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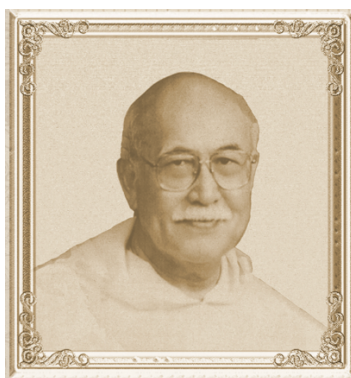
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : *IN MEMORIAM: ✠REV. FR. ROGELIO B. ALARCON, OP (1937-2025)*

DATE : 17 May 2025

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With deep sorrow, the University announces the passing of



**✠REV. FR. ROGELIO B. ALARCON, OP**  
**(26 October 1937 – 17 May 2025),**

a distinguished Dominican friar, visionary educator, and trailblazer in learner-centered education in the Philippines. He was born on 26 October 1937, in Laur, Nueva Ecija. He joined the Order of Preachers and was vested with the Dominican habit in 1956. He was ordained to the priesthood on 31 May 1964, and served the Church and society with unwavering commitment and innovation.

Fr. Alarcon is most renowned for pioneering the non-graded, self-paced, modular system of learning—a revolutionary approach that gave birth to Angelicum School, Quezon City (now, UST Angelicum College), which he founded in 1972 during his tenure as the **first Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines**. His leadership in establishing this alternative system of education earned him the **Ten Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) Award** in 1972. Furthermore, he was conferred the University's **TOTAL Award** (The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni Award) in 1995.

Throughout his ministry and academic service, Fr. Alarcon held numerous key positions: Theology professor, principal, school director, counselor, and pastor. He founded institutions not only in the



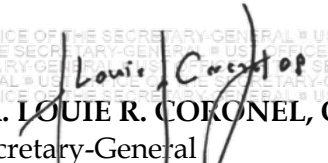
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Philippines but also abroad, including campuses in Iloilo and Iran. He also authored *The Angelicum Experience*, a seminal work outlining his pedagogical philosophy.

Through the **Re-entry Agenda for the Poor (REAP)**, he championed alternative learning to help out-of-school youth and the marginalized pursue their dreams through education. In Fr. Alarcon's legacy, we remember a friar who saw Christ in every learner and who worked tirelessly to ensure that education becomes a transformative journey accessible to all, especially the poor and marginalized.

Funeral arrangements will be announced shortly through the official Facebook account of the [Dominican Province of the Philippines](#).

Eternal rest grant unto ✠Rev. Fr. Rogelio B. Alarcon, OP,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.

  
FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP  
Secretary-General