



UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

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TO: THE DEANS, HEADS OF DIVISIONS,
HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

SUBJECT: BACALAWANIAN MASS 2019

DATE: 21 MAY 2019

As we end the Academic Year 2018-2019, we invite you to join us in the Bacalawian Mass, which will be held on May 21, 2019 at the University of Santo Tomas Chapel. This Mass will be preceded by a walk of the procession from the University of Santo Tomas to the Chapel.

Each Faculty/College/Unit/Chancery is requested to send a "Bacalawian Mass" representative to the Mass. The collection taken during the Mass will be forwarded to the Dominican Missions, specifically to the Bartholomew Academy, Calayan and the Vicarum of Camiguin in the Philippines. Meanwhile, a check may be made payable to United Dominican Province of the Philippines. All funds collected will be used for the poor.

Kindly find with this circular a copy of the Circular for the information related to the Bacalawian Celebration for your reference.

The seating arrangement will be as follows: the Chancery, the Office of the Secretary General, Faculties & Colleges, and the Recessional place, etc., will be seated in the front rows. Please advise your participants to bring their daily alms, dried fruits, and their own umbrellas. There will be no refreshments served. Please do not bring any bottles during the event.

All administrative and academic officials, faculty members, and students are enjoined to attend this significant liturgical celebration. Guests and invited persons are also invited to this special occasion.

Thank you very much.

FR. JESUS M. PEREZ, S.J.
Secretary General

GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION
BACCALAUREATE CELEBRATION DAY 2018/2019

Friday 24 May 2019, USJ, Beirut, Lebanon

PRE-MASS PROGRAM

3:30

- The candidates gather at the USJ Hall of College and add their respective mitsvahs.

4:00

- Candidates start to walk towards the Hall of College through the designated entry points.
- Members of the Reception/Welcome Committee will lead them to their assigned seats upon arrival at the venue.
- The academic officials enter the College and question the candidates for graduation from the Faculty all held.

5:30

- **PRE-MASS PROGRAM**
- Entrance of the Triumphant Flag and the Last Flag, followed by the National Anthem, to be led by the USJ Symphony Orchestra, College Liturgy.
- Introduction of College Presidents, followed by the Rector.
- The faculty members who requested to be present at the Mass will be invited to the stage.
- The faculty members from each College will be invited to the stage to receive a rehearsal on Thursday, 23 May 2019.

MASS PROPER

6:00

- Main College President Mr. Georges H. Haddad, USJ, Beirut, Lebanon
Rector
University of Saint Joseph
- Offertory - A representative of each graduate from each College will walk in procession holding a flag, bringing their love offerings to the altar (Coordinate with campus ministry).

POST - MASS PROGRAM

7:15

- Recognition of the Candidates

- Each College is encouraged to have a short recessional procession for a joyful expression of its education and thanksgiving surviving after the Mass. However, please be guided by the following:

- Students should wear their **MAGISTERIUM A uniform**.
 - Hand held balloons, streamers and banners should be used for the gimmicks during the recessional parade.
 - There should be **NO FIREWORKS/FIRECRACKERS, SKY LANTERNS, CANDLE BALLOONS, FIRE CRACKERS, BALLOONS, FLOATING BALLOONS, GONZOGO FOAM SPRAYS, PAINT SPRAYS, COLORED POWDERS, PARTY POPPERS, GLITTER CARDS, GLITTERS, ANIMALS, CANDY, IRONING EXC, DURING THE official photography session and ACTION-READED GADGETS/DRONES** post-Mass program.
 - Since students will pass through Centuries, there should be **NO** other paraphernalia such as **FOAM SPRAYS and COLOR FEST POWDER** which compromise the integrity of the century.
 - Please distribute the paraphernalia such as clappers, masks, etc., immediately after the **BACCALAUREATE MASS**.
- Video Presentation titled **"The Year that Was"**
 - Graduation Mass
 - Blessing and Imposition of the Thomas Mission Cross
- The Thomas Mission Crosses to be used for the Mass Ceremony, the candle and the Light of the Thomas Pledge book, etc., will be claimed by the Colleges from the Office of the Secretary-General a day before the Baccalaureate Mass. The College administrators will decide on the number of lights that can cross to the students. However, if the students are already in with their lights, they proceed to the Football Field.
 - Every College representative or student will receive their respective Mission Crosses with no privilege to carry one above

for the ceremony, and the student will receive the Cross accompanied by the respective Dean and Rector, who will impose them their symbolic crosses.

- Simultaneously for the graduating students the student crosses distributed to them by the Rector or the student organiser.

■ Thomasian Prayer of Loyalty

■ Ceremony of Light

- For the Ceremony of Light, the candidates will already have their big/large candles. **THEY MUST NOT LIGHT THEM DURING THE CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT**

- One of the Professors, the Rector, the Deans and Rectors will light their own candle from the Father Rectory. **THEY MUST NOT LIGHT THEM DURING THE CEREMONY OF THE LIGHT**

- The Officers of the Society, the Wardens, the Head of the College, the candle holders for the Ceremony for the lights a 'gav' before the baccalaureate gate.

■ UCT Symphony

- By the UCT Symphony Orchestra.

■ FIREWORKS?

RECESSIONAL PARADE

8:45

- Fr. Daigdig and Fr. Mendoza together with the academic officials and the Maydigan Band will lead the candidates who in the candidates for graduation in different colleges will "exit" through the Arch of the Century.