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**TO :** HEADS, ADMINISTRATIVE, ACADEMIC, AND RESEARCH UNITS

**FROM :** OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

**RE :** TOPPING OFF CEREMONY OF THE UST-DR. WILLIAM T. BELO INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

**DATE :** 29 April 2025

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The **University**, in collaboration with the *Office of the Assistant to the Rector for UST Santa Rosa* and the *Central Committee on University Events*, is pleased to announce the **Topping Off Ceremony<sup>1</sup>** of the **UST-Dr. William T. Belo Interdisciplinary Research Institute** on **Thursday, 8 May 2025**, at **9:00 AM**, to be held at the **UST Manila Annex (UST MAX), Santa Rosa City**. *Please see the attached program flow.*

This ceremony marks a significant milestone in the development of the **Santa Rosa Research Complex**, celebrating the University's commitment to academic and research excellence through interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation.

The event will also be streamed live via the official [Facebook page](#) of the University, allowing the Thomasian community and the public to participate virtually.

**For the confirmation of your attendance, please confirm via this [link](#) not later than Monday, 5 May 2025.**

As we gather to commemorate this momentous occasion, we offer our prayers for the success of the event and the pivotal role of the Institute in fostering academic growth, research advancement, and faithful stewardship among all our stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the University's mission.

FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP  
Secretary-General

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<sup>1</sup> Topping Off Ceremony marks the completion of the structural phase of the construction of a building.



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**TOPPING OFF CEREMONY**  
**UST-Dr. William T. Belo Interdisciplinary Research Institute**  
8 May 2025 (Thursday), 9:00 am  
Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
UST Manila Annex (MAX), Santa Rosa City

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| <b>I. Entrustment to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH<br><i>Vice Rector for Academic Affairs</i> | <b>VIII. Message</b><br>Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, OP, PhD<br><i>Rector, University of Santo Tomas<br/>President, Research and Endowment<br/>Foundation, Inc.</i>                     |
| <b>II. Floral Offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>  | <b>IX. Message</b><br>Dr. William T. Belo<br><i>Founder and Chairman Emeritus,<br/>Wilcon Depot, Inc.</i>  |
| <b>III. Philippine National Anthem</b>   | <b>X. Word of Thanks</b><br>Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, OP<br><i>Secretary-General,<br/>University of Santo Tomas<br/>Executive Director, Research and<br/>Endowment Foundation, Inc.</i> |
| <b>IV. Welcome Remarks</b><br>Rev. Fr. Isaias Antonio D. Tiongco, OP<br><i>Vice Rector</i>                                   | <b>XI. Topping Off Rites</b><br>Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, OP<br><i>Vice Rector for Religious Affairs</i>  |
| <b>V. Overview of the Project</b><br>Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, PhD<br><i>Assistant to the Rector for UST Santa Rosa</i>    | <b>XII. UST Hymn</b>   |
| <b>VI. Message</b><br>Rev. Fr. Jannel N. Abogado, OP, DThPatSc<br><i>Vice Rector for Research and Innovation</i>             | <b>XIII. Photo Opportunity</b>   |
| <b>VII. Video Presentation</b><br><i>JSLA Architects</i>   | <b>XIV. Reception</b>  |

Senior Teacher Katherine Patrice B. Sibug, MA  
Assistant Director, Office of Public Affairs  
*Master of Ceremonies*