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**TO :** THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
**RE :** ONBOARDING SEASON 2024-2025  
**DATE :** 27 July 2024

The University, through the Central Committee on University Events, issues the consolidated schedule of preliminary activities and guide for **Onboarding Season 2024-2025**.<sup>1</sup> Further details about the events shall be provided in separate communications. (*See also Annex 1 and Annex 2*).

The **Opening Exercises on 2 August 2024 (Friday)** highlights the University-wide **Mass of the Holy Spirit (*Misa de Apertura*)** and the **Inaugural Lecture (*Discurso de Apertura*)**.

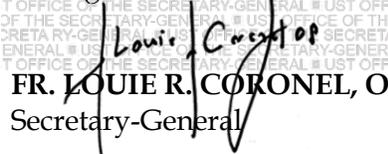
The incoming freshmen shall participate in a **Virtual ROARientation on relevant University services on 3 August 2024 (Saturday)**. Then, they shall participate *in-person* in the traditional **Welcome Mass, ROARientation, and Thomasian Welcome Walk on 5 August 2024 (Monday)**.

The University, through the Office of the Vice Rector for Religious Affairs, will hold **Triduum Prayers and Masses** in honor of St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers, on **August 5-7, 2024**. The **University Mass in honor of St. Dominic** will be celebrated on **7 August 2024 (Wednesday)**. The **Solemnity of St. Dominic de Guzman** on **8 August 2024 (Thursday)** is observed as a school holiday.

**Regular classes** officially commence on **9 August 2024 (Friday)**. The **academic units shall likewise provide the program- and course-specific orientations**. (*See also Annex 3*).

In consultation with the Office for the Student Affairs, **all recruitments, assemblies, and orientations of officially recognized student organizations**, University-wide and college-based, shall be scheduled not later than **December 2024**, for more active engagements throughout the year.

With eager anticipation, we hope that these events provide renewed perspectives and synergy among our stakeholders, translating understanding to new learning and positive actions.

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

<sup>1</sup> The **Onboarding Season** signals the implementation of activities that allow our stakeholders to get acquainted with the University's context and culture, including new policies and guidelines that may be related or specific to a course and its delivery, academic program, and other realities affecting the basic and higher education.

