



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
(UST KUMPILANG BAYAN 2025)

DATE : 15 February 2025

Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation constitute the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, whose unity must be safeguarded.¹ Moreover, Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.² For “by the Sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.”³

The University, through the Center for Campus Ministry, announces the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation (*Kumpilang Bayan*) for the Thomasian Community on 3 May 2025 (Saturday), 2:00 p.m.** at the **UST Quadricentennial Pavilion**. The following are required for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

A. REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. For Students:** A candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation must:
 - Be a baptized person, and provide a photocopy of one’s baptismal certificate on the day of orientation;
 - Have received the First Holy Communion;
 - Be at least twelve (12) years old;
 - Be currently enrolled in UST;
 - Choose one or two sponsors who are practicing Catholics and old enough to be godparents; and
 - Commit to practice the Catholic Faith.
- 2. For UST Staff and UST Hospital Personnel** (i.e., regular staff, sub-contractual employees, security personnel, maintenance staff), kindly visit the Center for Campus Ministry, 3rd floor of the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center.
- 3. For those who are not yet baptized and are considering Catholic Baptism, and those who have not yet received their First Holy Communion or gone to First Confession,** kindly visit the Center for Campus Ministry, 3rd floor of the Tan Yan Kee Student Center.

¹ cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1285

² cf. *Roman Ritual*, Rite of Confirmation (*Ordo Confirmationis*), Introduction 1.

³ cf. *Lumen Gentium*, no. 11; *Ordo Confirmationis*, Introduction 2.





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B. REGISTRATION AND SESSION DETAILS

A candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is advised to:

1. Register online not later than 28 February 2025 (Friday) via this link or scan the provided QR code; and



2. Attend and complete the following onsite sessions at the St. Dominic Chapel, 3rd floor of the UST Tan Yan Kee Student Center, on the following available schedules:

Table with 3 columns: Sessions, Available Day(s), Available Time Slots. Rows include Orientation, Modules 1 and 2, Modules 3 and 4, and Recollection with Confession.

His Holiness Pope Francis explained how Confirmation strengthens Baptismal commitments, with the Holy Spirit and the Church guiding us to accept our mission personally. He cited Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), a young boy from Milan, Italy who spread the Gospel through the internet, emphasizing prayer, witness, and charity. The Pope encouraged young people approaching Confirmation to meet Jesus, share His love, and tell others about the joy of being with the Lord.

May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new (cf. Jn 14:26 and 2 Cor 5:17).

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4 cf. Pope Francis, Address to the Candidates for Confirmation, Rome, Italy, 27 January 2024.

