

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

Our Front Page article in this issue (January-April 2010) is *The UST Martyrs of The Religious Persecution in Spain (1933-1937)*. It is a worthy sequel indeed to Fr. Fidel Villaroel, O.P.'s article *UST Professors, Alumni and Martyrs: A Destiny of Christian Witnessing* (September-December 2009).

In the article of Fr. Fidel, we counted five beatified UST Dominican martyrs – four professors and one student. It was only in 1645 with Pope Innocent X's Pontifical Bull *In Supereminenti* that the fledgling *Colegio de Santo Tomás* was elevated to the status of a University. Meanwhile, the future martyrs worked and taught in the *Colegio* (with university prerogatives) as professors. Even at its graced birthing, this institution's providential greatness was already being virtually gestated and watered with the sweat and tears of the martyrs-in-the-making. At its own time, the flow of the martyrs' blood was to follow.

Here lies UST's moral strength, its resilience, and its unending grace through 400 years of existence. On these martyrs, lie UST's heritage and destiny. On them, lies the inexhaustable source of the inspiration for UST's future saints today – martyrs, or saints of other sorts.

The Front Page article which includes eight martyrs more, counts a distinguished personality in the person of Buenaventura García de Paredes, O.P. who was a distinguished professor, an able administrator, a writer, a former Rector of UST, Prior Provincial of the Holy Rosary Province, and later elected Master of the Order. The Front Page article refracts and humanizes the divine so to say, in very absorbing pages.

The homily *Beatificación de Fray Buenaventura García de Paredes y Compañeros Mártires* of the Master of the Order – Carlos Azpiroz Costa, O.P. impassions the blessed occasion at Vespers in Santa Sabina, October 28, 2007.

Another homily delivered on November 27, 2009 by the Most Rev. Leonardo Z. Legaspi, O.P., D.D. Archbishop of Caceres marked the occasion of UST Central Seminary celebration on its 81st Year as the *Interdiocesan Seminary of the Philippines*. Coincidentally, the date too marked the ordination of a Vietnamese seminarian Rev. Peter Nang. The training of priests has been an indefatigable task of the UST Central Seminary since 1928 when it was declared The Interdiocesan Seminary.

When the Ark is Wrecked is the Keynote Address delivered by Guido Vergauwen, O.P., Rector, University of Fribourg, at the Congress of Regents of Studies of the Order of Preachers, November 22-27, 2009.

Clearly, the *Philippiniana Sacra* is in motion in its flashback trek to resurrect and rediscover the milestones and byways of the historic beginnings of the University since 1611, and forge fast forward to the 400th anniversary of the institution by 2011.

The *Philippiniana Records* section is equally blessed this time with a generous array of documents from the archives of UST. We have tried to be bilingual whenever it was possible. Alcina's *Historia de las Islas* (1668) serves as the usual mainstay.

The *Escritura de la Fundación del Colegio de Sto. Tomás Abril 28, 1611* is the Foundation Act which marks the establishment of the *Colegio de Santo Tomás*. This document is published here in English and Spanish. Fr. Fidel Villarroel, O.P. forewords.

In November 20, 1645, Pope Innocent X in the Papal Bull *In Supereminenti* elevates the *Colegio De Sto. Tomás* to the status of a University. The Bull is published here in Latin and Spanish.

In September 2, 1734, the Papal bull *Dudum Emanarunt* of Clement XII approves the creation of the Faculties of Canon Law and Civil Law.

In September 17, 1902, the University is declared *Pontifical* by Pope Leo XIII in the Apostolic Constitution *Quae Mari Sinico*. The pertinent section is read in section VII. While there are only 24 Pontifical universities all over the world, six are located in Rome, three in Europe, fourteen in Latin America, and one in Asia, this one being the University of Santo Tomas.

The *Quae Mari Sinico* document is published in this number in Latin and English from the archival source available in AUST. The copy used here was originally printed by the *Colegio De Santo Tomás* in Latin, Castellano, Inglés, Tagalog, Ilocano and Visaya.

Pope Pius XII, in a document April 30, 1947, grants the University of Santo Tomas the title of *The Catholic University of the Philippines*. We include a copy of the document.

We include other documents – Pope St. Pius X congratulates the University on its Third Centennial of its Foundation, October 16, 1911. We also include a copy of the congratulatory letter of Pope John XXIII to the UST Rector on the University's 350th Anniversary of its foundation, April 6, 1961.

Further in this issue are two studies: *The Conditions of Eudaimonia* by Ray Ann Cagampang & Maximo Gatela, O.P., and *The Phenomenological Reconstruction of Pakikiramay* by Wenifredo Padilla, O.P. & Clarence Marquez, O.P.

Pakikiramay is an experiment in inculturating soteriology, via an application of the method of 'respectful and critical re-appropriation' to understand the expression of the Filipinos' yearning for salvation when death happens in the neighborhood. The response to such desire for salvation is expressed through the ritualization of *pakikiramay*.