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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : LA NAVAL FESTIVITIES 2024

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The theme: *"Mary: Advocate of Heavenly Favors"* recalls the words of Pope St. Paul VI when he entrusted Quezon City to the Blessed Virgin's patronage 50 years ago in 1974. The solemn feast in honor of **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of La Naval de Manila** will be held on **13 October 2024**, second Sunday of October, at her shrine in Santo Domingo Church in Quezon City, with the following schedule:

- ❖ Morning Masses: 6:00 am, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and
- ❖ Noon and Afternoon Masses: 12:00 nn, 2:30 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm
- ❖ Grand Procession: 4:00 pm

Furthermore, the year 2024 marks the 70th Anniversary of the Solemn Transfer of the image of La Naval from the UST Chapel in Manila to her Shrine in Santo Domingo Church, Quezon City. The late Rev. Fr. Pedro Tejero (1920-2022), who served as the first prior of Santo Domingo Convent (1954-1957), recounts the story through the attached document.

The University highly encourages the Thomasian Community, together with their family members and friends, to take part in the La Naval Festivities.

May the Thomasian community remain steadfast in faith "in celebration of a battle fought and won; a vow made and fulfilled; a time remembered and held dear; a miracle experienced and kept alive; love received and returned: Our Lady's patronage sought and thanked for: God praised, God adored."¹

*Da [nos] tu bendición, Madre del Salvador.*²

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¹ cf. Novena to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary - La Naval de Manila.

² Translation: "Grant us your blessing, Mother of the Savior"; Excerpt from the lyrics of *"Despedida a la Virgen"*