Canonical

Coronation of La Naval de Manila, the first in the Philippines and in Asia, which happened twenty (20) years before the formal inauguration of the UST Main Building in Sampaloc. The Vatican has acknowledged that La Naval de Manila is historically old, popularly acclaimed, and, in times of need, has been serving as a beacon of faith, hope, and love among the faithful up to the present.

The University's Initiative

As early as October 1904, the editorial of the UST daily newspaper Libertas initiated the idea of soliciting papal approval for the canonical coronation, which generated the enthusiastic response from the devotees. Eventually, the **Prior** Provincial, Fr. Santiago Paya, OP (1848-1916) requested Pope Pius X (1835-1914) to approve her canonical coronation. To joy, the petition was granted on 4 April 1906.

Thomasian Service to Our Lady

The University, through its printing press, disseminated news about the event throughout the

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