

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

DATE	:	22 January 2025
RE	:	VISIT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE DICASTERY FOR CULTURE AND EDUCATION (28 January 2025)
FROM	:	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ТО	:	THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
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In relation to the *Triduum* (January 22-24) and *Institutional Mass* (January 27) in honor of **Saint Thomas Aquinas**, the University observes **28 January 2025 (Tuesday)** as **school holiday**, as also indicated in the academic calendar.

Coinciding on this solemnity is the visit to the University by Most Rev. Giovanni Cesare Pagazzi, DD, Secretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education.<sup>1</sup> Below are the activities:

- 8:30 am **Courtesy Visit** of Archbishop Pagazzi to the Fr. Rector, together with the Deans of the Ecclesiastical Faculties;
- 9:30 am Courtesy Visit of Archbishop Pagazzi to the UST Central Seminary; and
- 10:00 am **Eucharistic Celebration for the Solemnity of Saint Thomas Aquinas** at the UST Chapel to be presided by Archbishop Pagazzi, and to be participated in by the Dominican Fathers, students and teachers of the Ecclesiastical Faculties, lay and priests alumni, and University administrators.

Let us be ever mindful of the call of *Veritatis Gaudium* to be places of culture, dialogue, and the search for truth, striving to contribute to the building of a more just and united society, while promoting the dignity of the human person and the common good in all our endeavors.<sup>2</sup>

Thank you.

FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP Secretary-General



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Dicastery for Culture and Education, established in 2022 under Pope Francis' *Praedicate Evangelium*, oversees the Church's cultural and educational initiatives, promoting dialogue with the cultural world, safeguarding heritage, and supporting Catholic institutions to align with Gospel values and holistic human formation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, Veritatis Gaudium, Apostolic Constitution on Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties, 2017, no. 3.