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TBY talks to Fr. José Gabriel Mesa Angulo O.P., General Rector of Universidad Santo Tomás, on the foundation of this institution, Christian philosophy in education, and an overview of the sector in Colombia.

What is the historic perspective of the Universidad Santo Tomás?

Universidad Santo Tomás was the first university in Colombia, founded in 1580. We are over 440 years old, while the second oldest is around 360. We are in a historic reality that includes present and future realities. The order that manages the university is the Dominicans friars. The university has nearly 30,000 students and employs more than 4,000 people between academics and administrative staff. We could say that it is a big company that supports the country's growth.

What has been your contribution to Colombia?

There have been a few important moments in our history. We were the first university in Colombia that took a step to ensure there was an educational

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