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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : OPENING EXERCISES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

DATE : 27 July 2024

In joyful anticipation of the Academic Year 2024-2025, the University announces the following activities for the **Opening Exercises** on **2 August 2024 (Friday)**:

A. *MISA DE APERTURA* (MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT)

1. UST Manila

- 8:30 a.m. | Holy Rosary
- 9:00 a.m. | Eucharistic Celebration
- Venue: UST Chapel (Santísimo Rosario Parish Church)
- **His Excellency Most Rev. Napoleon B. Sipalay, Jr., OP**, *Bishop of Alaminos* (Pangasinan), will be the Presider and Homilist of the Eucharistic Celebration.
- It will be concelebrated by the Dominican Fathers and student-priests of UST Manila.

2. UST General Santos

- 8:00 a.m. | Holy Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. | Eucharistic Celebration
- Venue: Ground Floor Lobby, UST General Santos Main Building
- **Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., OP**, *Vice Rector for Finance*, will be the Presider and Homilist of the Eucharistic Celebration.
- It will be concelebrated by the Dominican Fathers in General Santos.
- The Thomasian Community in General Santos will participate *virtually* during the *Declaration of the Opening of AY 2024-2025* and the *Discurso de Apertura* in UST Manila.

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

- **Prof. Melanie D. Turingan, Ph.D.**, Dean of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters, will deliver the Inaugural Lecture.
- Venue: UST Chapel (Santísimo Rosario Parish Church)



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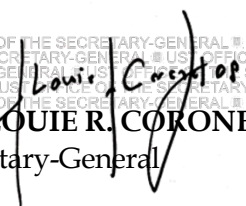
In this light, all *invited* University administrative and academic officials, academic staff, and representatives of support staff, alumni, student leaders, and other invitees are requested to participate *in-person*. They are expected to be seated **thirty (30) minutes before the start of the Mass**. The invitations and the seat plan will be communicated soon.

The rest of the community shall *virtually* participate through the livestream via the official Facebook pages of [UST Manila](#) and [UST General Santos](#).

All invited officials, 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 of UST Manila, and the officials and School Directors of UST General Santos will join the academic procession.

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
Secretary-General

