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TO : THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : NATIONAL PERIOD OF MOURNING FOR THE PASSING
OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (1936-2025)

DATE : 23 April 2025

In reference to the **Presidential Proclamation No. 871**, issued by **His Excellency Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, the University joins the entire nation in observing a **Period of National Mourning** for the passing of **His Holiness Pope Francis**, who returned to the Father on **21 April 2025** (Monday within the Octave of Easter) at the age of 88.

In reverence and communion with the global community:

- The **Philippine National Flag** shall be flown at **half-mast** in the University from **23 April 2025** (Wednesday) until **26 April 2025** (Saturday), the day of the Pope's burial, as a mark of mourning and respect.
- The **Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas**, expressed his sorrow and gratitude on behalf of the Thomasian community in his '[Mensahe sa Pagpanaw ni Pope Francis](#)' (See also attachment).
- The **second University Mass for the Eternal Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis** shall be held on **25 April 2025** (Friday), **5:15 pm**, at the **UST Chapel**. Everyone is encouraged to participate in-person or virtually through a livestream via the [official Facebook page](#) of the University.
- University-wide Masses, Academic Unit Masses, and religious services in all campuses are encouraged to include the **special intention for the eternal repose of the late Pope Francis**.
- For more details, please see OSG Circular 68 (22 April 2025): [Prayerful Remembrance of Pope Francis](#). See also [Liturgical Notes on the Death of the Holy Father](#) from the Archdiocese of Manila (See also attachment).

Let us honor *Lolo Kiko* by continuing his mission of peace, mercy, and compassion. Thank you.


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