



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : GRADUATION SEASON 2025

DATE : 17 February 2025

The University, through the Central Committee on University Events, announces the upcoming schedule of activities for Graduation Season 2025:

A. UNIVERSITY STUDENT AWARDS DAY | 23 May 2025, 9:00 am, Quadricentennial Pavilion

- The University bestows her highest distinction to individuals and groups, who exemplify Thomasian excellence in the fields of academics, community development, leadership, teamwork, sports and the arts.
- Academic Units, including the Basic Education Cluster, and the Office for Student Affairs also have their respective local Recognition Days.

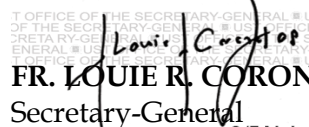
**B. BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION and
THANKSGIVING MASSES FOR BASIC EDUCATION**

- The celebration of the Baccalaureate Mass will be held on 30 May 2025 (Friday) at the UST Grandstand and Open Field, at 4:00 pm. The Post-Mass Program includes the *Ceremony of Light*, Conferment of the *Thomasian Mission Cross*, the Recitation of the *Thomasian Pledge of Loyalty* and the Traditional Exit through the historic *Arch of the Centuries*.
- Thanksgiving Masses for Basic Education are likewise set before their completion ceremonies/commencement exercises (*See Attachment*).

**C. SOLEMN INVESTITURE RITES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION,
COMPLETION CEREMONIES/ MOVING-UP CEREMONIES FOR GRADE 10 and
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES FOR GRADE 12 | 9 May 2025 to 1 July 2025**

- The Rites shall be held at the Quadricentennial Pavilion Arena, the Medicine Auditorium, the Albertus Magnus Auditorium, and the UST Chapel (*See Attachment*).
- The academic units are requested to keep the ceremonies concise and solemn, adhering to the prescribed program.

Pope Francis underscores that “young people are not meant to become discouraged; they are meant to dream great things, to seek vast horizons, to aim higher, to take on the world, to accept challenges and to offer the best of themselves to the building of something better. [They should] not let themselves be robbed of hope” (*Christus Vivit*, 15). Thank you.


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