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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2024
DATE : 3 October 2024

World Teachers' Day (WTD), also known as *International Teachers' Day*, is an annual celebration that honors the remarkable contributions of educators worldwide. This special day acknowledges the vital role teachers play in shaping the future and inspiring students across the globe.

The theme for WTD 2024 "**Valuing Teacher Voices: Towards a New Social Contract for Education**" underscores the urgency of calling for and attending to teachers' voices to address their challenges but, most importantly, to acknowledge and benefit from the expert knowledge and input that they bring to education (See <https://www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers>).

As we celebrate **World Teachers' Day** on 5 October 2024 (Saturday), the culmination of the **National Teachers' Month** (September 5 to October 5), the University highly encourages the Thomasian Community to embrace their creativity and seek meaningful opportunities to express gratitude to their teachers.

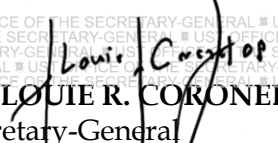
Let us also take a moment to remember our teachers who have retired from the University, reflecting on their invaluable contributions and the profound impact they have had on countless students throughout their careers.

Furthermore, let us honor the memory of our departed teachers who devoted their lives to the pursuit of knowledge and the betterment of their students. We invite you to pause and offer prayers for their souls, expressing gratitude for their sacrifices and the enduring legacy they left behind.

A **Eucharistic Celebration** will be offered for the intention of the **World Teachers' Day** on **5 October 2024** (Saturday), 8:00 am at the UST Chapel. *See also attached prayers for teachers.*

Happy World Teachers' Day!

Thank you.


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Secretary-General





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BLESSING OF TEACHERS

(by the Father Regent or any priest)

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past, you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone.

Send your Spirit upon ✠ these teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this academic year they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

(by lay persons)

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.
Look upon our teacher/s (*you may state the name/s*).
Let (*him/her/*) them strive to share (*his/her/*) their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that (*he/she/*) they may follow Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, forever and ever. Amen.

