



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

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TO : **THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY**

FROM : **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

RE : **CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
(UST KUMPILANG BAYAN 2024)**

DATE : **27 February 2024**

Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation constitute the *Sacraments of Christian Initiation*, whose unity must be safeguarded.¹ Moreover, Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.² For “by the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, [the baptized] are *more perfectly bound to the Church* and are *enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit*. Hence, they are, as *true witnesses of Christ*, more strictly obliged to *spread and defend the faith by word and deed*.”³

The University, through the Center for Campus Ministry (CCM), announces the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation (Kumpilang Bayan)** for the **Thomasian Community** on **20 April 2024 (Saturday), 2:00 p.m.** at the **UST Quadricentennial Pavilion**. The following are required for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

A. REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

1. **For Students:** A candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation must:
 - be a baptized person, and provide a photocopy of one’s baptismal certificate on the day of orientation;
 - have received the First Holy Communion;
 - be at least 12 years old;
 - be currently enrolled in UST;
 - commit to practice the Catholic Faith; and
 - choose one or two sponsors who are practicing Catholics and old enough to be godparents.
2. **For UST and UST Hospital Staff and personnel** (i.e., regular staff, sub-contractual employees, security personnel, maintenance staff), kindly visit the Center for Campus Ministry, 3rd floor of the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center.

¹ cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1285

² cf. *Roman Ritual, Rite of Confirmation (Ordo Confirmationis)*, Introduction 1.

³ cf. *Lumen Gentium*, no. 11; *Ordo Confirmationis*, Introduction 2.



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- 3. *For those who are not yet baptized and are considering Catholic Baptism, and those who have not yet received their First Holy Communion or gone to First Confession, kindly visit the Center for Campus Ministry, 3rd floor of the Tan Yan Kee Student Center.*

B. REGISTRATION AND SESSION DETAILS

- A candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is advised to:



1. **Register online** not later than **29 February 2024 (Thursday)** via this [link](#) or scan the provided QR code.
2. **Complete two (2) onsite sessions** (Modules 1 and 2) of **Orientation and Catechetical Instructions** at the St. Dominic Chapel, 3rd floor of the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center, on the following available schedules:

Modules	Days	Time Slots
Module 1	February 29 (Thu), or March 1 (Fri), or March 2 (Sat)	9:00 am - 11:00 am 9:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Module 2	March 21 (Thu), or March 22 (Fri), or March 23 (Sat)	9:00 am - 11:00 am 9:00 am - 11:00 am 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

3. Attend the onsite **Recollection and Confession** at the Medicine Auditorium, 4th floor of the St. Martin de Porres Building on **5 April 2024 (Fri)**, either **8:00 am - 12:00 nn, or 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**.

Pope Francis said that the faithful must conserve and take care of the gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation by praying for the strength to go forward, and by cultivating friendship in the Church.⁴

May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new.

Thank you.

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⁴ cf. Pope Francis, *Address to the Candidates for Confirmation*, Genoa, Italy, 21 May 2022.

