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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:24
DATE : November 12, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Appointment of the New Jesuit Local Superior in Zamboanga**

Beginning January 2026, **Fr. Roberto M. Boholst, SJ** will serve as the **Local Superior of the Jesuit Community of Ateneo de Zamboanga University**, succeeding **Fr. Manuel A. Uy, Jr., SJ**.

His appointment was approved by **Fr. Arturo Sosa, SJ**, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, and announced by **Fr. Xavier L. Olin, SJ**, Provincial Superior of the Philippine Province, on November 3, 2025.

Fr. Bert is from **Zamboanga Sibugay** and an **alumnus of Ateneo de Zamboanga University**. He has been part of the AdZU Jesuit community for two years and currently serves as **Principal of the Junior High School**. He holds a Master's in Educational Administration and a Master's in Pastoral Ministry, along with a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (*cum laude*, class valedictorian). Before joining AdZU, he served in Jesuit schools in the Philippines and in East Timor, including as Vice Director for Administration and Finance and Delegate for Education. His formation and experience in Jesuit education and leadership have prepared him well for this new mission.



As **Local Superior**, Fr. Bert will now accompany the Jesuits of Zamboanga in their life and mission. Within the Society of Jesus, the **Superior** is responsible for the **religious and communal life** of the Jesuits assigned to a particular work. He guides them in prayer, discernment, and the daily living of their vows. The **University President**, on the other hand, serves as **Director of Work**, responsible for leading the university's apostolic mission – its academic programs, formation initiatives, and service to society. The Superior's care for the Jesuits and the President's leadership of the institution are distinct yet deeply connected: one nurtures the community that prays and serves; the other stewards the work through which that service takes form.

We thank **Fr. Manuel A. Uy, Jr., SJ** for his dedicated and thoughtful leadership as Local Superior, which has strengthened fraternity and deepened our shared mission.

Let us keep both **Fr. Manny** and **Fr. Bert** in our prayers as they continue to serve with faith, generosity, and hope – *Pro Deo et Patria*.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)

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