



University of Santo Tomas

“Ako’y Isang Tomasino!”



CHORUS

Nag-iisa ka lang
 Pinagpalang Pamantasan
 Namumukod-tanging
 pinupunla (humuhubog) sa kabataan.
 Pagmamahal sa Diyos,
 Karunungan may dangal
 Ako’y nagagalak matawag na
 Isang Tomasino!

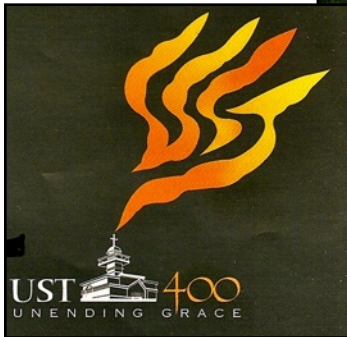
Verse 3

Ang ngalan mo’y hindi nadudungisan
 Ilan mang siglo pa ang magdaan
 Dahil ika’y Kanyang iniingatan
 Tunay kang binasbasang paaralan.

BACK TO CHORUS then Coda

CODA

Nagsisilbi sa kapwa
 Naglilingkod sa bayan
 Nagmamahal sa Diyos
 May karunungan, may dangal
 Ako’y nagagalak
 Ako’y isang Tomasino!



by Gerardo
 M. de Leon

Verse 1

Nalagpasan mo ang
 mga pagsubok
 Di mabilang na mga
 bagyo
 Kahit ilang baha
 man ang danasin


Kasaysayan mo’y hindi kayang anurin.

Verse 2

Ang yong sahi, dingding, mga pintuan
 Saksi sa’yong dakilang nakaraan
 Tinamnan ng tama puso’t isipan
 Mga bayaning sa silong mo ay nanahan.

The 10-meter high QuattroMondial monument in the Quadricentennial Square by sculptor Ramon Orlina was unveiled on Jan. 27, 2011 amid fanfare and fireworks as UST welcomed its fifth century of existence. The bronze sculpture with panels of green glass cullets represents the four major groups in the Thomasian community (1) male student, University’s values of excellence (2) female student, tradition (3) academician, erudition and (4) scholar-monk, spirituality. Models were Piolo Pascual, Monina (Orlina’s daughter), Charlene Gonzales Muhlach and Fr. Rolando Dela Rosa, respectively. The four figures tell the colorful history of the University and the inspiration it has given not only to the academe, but also to the country and the Church.

[source: the Varsitarian, official student publication of UST, March 15, 2011.]

QUADRI-CENTENNIAL Celebration
College of Nursing

Jan. 21, 22 (Fri, Sat)
 Nursing Conference
 Manila Hotel

Jan. 23 (Sun)
 Nursing Awards
 and Gala Night
 Manila Hotel

Jan 28 (Fri)
 Thanksgiving Mass
 UST Grandstand
 and
 Quadricentennial
 Dinner
 Entertainment
 Fireworks
 UST Plaza Mayor



Nursing conference day-1 attendees, with Dean Glenda Vargas (left) and Sor Paz Marfori, D.C. (seated). Sor Paz talked on "The Professional Nurse in the Mind and Heart of St. Thomas Aquinas."



DEANS, UST College of Nursing
 Sor Paz Marfori, D.C.
 1967-1976
 Mrs. Conchita Maceda
 1976-1995
 Mrs. Natalia Maralit
 1995-2000
 Ms. Glenda Vargas
 2000 to present



Class of 1950 -- from left, Evangeline Pacquing Luce, Corazon Villanueva, Pet Bucad Lim with Ida Tionko.

Jan. 22, day-2 started with a Holy Mass concelebrated by former Regents: Fr. Florencio Testera, O.P. (above), Fr. Antonio Cabezon, O.P., Fr. Pomeyo De Mesa, O.P. with present Regent Fr. Julius Factora, O.P.

Archbishop Leonardo Legaspi, O.P. D.D. of Nueva Caceres, Legaspi City (left) with Fr. Julius Factora, O.P. Rev. Fr. Legaspi gave his keynote address on "The Thomasian Nurse: Building the Church, the Home and the Nation: Our Birthright and Destiny."



At UST fairgrounds -- nursing faculty caught playing hokey on a school-day!



Thomasian-nurse-alumni, 900 to count!



The *splendor* that is Manila Hotel!

400 Years of Unending Grace

January 28, 2011, Friday

5:00 PM Procession in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary

6:00 PM Concelebrated Thanksgiving Mass

8:00 PM Grand Dinner for the Thomasian community and alumni. Entertainment.

Conclusion: Fireworks

→ the venerated Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Rosario.

↓ Zenon Cardinal Grocholewski led the Holy Mass with Papal Nuncio Edward Adams, Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales (Manila) and Ricardo Cardinal Vidal (Cebu). As extra-ordinary envoy, Cardinal Grocholewski gave the special apostolic blessing (with plenary indulgence under usual conditions) from Pope Benedict XVI.



Father Rector Rolando Dela Rosa, O.P. thanked a long list of people with a special gratitude to the alumni for incarnating "the values and principles that UST stands for."

The UST Grandstand was transformed to an exquisite altar for the Thanksgiving Mass. ↓ Communion ushers held large yellow umbrellas as markers for communicants. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines gave an overwhelming support to the numerous Q events.



Pope Benedict XVI acknowledged the University's Jubilee Year as a significant event in the life of the church and added that his two-minute video message was a way "to lend myself to you spiritually and to extend my affection and congratulations on this happy occasion."

Cardinal Grocholewski stated that education is about forming a human person, equipping him or her to live the fullest." "... the most genuine and comprehensive purpose of a university -- to impart wisdom, true wisdom, which is inseparable from knowledge of our Creator."



Alumni Homecoming reunites Thomasians of all generations

Versatile performer John Lapus gave "UST" three other meanings -- "Unibersidad na mga Sobrang Talented" referring to the many talented entertainers and athletes produced by the school; "Unibersidad ng mga Saksakan ng Talino" in reference to the consistent domination of UST in various state licensure examinations; and "Unibersidad ng mga Sikat na Tao" citing national hero Jose Rizal, four Philippine presidents (Quezon, Osmeña, Laurel, Macapagal) and other "world-class" Thomasians who have made a mark in the industries they chose to belong in.

[source: Varsitarian March 15, 2011]



UST Quadricentennial Nursing Awards & Gala Night

Manila Hotel, January 23, 2011

Response by an Awardee

Ampy Agapay de la Paz, MSN, RN (Class '61- Golden Jubilarian)



Rev. Fr.
Julius Factora,
Sor Paz
Marfori, Dean
Glenda Vargas,
Former Deans
Mrs. Conchita
Maceda and
Mrs. Natalia

Maralit, UST Nursing Faculty,
USTNAAI Awards Committee, Nursing
Colleagues, Fellow Awardees... Good
Evening!

It is a distinct honor and privilege for me to be chosen to speak before you tonight to deliver the response for all the Nursing Awardees in this evening's Gala Celebration. Receiving an award from one's Alma Mater is a very humbling experience, for it is an outward recognition of the accomplishments that each of us have achieved in the course of our individual nursing careers. As Awardees, we can never thank UST enough for nurturing, mentoring, and instilling in us true Christian values that molded us into what we have become as nurses and for what we are today.

We want to express our thanks and appreciation to all our Nursing Mentors – Sor Paz Marfori, Mrs. Conchita Maceda, Natalia Maralit, Shirley Peña (to name a few) for everything you have done to teach us – professionalism, compassion, and caring. Through you, we have learned how to be giving of ourselves and how to give back to the college and to the community. For all these, we are truly grateful! I want to especially thank, Mrs. Conchita Maceda, for inspiring and encouraging me to call on UST nurses across the US to form a national UST Nursing Alumni organization during her many trips to Houston to visit her son, who was in Residency Training at the Texas Medical Center. Through her vision, I, together with other UST Nursing leaders across the US and Canada, co-founded the UST Nurses Association of America (USTNAA). Today, USTNAA has a chapter in many cities across the nation. It holds an annual convention during the month of September. Houston, Texas will be hosting the 2011 Annual Convention. We invite you all to attend!

To the USTNAAI Committee, we thank you for your hard work to ensure the success of the Nursing Awards and Gala Night and for the countless hours perusing through the many documents of the nominees and choosing the recipients for the various awards. What a difficult task it must have been! For all that hard work... we thank you!!

Lastly, we want to acknowledge the love and support of our husbands, families and significant others. They are part of who we are and who we have become. We want to thank them for being there for us – cheering us on, and helping us achieve our professional endeavors. For me personally, I want to thank my husband, Fred de la Paz, for all the things he has been to me. I am where I am today, because he has allowed me to excel and to soar! He has been the “Wind beneath my wings” all these years. Thank you, Fred!

Finally, on behalf of all the Awardees... Thank you UST! Thank you all! Go... UST, Go!!!

Class 1961
GOLDEN
Jubilarians

1961-2011
50 years



More than 50 alumnae were in attendance to celebrate their Golden Jubilee during the UST Quadricentennial events. The “**Golden Girls**” continued their bonding with a bus trip to Villa Escudero, San Pablo City on Jan. 25, 2011.

