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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:71
DATE : April 8, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **New Members of the AdZU Corporation**

I am pleased to inform the University community of the appointment of **Fr. Manuel SV Francisco, SJ** and **Fr. Roberto M Boholst, SJ** as members of the **Corporation of Ateneo de Zamboanga University (AdZU)**. These appointments were made by the **Provincial Superior of the Society of Jesus in the Philippines**, effective immediately and to remain in force until withdrawn by the Provincial.

Together with the Trustees and other Jesuits appointed to the Corporation, Fr. Manoling and Fr. Bert will carry a special responsibility for offering guidance and support in matters that promote the overall welfare of the University – especially in safeguarding its Catholic and Jesuit character. Part of their duties as Corporation members includes attending the annual meeting of the Corporation.



Fr. Manoling Francisco, SJ is a renowned theologian, educator, liturgical composer and social advocate. Born in 1965, in Quezon City, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at age 20 and was ordained a priest in 1997. He holds a **Doctorate in Systematic Theology** from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Massachusetts and serves as an assistant professor of theology at the **Loyola School of Theology**, Ateneo de Manila University, where he teaches courses on Christology, Eschatology, and Liturgical Songwriting. He co-founded the **Bukas Palad Music Ministry**, has composed over 200 hymns rooted in Ignatian spirituality, and leads the **Tanging Yaman Foundation**, which provides aid to underserved communities across the Philippines.

Fr. Bert Boholst, SJ, a native of **Zamboanga Sibugay**, is currently serving as **Principal** of the **Junior High School** at AdZU. He recently earned his **Master of Arts in Educational Administration** from Ateneo de Manila University and holds degrees in **Pastoral Ministry** and **Sacred Theology**, graduating *cum laude* and as class valedictorian. His Jesuit formation and apostolic missions included significant work in **East Timor**, where he held leadership positions in education and administration. His deep commitment to Jesuit education continues to be a gift to our university community.



We also take this opportunity to thank the two **Jesuit regents (Sch. Rex Francis B Coz SJ and Sch. Gerard Joseph G Enriquez SJ)** currently sitting as members of the Corporation, whose terms will conclude at the end of their **regency assignments in AdZU** this school year. We are deeply grateful for their contributions to the mission and life of the University.

We are grateful to Fr. Manoling and Fr. Bert for their generous acceptance of this new responsibility, and we welcome their wisdom and contributions to our shared work of forming men and women for others.

Pro deo et patria.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)
Fr. Ernard M. Andal, SJ
University President