistant Dean, UST College of Liberal Arts (1957-1963);
- Assistant Dean, UST Faculty of Arts and Letters (1963-1966);
- Regent, UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (1966-1967);
- Administrator, UST Hospital (1966-1969);
- Regent, UST College of Nursing (1969-1976);
- Regent, UST College of Science (1980-1986);
- Treasurer, UST Manila (1970-1976; 1982-1985); and
- Dean, UST Faculty of Canon Law (1980-1986; 1989-1990).

Fr. Testera assumed significant editorial responsibilities during his tenure, showcasing his multifaceted capabilities. He served as the business manager for both *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas* from 1959 to 1989, and *Philippiniana Sacra* from 1966 to 1989.





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Fr. Testera served as *Associate Judge* (1965-1988) and *Advocate-Procurator* (1988-1992) of the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Manila. He also held the distinction of serving as the common *Judicial Vicar* of the Ecclesiastical jurisdictions in the Philippines with no operational Tribunal of First Instance (1989-1990). He served as *Associate Judge* of the National Appellate Tribunal in 1999.

Fr. Testera published several works, including *Studies of the New Code of Canon Law* (UST Press, 1983), *Parish Priests and Parishes* (UST Press, 1984), *Religious Men and Women in the New Code of Canon Law* (UST Press, 1984), *Church Law on the Formation, Rights and Duties of the Clergy* (UST Press, 1986), *Canon Law on Marriage and Matrimonial Tribunals* (UST Press, 1986); and a number of articles in *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas* and *Philippiniana Sacra* among others.

Furthermore, he served as the *Director* of San Lorenzo Ruiz Academy in Binondo, Manila (1986-1991; 1998-2012); *Syndic* of the Dominican Province of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Hong Kong (1989-1997); and *Superior* of the House of Our Lady of the Rosary, Binondo, Manila (2002-2012). Subsequently, he was assigned to the *Convento de la Santa Cruz* in San Juan, Metro Manila where he remained until his advanced years.

We invite the Thomasian community to offer prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of **Rev. Fr. Florencio Testera, OP**, whose remains lie in state at the *Replica Chapel* of the Santuario del Santo Cristo Parish. The **Requiem Mass** will be celebrated on **1 September 2023**, Friday, at **10:00 AM** at the same Parish in San Juan City, and the interment follows at the **Santuario del Santo Cristo Cemetery**.



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

Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Florencio Testera, OP,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

*Louie R. Coronel*  
**FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL**  
*Secretary-General*





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In loving memory of

*Fr. Florencio J. Testera, OP*

November 10, 1927 - August 29, 2023

His remains lie at the Replica Chapel of Santuario del Sto. Cristo Parish



Requiem Mass & Interment - September 1, 2023 | 10:00AM  
Santuario del Sto. Cristo Parish  
183 F. Blumentritt St., San Juan City, Metro Manila

