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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : ✱FR. POMPEYO F. DE MESA, O.P., S.T.L.
(1937-2024)

DATE : 9 September 2024

With deep sorrow, the University mourns the passing of

✱REV. FR. POMPEYO F. DE MESA, OP, STL
(3 March 1937 – 8 September 2024),

who was born on 3 March 1937, and peacefully passed away on 8 September 2024, 9:50 am. He was 87 years old.

He obtained his academic degrees at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas (Angelicum), Rome: Bachelor of Theology (1961) and Licentiate in Sacred Theology (1963). He specialized in Liturgy; hence, a liturgist of the Priory of St. Thomas Aquinas.

In the University of Santo Tomas, he taught at the Faculty of Sacred Theology for more than five (5) decades, since June 6, 1971 until his retirement. Under the same academic unit, he served as a *Member of the Faculty Council* (April 1, 1993 – March 31, 1996; June 16, 1999 – June 15, 2002).

He also served the University in various capacity: *Regent of the UST College of Science* (1988 – 2007), with concurrent position as *Dean of the Institute of Religion* in the early 1990s, *Regent of the UST College of Nursing* (2007-2008), *Regent of the UST Faculty of Civil Law* (2008-2009), and *Regent of the UST Faculty of Pharmacy* (2009-2022).

From 1974-1980, he served as the 74th Rector and President of the Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Manila.

His lecture titled “*The Real Presence*,” which he delivered during the Theology Week 2005 speaks highly of his devotion to Mary while his lecture titled “*Priest Leitourgios*,” delivered during the Theology Week 2010 reflects his profound insights about Catholic Priesthood.



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**Eternal rest grant unto Rev. Fr. Pompeyo F. De Mesa, OP,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.**

We invite the Thomasian community to offer prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of ✠Rev. Fr. Pompeyo F. de Mesa, OP, whose **remains lie in state at the Santísimo Rosario Parish Church (UST Chapel), from 9 September 2024 (Monday) to 11 September 2024 (Wednesday), 7:30pm.**

The remains of ✠Fr. De Mesa will be transferred to the Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City for a **Funeral Mass** scheduled on **12 September 2024 (Thursday), at 9:00 a.m.**, and the **interment** follows at the **Sanctuario de Santo Domingo.**

Thank you.

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