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Professors John Crossley and Regalado Trota Jose with Fernando de los Rios books at the Heritage Library. (inset : sample signature of Fernando de los Rios)

each book. According to Prof. Crossley, De los Rios was sent to the Philippines in 1588 and left the country for the last time in 1618. Most probably, books included in his collection belong to said periods. Luckily, they have found seventeen (17) of his books. Another seven (7) books have been discovered after Prof. Crossley left the Philippines. All in all, a wonderful haul of twenty-four (24) books from the 16th century collection have been traced to De los Rios' collection. At present, Prof. Crossley is preparing the CD on this with all the photographs of the books of De los Rios.

It is satisfying to know that professors like Crossley and Trota Jose have made tremendous impact by bringing historical facts back to life despite neglect of others on the essential role of history in order for others to understand better the present.

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## UST HERITAGE LIBRARY... A WONDERFUL HAUL OF TREASURE

The historical and invaluable wealth of the past marks anew the UST Heritage Library when a well-respected professor and historian John Crossley of Monash University, Australia visited the said library on June 4-8, 2007. Significantly, it made a marvelous discovery of the rare book collection of a secular, Fr. Fernando de los Rios including the book of the well-known Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus *De Revolutionibus (On Revolutions of the Celestial Spheres)*. Ms. Alena Pias Bantolo has featured in the *Varsitarian* this discovery last June 30, 2007 in her article entitled "The Copernicus Connection."

For almost a week, Prof. Crossley and Prof. Regalado Trota Jose of the UST Graduate School with the assistance of the Heritage library staff have made a thorough search of the 16th and 17th century rare books with the signature of De los Rios on the title page of

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### BOOKS ACROSS SOUTHEAST ASIA

The Book Development Association of the Phils. Inc. sponsored a 2-day conference entitled "Book Across South East Asia : a Book Publishing Conference." This was held last August 28-29, 2007 at the Bayview Park Hotel in Manila.

The objective of the conference is to inculcate in the minds and hearts of the various sectors of society in the different nations of Southeast Asia, public awareness of books written and published by, and in one another's country. The following were the speakers with their corresponding topics:

**Triena Ong**, Director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies  
(*Books in the Globalized World*)

**Dr. Patricia Licuanan**, President of Miriam College  
(*Books and Schools : Partners in Education*)

**Heather Mansell, Manager**, Innovative Projects, State Library of New South Wales  
(*Books and Libraries : a symbiotic relationship*)

**Michael Fraser, Vice-President**, International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organization  
(*Books and Rights: trade and protection*)

Other important topics discussed were:

Making Books Across Cultures  
Making Better and Competitive Books  
How Books Must Travel  
Books and their Users  
Making Textbooks and Children's Books Across Cultures  
Making Better and Competitive Textbooks and Children's Books

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### ST. DOMINIC DE GUZMAN

The Committee on Human Values chaired by Mrs. Leonila M. Manuel organized a forum on the "Life of St. Dominic de Guzman." This was held at the UST Miguel Benavides Library, Conference Hall on August 7, 2007. The aim of this forum was to remind and inspire each of us through the exemplary life led by St. Dominic.

Fr. Winston Fernandez-Cabading, O.P., the resource speaker, discussed the inspiring and still relevant life of St. Dominic de Guzman. He advised that the examples of the saint must continue to motivate the present generation.

The audience was composed of students from the college of Pharmacy, librarians and some guests.

Fr. Cabading ended his talk with these words of wisdom "that the life of St. Dominic was one of tireless effort in the service of God."

*Leonila M. Manuel*

### OFFICERS of the GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS CLUB

Club activities stimulate young people to do their best and encourage good conduct. Library club is a group of young students who assist the librarians and the library staff in maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of the section, encourage good library conduct and help in the publicity for the library. It also helps the pupils to get familiar with the library and its operations.

Now on its second year, the Grade School Library Book Lovers Club has eighty four (84) members for the morning session and one hundred five (105) members for the afternoon session.

Election for the new set of officers was held on July 16, 2007 at the activity area of the Grade School Library. The following have been elected to Office:

#### MORNING SESSION

President :	Aura Policarpio 6-A
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### HARRY POTTER –ORDER OF THE PHOENIX: A REVIEW

A fleeting 131 minutes of spellbinding drama and magic minus the Quidditch. All the teeny bopper scenes is gone. It is obvious that the flushing out of important characters in Harry's life is a must for the preparation of the ultimate showdown between Lord Voldemort and Harry.

The 5<sup>th</sup> installment of the movie series probed into a deeper and darker territory. It is apparent that the kid wizards are growing up and approaching adulthood.

The movie opens up with Harry being with the Dursleys again where Dudley was attacked by the dementors. Lord Voldemort's rise to power again, is not oblivious to the fact that the Ministry of Magic held up a smear campaign waged by Minister Fudge although the evidence to the contrary is overwhelming.

Asserting their power over Hogwarts, the Ministry has placed one of their own as the new Professor of Defense Against the Dark Arts. Dolores Umbridge with the backing of the Ministry, has come to Hogwarts to squash all talk of

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**“BOOK IS ALWAYS GOOD TO CELEBRATE”**

The celebration of the **28th Manila International Book Fair** was held on August 29 - September 2, 2007 at the World Trade Center, Manila. It was highlighted by several significant events which evidently focused on its theme *“Aspire, Inspire and Read.”*

Several participants from the different publishing companies displayed books and other educational materials which are relevant to our present time. Simultaneously, special programs like seminars, fora and book launchings made the fair more significant.

One of the highlights of the event was the launching of twenty five (25) new titles on various fields of discipline by the UST Publishing House. This is still part of the UST Publishing House’s completion of the four hundred (400) titles in time for the quadricentennial celebration of the University. Literature, Industrial Chemistry, Language, Theology and other alternative reading books were fairly represented in said ‘launching’.

The said celebration was just the first part of the Publishing House’s book launching project. It consists of the plight of twelve (12) respected authors making their names and having their works recognized in the realm of great minds and great educators. In the same manner, the second part is set to be launched sometime in February of 2008.

Truly, there are a lot more to expect in this noble endeavor.

Nevertheless, this book launching is not just simply a celebration; it certainly shows visible achievement and success of the University in terms of academic excellence as well as in breeding good roster of authors. Most importantly, this occasion cascades to everyone the educational and evangelical mission of UST in spreading the virtues of faith, hope, truth and wisdom.

*Jenneth D. Gomez*

**"A JOURNEY OF FAITH IN ART"**

A half day lecture entitled "A Journey of Faith in Art" was held last July 9, 2007 at the Tan Yan Kee Student Center. The guest speaker was Mr. Joey Velasco, considered to be a talented artist.

Mr. Velasco, who was introduced by Dr. Dante Lerma, was invited to talk about his works, and the values of paintings. He said that “a painting inspires the painter and that it is faith that inspire the artist.”

It was in the year 2005 when he started to paint. Mr. Velasco presented two videos, the ‘Last Supper’ and the ‘Prodigal Son’. He presented his own interpretation through his faith-enriching experiences. His portrait of

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**LIBRARY COORDINATORS’ MEETING**

The Library Coordinators’ meeting was held July 10, 2007 at the Conference room of the Miguel de Benavides Library from 10:00-12:00 noon. Prof. Clarita D.L. Carillo, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, announced the approval of the memorandum regarding the appointment of the Library Coordinator. As a Coordinator, he will get a 3-unit load equivalent. In turn, he is required to assist in library-related activities, programs and plans for the Library. Likewise, the coordinator is expected to submit a report of accomplishments at the end of the school year.

Library orientation, print and online journals, and library budgets were among the items discussed during the meeting. Library awareness through different library activities were suggested by some faculty members.

The following are the appointed library coordinators for SY 2007-2008:

<b>College/Department/Institute</b>	<b>Library Coordinator</b>
College of Accountancy	Cindy S. Bernardo
CFAD	Guillerma Mendoza
College of Rehabilitation Sciences	Josephine Joy Reyes
College of Science	Sonia Javier
Conservatory of Music	Dolores Andres
Education High School	Myra P. De Leon
Faculty of Civil Law	Atty. Lowell Culling
Graduate School	Dr. Grecebio J.D. Alejandro
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Institute of Religion	Marites Redoña
College of Nursing	Cora Olayres
Fac. of Medicine & Surgery	Maria Lourdes Coloma
College of Architecture	Grace Beriña
College of Commerce	Edwin Suson
College of Education	Raquel Jimenez
Faculty of Arts and Letters	Dr. Carlos Manapat
Faculty of Engineering	Joycelyn P. Poblete
Fac. of Pharmacy, MedTech & Biochemistry	Peter Quilala
Grade School Department	Thelma Angeles
ITHM	Teresita Bautista
IPEA	Laura Clavo de Comer

*Maria Czarina D. Lopez*

## Continuation

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Fr. Fernando de los Rios' collection of rare religious and scientific books is just a part of the wonderful haul of treasure one finds at the Heritage Library. Moreover, it is not only the historical work of Copernicus that made UST Heritage library become known but also of the rich collection markedly ecclesiastical, historical crafts of arts and culture, great books on medicine and scientific works such as: Euclid's **Elements**, Martianus Capella's **De Nuptiis Philologiae et Mercurii**, Albertus Magnus' **De Animalibus**, and the commentary by St. Thomas Aquinas on Aristotle's **De Caelo**. These are just some of the many fascinating and attention-grabbing crafts that the UST Heritage Library has which are found rarely in other libraries in the Philippines.

Truly, there are more to expect in the Heritage Library. It's just that only few students found it appealing and interesting considering the fact that richness and wealth are commonly associated with money or material things. Such notion then, limits its deeper understanding and scope. However, looking beyond the corporeal side is the historical value and wealth of something, which is far more meaningful and profound.

*Jenneth D. Gomez*

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### AFTERNOON SESSION

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The officers are expected to lead the other members in carrying out the objectives as well as the activities of the Library.

One of the club members, Zebadia Canero, a grade 6 pupil, conceptualized a logo for the club.

*Arlene P. Matias*



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the return of Voldemort. Her methods aren't pretty and the students, led by Harry, rebel against her and against the idiocracy of the Ministry by forming Dumbledore's Army. Made up of a hand-picked group of students, the DA meets in secret to practice defending themselves against an attack by Voldemort's forces. As dreams of Voldemort continue to plague him, Harry realizes that another meeting with the Dark Lord is inevitable. The only real question is whether he'll be ready for the battle.

The movie is a sad but captivating new adventure for the young wizards. The movie is poorly directed. As for my opinion it is overly melodramatic and shallow. There are parts where the characters were overdone. An example of which is Tonks being a kooky, dramatic and cartoon character is unseen in the movie. She just zooms in and out of the scenes. Here, it's poor casting and dull, stiff directing. It's not that Harry is such a stick - it's just that he was instructed to frown and moan and stand with a stiff neck. Poor directing with no respect for the age-level of the audience - from wide eyed action lovers to mature motivation seekers. The sense of continuity in the "WAR," the need for escalation of fear and threat, are mouthed but not lived. The provocations for HP's anger, the zany twin rebellion, the prophecy of Draco's rank as "Deputy" to Umbridge - none would ever have been understandable to someone who has not read the book. Even the music was nondescript. HP 5 movie series is melodramatic and shallow.

*Vanessa P. Kinney*

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How to Sell Books in and to the Region  
Books and Children  
Libraries as Repositories of Cultures  
Updating Collections  
Library Selling in the Region  
Reading Literacy Campaigns in the Region  
Balancing Trade and Protection  
Right Trade Toward Creativity

All the topics were highly informative. The invited speakers were experts in the field of education and book publishing. After the sessions and awarding of certificates, the participants were ushered to the opening of the 28th Manila International Book Fair at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. It was attended by educators, book publishers and booksellers, writers, editors and librarians.

The Conference was successful. The participants gained knowledge from the discussions on future options and feasible ways of getting and staying connected in Southeast Asia as part of today's global world.

*Nora M. Matawaran*

## FRESHMEN LIBRARY ORIENTATION A.Y. 2007-2008

The Miguel de Benavides Library gives at the beginning of the school year, series of pre-scheduled orientation for freshmen to ensure the most effective use of the Library. The purpose of this is to give students information about library services and facilities, personnel, rules and regulations and everything that concerns the library.

The one-hour library orientation is in three parts: a video presentation of the Library facilities, collection & services; a demonstration of the Lorenzo Catalog, how to access the UST Library Homepage; and how to access the different databases which can be accessed only within the UST campus.

This orientation is held at the designated venue scheduled by the different colleges.

### SUMMARY OF FRESHMEN LIBRARY ORIENTATION AY 2007- 2008

DATE	COLL./FAC./DEPT.	# OF SEC.	VENUE	# OF HRS.
June 18,21,22	Medicine	4	CME	4
June 19, 20, 21	Pay High School	11	Conference Hall	11
June 19,	Ecclesiastical Faculty	100 students	Ecclesiastical Faculties	1
June 20,21,22	College of Commerce and Bus. Ad.	25	Rizal	9
June 25,26,27,28	Faculty of Arts and Letters	19	AVR,St. Raymunds Bldg.	7
June 26, 27, July 4	Faculty of Engineering	38	Eng'g AVR	13
June 26,	College of Architecture	9	Conference Hall	4
June 27,	CFAD	12	Conference Hall	7
June 25, 28, July 2	Faculty of Pharmacy	13	Conference Hall	7
June 29.	EHS	110 students	Conference Hall	1.5
July 3.	Nutrition and Dietetics	99 students	Education Auditorium	1
July 4.	Pharmacy 4		Conference Hall	2
July 4.	BSE, BSEEd, BLIS	142 students	Education Auditorium	1
July 4, 5, 6	CRS		Conference Hall	6
July 5.	Food Technology	95 students	Education Auditorium	1
	College of Nursing		Nursing Auditorium	3
July 6.	College of Education	5	Educ Auditorium	2
July 16.	Conservatory of Music	2	Recital Hall 2	2
July 16, 17, 18, 19, 20	College of Science	17	Blas/Pedrosa Hall	18
July 30 & 31	College of Accountancy	22	Conference Hall	11

Likewise, faculty members and other members of the Thomasian community can avail of this orientation on schedule basis. Interested parties may contact the Librarian at the General Reference and Information for more details.

The library is always of service to all for information awareness.

*Marivic G. Usita*

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'Hapag' or 'Last Supper' is truly a remarkable piece of work. It is 'unique' because of the different portrayals he has done. He managed to capture the innocence, trust, hunger, playfulness, cleverness, hopelessness, loyalty, and weariness in those children. Each one in the portrait has its own meaning; the little child crouching at the bottom left hand corner of the table invokes pity. It does make you think of the unfair plight among children all over the world. The presence of the Jesus-like character in the painting somehow gives a cohesion and a vision of a better tomorrow for the children

depicted in the painting. These are pictures of poor children from Metro Manila with Jesus Christ which, for me, is very "touchy." In the Prodigal Son, he painted based on what he experienced. He represents an old man as the prodigal son who left his family several years ago. Joey Velasco made his own version of the story.

Some of his paintings are displayed at the College of Fine Arts & Design (CFAD) building.

Yours truly was indeed very lucky to be part of this revelation .

*Ma. Theresa A. Milabo*

### THE 28th MANILA INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR

“Inspire...Aspire...Read” was the theme of this year’s Manila International Book Fair. It was formally opened to the public last August 29, 2007 at the internationally-acclaimed World Trade Center in Pasay City.

The event was organized by Primetrade Asia, Inc. in partnership with some of the well-recognized book industry associations in the country namely: the Asian Catholic Communications, Inc., Book Development Association of the Philippines, Philippine Booksellers Association, Inc., and Publishers Representatives Organization of the Philippines.

Seminars, workshops, symposia, storytelling, book launching and other special activities were held during the Book Fair.

The UST librarians, library coordinators, faculty members, employees and students attended this activity in order to be part of the book selection process for the purpose of updating the library collections. Students visited the fair to take advantage of the wide array of new titles and learn from the various seminars conducted. The books selected by authorized representatives are yet to be delivered to the UST Library by the different book dealers for evaluation and final selection.

Indeed, this is an activity that is very essential to the collection development program of the library which, hopefully, will still improve the service to students and faculty members especially on the aspect of ‘building library collection’.

*Nora M. Matawaran*

### 11<sup>TH</sup> PHILIPPINE ACADEMIC BOOK FAIR

The 11<sup>th</sup> Philippine Academic Book Fair organized by the Association of Booksellers of the Academe and the Professional and co-organized by Primetrade Asia was formally opened last July 25, 2007. The Fair runs from July 25-29, 2007 at the Megatrade Hall I, 5th level Building B, SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

It showcased the newest and latest books, periodicals and other library materials from the Philippines and from other international publishers. The UST Library coordinators as well as faculty members from the different colleges visited the Fair to examine and select books that will be useful to their respective departments. Books were sold at Publisher’s prices.

After the Book Fair, books that have been selected were delivered to the Miguel de Benavides Library for final evaluation and selection.

*Nora M. Matawaran*

### INDUCTION OF USTLA OFFICERS



2007 USTLA Officers with Fr. Aparicio, O.P. (l-r) Arlene Matias, Thelma Trinidad, Benilda Certeza, Lucila Adriano and Sabina Viernes.

The Induction of the new set of officers of the UST Librarians Association (USTLA) was held at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Conference Hall last July 12, 2007. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries, was the Inducting Officer.

The ceremony started with an Invocation led by Mrs. Benilda Certeza, Head Librarian of the Religion section. It was followed by the reading of the accomplishment report delivered by Ms. Ma. Luz David, outgoing president of USTLA. The financial statement of the Association was read by the outgoing USTLA secretary, Ms. Chona Manguilin.

Ms. Elizabeth Hashim, USTFU Board member, delivered a short message in behalf of USTFU. She acknowledged the role of librarians especially during Accreditation period for the different colleges/faculties. She also encourages the librarians to join in the different activities of the Union. Mrs. Arlene Matias, USTLA president for 2007-2008, delivered her acceptance speech followed by a brief message of Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries.

Also present during the occasion were Ms. Estrella Majuelo, Chief Librarian, the Asst. Chief Librarian, Ms. Angelita Timbangcaya, librarians and some USTFU officers in the persons of Mr. Gil Garcia, Executive Vice-President of USTFU and Mr. Elmer Gonzalez, another USTFU Board member.

The new set of officers for SY 2007-2008 are: Arlene Matias, President; Thelma Trinidad, Vice-President; Lucila Adriano, Secretary; Sabina Viernes, Treasurer; Benilda Certeza, Auditor and Marilou Palermo, PRO.

To the new officers, CONGRATULATIONS!

*Lucila B. Adriano*

**STORYTELLING ACTIVITY**

“Everyone loves stories and everyone is a storyteller, no matter what level or type. People tell stories to classmates, friends and family. Stories teach, inspire, and bring people and communities together.”

With these in mind, the UST Grade School Library and the Library Committee on Extension Services were inspired to conduct a storytelling activity last August 13, 2007. This was held at the UST Grade School Library activity area. The program was in two sessions: 10:00 - 11:00am and 1:30 - 2:30pm, the participants were the members of the “Book Lovers Club” and some UST librarians.

The purpose of the activity is two-fold: (1) to encourage students to read books, especially those that teach life’s lessons, and (2) to explore the craft of storytelling. The Librarians were involved in this activity for them to see, participate and get some pointers on how a storyteller brings the story into life using book-based stories.

The storyteller was Mr. Jose Enrico Miguel B. David, a librarian from UST and a member of the organization called Alitaptap Storyteller Philippines Inc. He has already conducted storytelling sessions in different malls, parks, schools and libraries.

The audience listened attentively and participated well. Mr. David, casted the students and librarians to do some roles from the story and it was a big “hit.” The stories presented have different lessons which motivated the participants to read and to listen to stories.

*Jose Enrico Miguel B. David*

**FORUM ON CREATING WEBLIOGRAPHIES**

It was very timely that the University of Santo Tomas Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA) organized this forum entitled “Creating Webliographies.” It was held last July 27, 2007 at the Conference Hall of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. The invited speaker was Ms. Marita Gando Valerio, a ‘Bibliographic Control’ Librarian of De La Salle University and an alumna of UST. She finished her BSE major in Library Science from the College of Education. The forum was attended by faculty members, librarians and Library Science students.

The speaker discussed the several uses and the steps on how to create a webliography, how it should be presented, and the current issues and concerns. She also mentioned some of the criteria used in evaluating websites like authority & reputation, currency and maintenance of the source, accuracy and comprehensiveness, purpose/scope of coverage, and, navigation and design. Other important points in her lecture are the issues on mounting on the web, updating and monitoring of usage. As information specialist, she encouraged librarians to create webliographies which researchers would find useful, relevant and a reliable source of information in the Internet.

*Angelica Frances M. Cruz*

**Library Profile**

**D’ [I]KING OF THE LIBRARY**



Enrique A. Gestiada, Jr. or Kuya “Iking” as we fondly call him, was born on the 17th of January 1964 under the zodiac sign of Capricorn. This man who hails from Guiuan, Eastern Samar is the 7<sup>th</sup> child in a brood of

eight of Mr. Enrique Gestiada, Sr. and Mrs. Francisca Arceño.

Iking obtained his elementary education in Bonifacio Elementary School and secondary education at the Doña Teodora Alonzo High School. He took up vocational course in printing in 1988 from the University of Santo Tomas. He also took up secretarial and radio

mechanics for six months at the Arellano High School in 1982 and 1983, respectively.

He was hired as a regular employee assigned at the UST Library in 1991. Presently, he works at the Technical Section of the Library as a utility clerk.

Iking is a simple person with a smiling face, always ready to run errands for the library staff. He is the favorite singer of everyone in the library and he is best remembered for his own rendition of the song “Wonderful Tonight” by Eric Clapton.

He is married to Ms. Marifez Lahara of Guinadiong, Dumaguete and blessed with one child, Angela Nicole L. Gestiada who is now one year old. To this fellow, I all wish the best for him.

*Chona L. Manguilin*

## UST FACULTY CONVOCATION

The University has witnessed the Thomasian spirit of friendship and partnership during the Faculty Convocation held last August 7, 2007 at the Medicine Auditorium.

The said occasion was hosted by Fr. Isidro C. Abaño O.P., UST Secretary General. Fr. Juan V. Ponce, O.P., the Vice-Rector, delivered the welcome remarks. Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., Rector of the University, took the major role of highlighting the University's significant achievements, plans, and goals in his report for Academic Year 2006-2007.

It was also during that occasion that the University commemorated the Feast of St. Dominic which has doubled the importance of the program making it more essential and spiritual in nature. Significantly, through the inspiration of St. Dominic, it cascaded to everyone the virtues of humility, intelligence, and compassion.

Indeed, the Rector's report carried out the mission of an educator who imparts the message of faith, active hope, and selfless love. These values that were mentioned by Fr. Arceo reinforced the core values of competence, commitment, and compassion being advocated by his esteemed predecessor, Fr. Tamerlane Lana, O.P.

It was evident in the Rector's report the academic progress and achievements of the University starting from the soaring increase enrollment this year despite the sudden

decline of the quality of private education in the country. This simply shows visible signs of public trust and confidence in the quality of education offered by the University of Santo Tomas and the competence of academic programs which are closely monitored based from its curricular needs.

In this aspect, Fr. Arceo stressed the firm protection of general formation of individual in the area of Humanities, Social Science, Philosophy, and Theology. On the other hand, though it is overwhelming on the number of enrollees, this does not compromise the quality of education of the University. Rather, considering the fact that the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has confirmed the university status as the center of excellence and the developing status in all major programs. Highlighted in the report, was the accredited status of the University's academic programs, the increase in the number of faculty members with doctoral and master's degrees, the development of support staff, renovated offices and the continuous improvement of the University's facilities and equipment.

All these and more constituted the Rector's report which were very inspiring. It sends forth the message "*Gratitude is the memory of the heart;*" that for all the success and achievements one receives in life, these remind of God's unconditional love and unceasing blessings for everyone.

Jenneth D. Gomez

**Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.**  
Prefect of Libraries

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