



SILVER JUBILARIAN UST MEDICINE CLASS 1991

“Ars longa, vita brevis, occasio praeceps, experimentum periculosum, iudicium difficile.”

Life is short, [the] art long, opportunity fleeting, experiment dangerous, judgment difficult.”
— Hippocrates

Indeed life is short, that is why we need to reconnect with our classmates now and not wait for another 25 years! It is refreshing to see old friends and reminisce the good old days of med school. Homecomings make us feel younger and vibrant, adding more spice to our busy lives! Adding great memories worth remembering when we retire!

The art of learning to save lives is tedious and takes forever! However it makes us smile and feel proud recounting our remarkable stories during clerkship, internship and residency trainings. How chaotic it is to deliver babies one after the other in just a few minutes, unable to change gloves or else you’d catch them with your bare hands! How reassuring we must be, calming the nerves of mothers whose sick child is about to be operated. How resourceful we have been gathering IV fluids and medicines for our indigent patients. How we manage to look fresh and respectable despite sleepless duties. How we survive those long 15+ years of medical training to become successful world class Thomasian physicians!

After all those years, begun our actual medical practice! Several grab the opportunity to further their career in the academe! Most of us balanced our time taking care of our own family and our patients. Some change paths after serving as a dedicated doctor for a good number of years! But all these moves are for the better because we all excel in our fields. We are all doing well with the decisions we made with God’s Grace. We have fulfilled the task of the University of Santo Tomas: “to spread the light.”

With that task though comes responsibility! Being Thomasian physicians, we exude compassion and leadership. We maybe faced with dilemmas but we are equipped with better judgment. Our moral medical ethics are founded with our strong Catholic Faith instilled in us by this Royal pontifical university where champions in life are born. Being a Thomasian physician is no accident. We are a thomasian physician because we are destined to be one as Father Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P once said.

I am proud to belong to UST MEDICINE CLASS 1991! Our batch really makes a huge difference in the medical field, be it in research or in medical break through or by just being pro active in our medical practice. We make a lasting impression with our colleagues and we are a great blessing to our communities. We make use of our time, talent and treasures to help make this world a better place for our future generations.

A lot of us had a wonderful time with all the jubilarians who attended in Manila Hotel last January 2016. But I’m sure we are all looking forward to see more of our long time friends and classmates this July 2016 at Long Beach ,California! Hope to see you there and let’s make lasting memories together!

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