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**TO** : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
**FROM** : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
**RE** : APPOINTMENT OF NEW CARDINALS  
**DATE** : 7 October 2024

His Holiness Pope Francis, following his Sunday Angelus on 6 October 2024, joyfully announced that a *Consistory for the creation of new Cardinals* will be held on 8 December 2024, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This significant event will take place ahead of the opening of the **2025 Jubilee of Hope** and after the conclusion of the **Second Session of the Synod on Synodality** at the Vatican.

With great joy, the University extends heartfelt congratulations to the twenty-one (21) cardinal-designates, with special acknowledgment to:

1. **Cardinal-Designate Pablo Virgilio S. David, DD** is the Bishop of Kalookan and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). He was recently elected as the next Vice President of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), a role he will officially assume in January 2025. Under his leadership, numerous collaborative initiatives between UST and CBCP have been successfully undertaken.
2. **Cardinal-Designate Timothy Radcliffe, OP**, a Dominican priest, former Master of the Order of Preachers, and former Chancellor of the University, is an internationally renowned theologian and speaker. He is currently leading the spiritual retreats for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, held from 2 to 27 October 2024. We were graced with his presence in our 2015 *Ambag* retreat.
3. **Cardinal-Designate Fabio Baggio, CS**, an Italian Scalabrinian priest, is the Undersecretary of the Migrants and Refugees Section of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. His missionary work has taken him to Chile, Argentina, and the Philippines. He taught theology at the Maryhill School of Theology and later became Director of the Scalabrini Migration Center in New Manila. He was one of the distinguished speakers at the UST-ADMU joint project, the *International Conference on the Theology of the Priesthood*, held on 13–14 February 2024.

Pope Francis exhorted us, "Let us pray for the new Cardinals, that by confirming their adherence to Christ, the merciful and faithful High Priest, they may assist me in my ministry as Bishop of Rome, for the good of all God's holy people."

  
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