



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : SOLEMN CONFERMENT OF THE TITLE *PROFESSOR EMERITUS*
UPON ACADEMIC STAFF OF UST ECCLESIASTICAL FACULTIES
DATE : 22 January 2025

In recognition of their significant contributions to academic excellence, spiritual leadership, pastoral growth, and a lifelong commitment to education and service, the University is pleased to announce the **Solemn Conferment of the title *Professor Emeritus*¹ upon seven (7) academic staff of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties on 31 January 2025 (Friday), 1:00 pm** at the **Grand Ballroom**, second floor of the **Bl. Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, OP Building**. This event will also be streamed live via the [UST official Facebook page](#).

The recipients of the aforementioned honorary title are as follows (*Please see attached bionotes*):

A. Faculty of Sacred Theology

- Rev. Fr. Ángel A. Aparicio, OP
- Rev. Fr. Rodel E. Aligan, OP
- Rev. Fr. Rolando V. de la Rosa, OP
- Rev. Fr. Fausto B. Gómez, OP

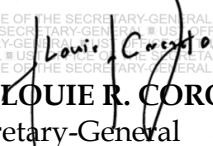
B. Faculty of Philosophy

- Rev. Fr. Norberto M. Castillo, OP

C. Faculty of Canon Law

- Rev. Fr. Javier I. Gonzáles, OP
- Rev. Fr. José Ma. B. Tinoko, OP

"Just as it is better to illuminate than merely to shine, so to pass on what one has contemplated is better than merely to contemplate" (*S.Th., II-II, Q.188, Art.6*). Thank you.


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP
Secretary-General

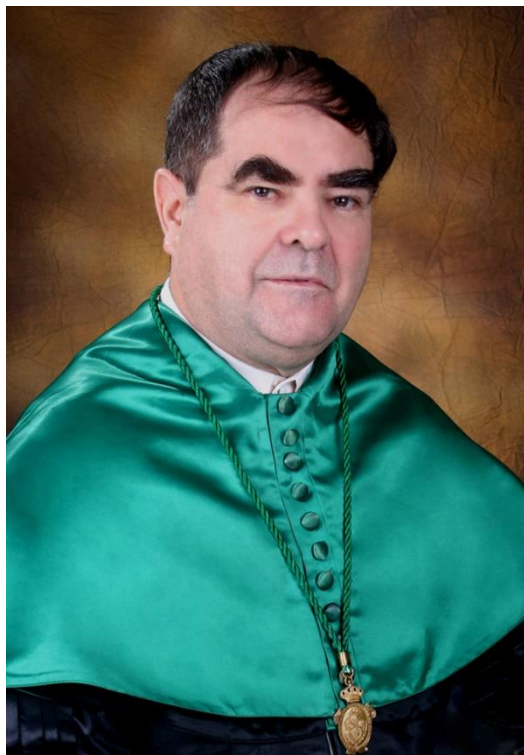
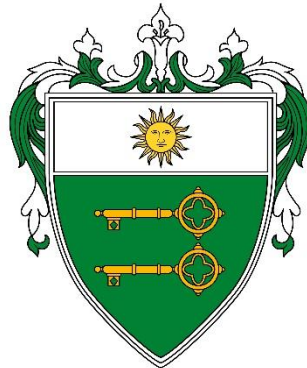
¹ The title *Professor Emeritus* is an honorary title bestowed by the University upon her academic staff in recognition of one's outstanding achievements and distinction in teaching, scholarship and research; distinguished service; and unwavering support and loyalty to the ideals of the University.





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Rev. Fr. Javier González, O.P. is a dedicated scholar whose extensive contributions to education, law, and religious formation have significantly shaped the Dominican community and beyond.

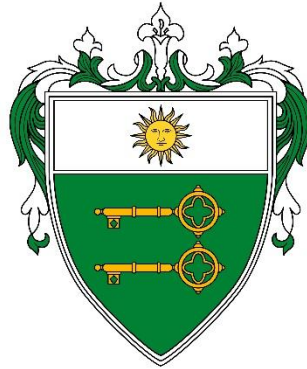
He served as Regent of the Faculty of Civil Law (2003–2005) and the College of Commerce and Business Administration (2005–2006) at the University of Santo Tomas, providing spiritual guidance and fostering academic excellence. He also served as Prior Provincial of the Province of the Holy Rosary from 2009–2013 and was just elected as Prior of Saint Dominic, Macau last December 8, 2024. As Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law (1997–2006) and a long-serving professor, Fr. González imparted invaluable knowledge to his students while advancing the study of Church law.

His editorial leadership spans different publications such as *Philippiniana Sacra*, *Philippine Canonical Forum*, and *The CLSP Gazette*, ensuring the dissemination of vital scholarly work. In addition, Fr. González has been Master of Students at the Convento de la Santa Cruz in San Juan, Metro Manila, and Provincial of the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Province, underscoring his unwavering commitment to religious formation and community leadership.





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of Canon Law.

Rev. Fr. José Ma. B. Tinoko, O.P., JCD is a revered figure in Canon Law whose remarkable teaching career spans 55 years. His dedication to academic and ecclesiastical service is evident through his various leadership roles, including Faculty Secretary of the Ecclesiastical Faculties (1973–1975) and Vice Rector of the University of Santo Tomas (1982–1988). As Dean of the Faculty of Canon Law for over a decade, Fr. Tinoko guided countless students with his canonical expertise and wisdom.

His contributions extend to publishing, having served as Editor of the *Boletín Eclesiástico de Filipinas* (1969–1970), and to the national stage as a member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines Commission of Canon Law Experts. His profound commitment to education marks Fr. Tinoko's enduring legacy, his guidance within the Church, and his unwavering dedication to the study and practice





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Rev. Fr. Norberto M. Castillo, O.P., Ph.D. is the 91st Rector of the University of Santo Tomas serving two terms from 1982-1990.

He is a distinguished scholar and educator whose contributions to philosophy, science, and theology have earned him international recognition. A senior fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities at the University of Edinburgh (1990-1991) and a research grantee at prestigious institutions such as the Katholischer Akademischer Auslander Dienst in Bonn, Germany, and the Catholic University of Leuven, Fr. Castillo's academic pursuits reflect his profound commitment to excellence.

He was also a Cosmos Fellow at the School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh. His influence extends to Southeast Asia, where he served as a distinguished professor at the Graduate School of Assumption

University in Bangkok, Thailand. He also served as Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Santo Tomas (1994-1996, 2008-2012) and currently serves as the Assistant Editor of *Philippiniana Sacra*.

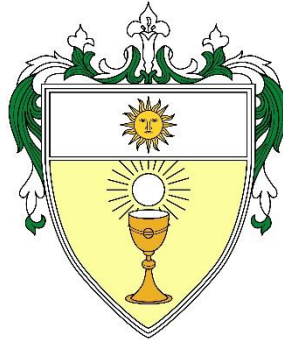
His remarkable career reflects a lifelong commitment to education, research, and the pursuit of wisdom.





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Rev. Fr. Rodel E. Aligan, O.P., SThD has dedicated over four decades to the pursuit of theological excellence and moral guidance, profoundly shaping the minds and hearts of his students and colleagues.

As Dean of the Faculty of Sacred Theology for a total of nine years, he demonstrated unwavering leadership and a commitment to academic and pastoral growth.

Specializing in Moral Theology, Fr. Aligan has made significant contributions as Chair of the Morals and Pastoral Sections and as a member of the Commission on Theological Reflection. His dedication extends to teaching roles in the UST Graduate School and the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery. Outside of UST he serves as guest lecturer at the Recoletos School of Theology.

A prolific writer and sought-after lecturer, Fr. Aligan also serves as a member of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Office of Bioethics and as Ecclesiastical Adviser to the Catholic Physicians' Guild of the Philippines.

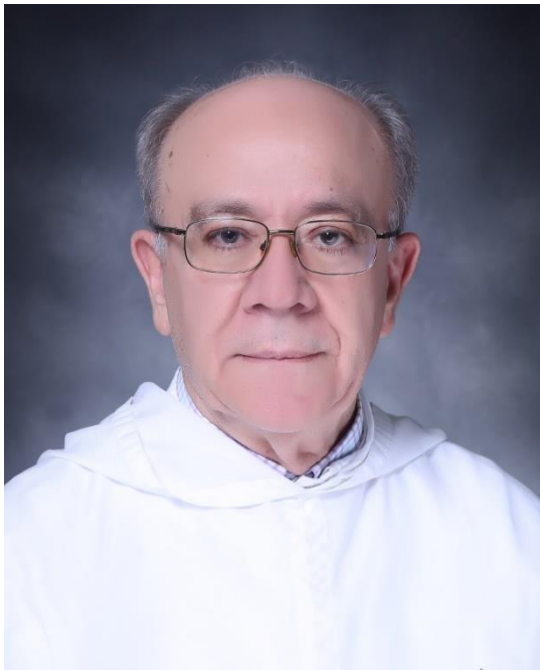
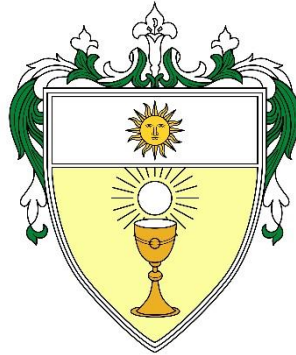
His remarkable career reflects an enduring passion for faith, education, and the moral formation of society.





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Rev. Fr. Ángel A. Aparicio, O.P. embodies a legacy of dedication and distinction that has truly left an indelible mark on the University of Santo Tomas.

For an impressive 37 years, Fr. Aparicio has been a pillar of the UST Library, serving as Prefect since 1992 and Assistant Prefect of Ecclesiastical Libraries from 1987 to 1992. He also served as Faculty Secretary of the Ecclesiastical Faculty from 1980 to 1982 and has been a devoted educator, imparting knowledge for an incredible 45 years.

Among his other accomplishments, he was honored with the Cruz de Oficial del Mérito Civil, a prestigious recognition established by King Alfonso XIII of Spain, celebrating his exceptional contributions to civil society. He also has consistent contributions to Life Today magazine and he wrote and published The University of Santo Tomas Museum of Arts and Sciences.

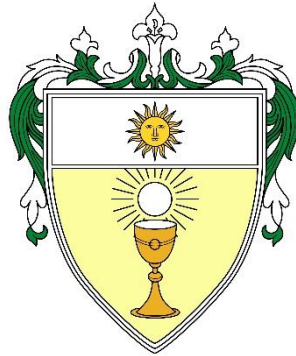
Fr. Aparicio's lifelong dedication reflects unwavering service to education, faith, and the enrichment of society.





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Rev. Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P., Ph.D. stands as a beacon of academic excellence, spiritual leadership, and a lifelong commitment to education and service. With a career spanning 40 years in academia, he has profoundly influenced countless individuals through his wisdom and dedication.

A prolific writer and lecturer, Fr. dela Rosa regularly contributes to the *Manila Bulletin*, sharing insights that resonate deeply with readers. His scholarly achievements have been widely recognized, earning him prestigious honors such as the National Book Award in History, the Catholic Authors Award, and the Outstanding Manilan Award in Education (1995) and Ministry and Spirituality (2010). He has also been internationally lauded with accolades like the Medal of Highest Honor from Kyung Hee University in Korea in 1996. Fr. dela Rosa was also recognized as the 2012 Outstanding CEO Award in Education.

As the former Rector of the University of Santo Tomas, serving three distinguished terms (1990–1994; 1995–1998 and 2008–2012), Through his visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to education ushered the University of Santo Tomas to its Quadricentennial Anniversary in 2011 commemorated through momentous and unforgettable activities participated by the UST Alumni from all across the world. At the helm of this momentous year, the Quadricentennial celebration inspired numerous projects, activities, and initiatives that has benefitted both internal external stakeholders of UST like the Simbahayan.

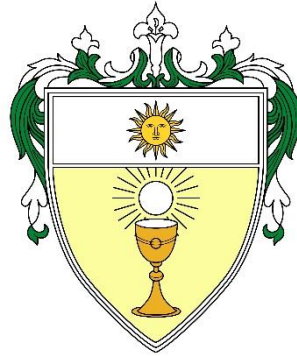
Indeed, Fr. dela Rosa's service and dedication have left an indelible mark on the academic and spiritual life of the University.





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Rev. Fr. Fausto B. Gómez, O.P., SThD is a known figure in theological education and moral philosophy, whose career spans an extraordinary 56 years of teaching. A distinguished professor specializing in Fundamental Moral Theology, Fr. Gomez has inspired ethical discourses over the years.

His exemplary contributions have been recognized globally, including his conferment with the Gran Cruz de Caballero de Isabela la Católica in 1974. In 1989, he was named Outstanding Catholic Author by the Asian Catholic Bookfair, affirming his impact as a writer. Fr. Gómez's leadership roles include serving as Dean of the

Faculty of Sacred Theology (1979–1985, 1994–2004) and founding and chairing the Department of Bioethics (1991–2001).

His influence extends through his editorial work for *Bioethics Notes and News* (2000–2009) and his membership in esteemed institutions such as the Pontifical Academy for Life, the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, and the Editorial Board of the *National Bioethics Quarterly*.

His profound commitment to theology, ethics, and education underscores a lifetime of remarkable service and unwavering faith.