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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : STATEMENT ON THE 2025 MIDTERM NATIONAL
AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

DATE : 2 May 2025

The University earnestly calls upon the Thomasian community to engage actively and meaningfully in the upcoming **2025 Midterm National and Local Elections** on 12 May 2025 (Monday). As citizens formed in *Veritas in Caritate* (Truth in Charity), we are invited to exercise our right to vote with discernment, integrity, and a genuine concern for the common good.

Attached is the official Statement of the University reflecting our moral and civic responsibility in this democratic process. We encourage everyone to read it, reflect upon it, and let it guide our participation in the elections.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the wisdom to discern well, the courage to stand for truth, and the love to seek the good of all – especially the poor and vulnerable.

Thank you.

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STATEMENT ON THE 2025 MIDTERM NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

As Thomasians and citizens of the Republic of the Philippines, we are called to participate meaningfully in the democratic process. On 12 May 2025 (Monday), we shall proceed to the polling precincts to cast our votes in the midterm national and local elections. This civic duty is not only a political act—it is also a moral responsibility.

Guided by the light of *Veritas* (Truth), we urge all members of the Thomasian community to choose leaders of proven integrity, marked by competence, commitment, and compassion—those whose platforms are rooted in justice and the common good. Informed discernment, not personal interest or disinformation, must guide our choices.

The Gospel calls us to remain steadfast in hope and to express that hope through responsible action. As St. Paul reminds us, “Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (*Rm* 5:5). This hope, animated by love, must permeate every dimension of our lives—including our engagement in public life. Political participation, then, becomes an expression of charity—what tradition calls *social charity*—a concrete way of loving our neighbor and working for the common good (cf. *Deus Caritas est*, 29). Casting our vote responsibly and conscientiously shall help shape a future rooted in justice, dignity, and compassion, especially for the poor and the vulnerable.

We therefore exhort every Thomasian to:

Discern your vote. Guard your vote. Hold it sacred.

For your vote is your voice. And your voice—formed in truth and love—matters.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the wisdom, courage, and conviction to fulfill this duty with faith, hope and love for our country.

