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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND PENANCE FOR PEACE
DATE : 24 October 2023

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, called for a **Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Penance** on Friday, **27 October 2023**: “Let us heed the *cry for peace* of populations, of the people, of the children! Brothers and sisters, war does not solve any problem: it sows only death and destruction, foments hate, and proliferates revenge. War cancels out the future. I urge believers to take just one side in this conflict: that of peace. But not with words – *with prayer, with total dedication.*”¹

Accordingly, the Archdiocese of Manila encourages “communities to organize prayer initiatives for this intention.”² Taking heed of the call, the University, through the Office of the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs and Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST, highly encourages the Thomasian community to participate in the following activities on the said date:

- A. **University Eucharistic Adoration for Peace**, 4:00 pm, UST Chapel
Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, OP, *Presider*
- B. **Mass for Peace**, 5:15 pm, UST Chapel
Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, OP, *Presider and Homilist*
- C. **Angelus** (6:00 am and 6:00 pm) **and Divine Mercy Prayer** (3:00 pm)
- We offer these moments of prayers *on-campus* for peace in the world.
- D. **Personal Prayers and Fasting**
- We encourage everyone to do fasting and prayer “in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world” (cf. *Appeal of Pope Francis*).

Pope Francis extended the invitation, saying: “I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit.” (cf. *Appeal of Pope Francis*).

May this **Day of Fasting, Prayer, and Penance** serve as a collective effort to nurture inner reflection and bring about positive change in our world.

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¹ *Appeal of the Holy Father Pope Francis*, General Audience, 23 October 2023.

² RCAM Circular No. 2023-85, 23 October 2023.

