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Kape't Pandasal : Thursday

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Physics in Heaven

After several days at The Medical City battling pneumonia/sepsis and breathing with the aid of a ventilator, Fr. Victor Badillo, SJ breathed his last at around 7:30AM on October 26, 2014.



Ordained in 1965, Fr. Badillo directed the Jesuit-run Manila Observatory in Quezon City and served as president of the Philippine Astronomical Society from 1972 to 1990. He was also an honorary director of the Astronomical League of the Philippines, Inc. (ALP) since its creation in 2003.

In 2005, the International Astronomical Union (IAU) officially named asteroid No. 4866 as "Badillo," in honor of the Filipino Jesuit priest who popularized astronomy in the Philippines for more than three decades, inspiring countless Filipino astronomers. "I am delighted and thrilled to have received this great honor," said Father Badillo, a physicist by training who obtained his Ph.D. from Saint Louis University in Missouri in 1963. Father Badillo remained an amateur astronomer at heart, mentoring generations of Filipino stargazers through the years.

Wake masses for Fr. Badillo are held at 8:00PM at the chapel in Loyola House of Studies. For October 26, the presider and homilist is Fr. Ben Nebres. For Oct 27, Fr. Peter Walpole. For Oct 28, Fr. Dan McNamara. The **funeral mass will be on Oct 29, Wednesday, at 8:30 AM** at the chapel in Loyola House of Studies. Fr. Socius William Abbott will preside, and Fr. Jose Villarin will give the homily. Interment follows at the Jesuit cemetery in Sacred Heart Novitiate.

Fr. Vic, in heaven, may you gain an insight into the physics of the universe which will brighten your face with an eternal smile of delight.

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