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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : ✠REV. FR. GUILLERMO TEJÓN, O.P. (1930 - 2024)
DATE : 25 October 2024

With deep sorrow, the University mourns the passing of

✠REV. FR. GUILLERMO TEJÓN, OP
(16 March 1930 - 25 October 2024),

who peacefully passed away this morning, 25 October 2024, at the age of 94.

Fr. Tejón, a native of Asturias, Spain, entered the Order of Preachers in Ávila and completed his ecclesiastical studies, earning the degree of Lector of Theology. He was ordained as a priest in Salamanca and went on to pursue post-graduate studies at the University of Oxford, where he earned a B. Litt. in Modern History, and later at the University of Santo Tomas (UST), where he obtained a PhD in History.

A dedicated historian and preacher, Fr. Tejón authored several notable works, including *The Fourth Day: You and Your Post Cursillo*, *Juan Villaverde OP, Missionary and Road Builder, 1841-1897* – which won the Catholic Mass Media Award for “Best Book of the Year” in 1983 – and *Simon, Are You Asleep? A Retreat for Priests and Religious*. He was also a recipient of the Catholic Authors Award in 1992 and served as editor of *Life Today* magazine. In a 2009 forum organized by the Journalism Society, he urged Catholic journalists to be “contributors to spreading the Good News to a world that badly needs it.”

Fr. Tejón's legacy at UST is profound. He taught at the University from 1957 to 1971, served as Prefect of Libraries, administered the UST Hospital, headed the Academic Affairs Office, and was the Regent of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. He also served as Parish Priest of the Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST, Spiritual Director of the School of Leaders of *Cursillos de Cristianidad*, and Secretary of the Episcopal Commission for Relations with Non-Christian Religions.

Fr. Tejón's advocacy for the poor left a lasting impact, particularly through the establishment of the Medical Missions, Inc. in 1961, which continues to bear his name. In recognition of his contributions to community service, he was the inaugural recipient of *The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni* (TOTAL) Award in 1993. His life of service and scholarship leaves an enduring legacy of faith, compassion, and leadership.



