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TO: THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE: WORLD CANCER DAY (4 FEBRUARY 2023)

DATE: 31 JANUARY 2023

The University, in coordination with the UST Hospital (USTH), participates in the observance of World Cancer Day on 4 February 2023 (Saturday), a global initiative to improve awareness and knowledge of cancer risks and better prevent, detect, and treat the disease.

Led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)<sup>1</sup>, World Cancer Day 2023 marks the second year of the three-year theme "Close the Care Gap", acknowledging the power of working together<sup>2</sup>, which could be translated in the Church as **Synodality**, "the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel." <sup>3</sup>

The University will launch the following activities:

- 1. Mass Intention for Cancer Patients, Cancer Survivors and their families
  - The Santísimo Rosario Parish-UST will hold a Eucharistic Celebration for the intention of cancer patients, cancer survivors and their families on 4 February 2023 (Saturday) at 7:30 am.
- 2. Lighting of the Campus Landmarks
  - With the assistance of the Facilities Management Office, our campus landmarks will be lit in orange and blue from February 1 to 4, 2023 (Wednesday to Saturday).
  - The Thomasians are encouraged to take photos of the lighted campus and post it in their respective social media accounts using #USTWorldCancerDay.
- 3. Talk Show on Cancer Awareness
  - 2. The program **Lifeline**, a health and wellness talk show, produced by the UST Tiger TV of the Communications Bureau, will feature a panel discussion with a **cancer specialist** from the USTH Benavides Cancer Institute, a **researcher on cancer**

- It will be broadcast via the UST Tiger TV and livestreamed via the <u>UST Facebook Page</u> on 3 February 2023 (Friday) at 3:00 pm.

