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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : JUBILEE OF HOPE
DATE : 12 December 2024



"Hope does not disappoint" (Rm 5:5). This message of hope anchors the [upcoming Jubilee](#), which the Pope proclaims every 25 years, following an ancient tradition. The 2025 Jubilee will open on **24 December 2024** (Tuesday), at **7:00 pm (Rome time)** with Pope Francis leading the *Opening of the Holy Door* at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

The **anchor**, a symbol of **Christian hope**, signifies security and steadfastness in God's promises. As Hebrews 6:19 affirms, "We have this hope as an *anchor* for the soul, firm and secure." This verse underscores how hope in Christ offers stability, much like an anchor steadying a vessel in a storm. This imagery is central to the *Jubilee of Hope* logo and resonates with the UST Main Building's *Tria Haec* ('these three'; cf. 1 Cor 13:13), where the statue of *Hope* (*Spes*) holds an anchor, standing alongside *Faith* (*Fides*) and *Love* (*Caritas*).¹

His Eminence José F. Cardinal Advincula, Archbishop of Manila, urges us to read the **primer** (*See Attachment*) for the *Jubilee of Hope*, and to view the **catechetical videos**² produced by the Catechetical Foundation of the Archdiocese of Manila, which will provide comprehensive information for our celebration of the Holy Year. Furthermore, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines has also provided a [list of Jubilee Churches](#) in the Philippines.

The **Solemn Opening of the Jubilee of Hope in the Archdiocese of Manila** will take place on **30 December 2024** (Monday), starting at **3:00 pm** at Plaza Moriones in Fort Santiago. From there, the faithful will embark on a pilgrimage toward the Manila Cathedral.

As we journey through the *Jubilee of Hope*, may we be steadfast in faith, anchored in God's promises, and united in love as a pilgrim people. Thank you.

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¹ Inspired by the homily of Fr. Rolando de la Rosa OP, former UST Rector, the theme "*Tria Haec: Impelled by Faith, Propelled by Hope, Compelled by Love*" was adopted for the Quadricentennial Retreat held from 3-5 November 2010.

² **Catechetical videos:** Part 1 | [Katekesis sa Pagdiriwang ng Jubileo](#); Part 2 | [Katekesis sa Tanda ng Jubileo](#); Part 3 | [Katekesis sa Logo at Awit ng Jubileo](#)

