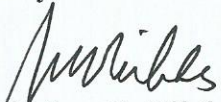




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MEMO TO: The Loyola Schools Community

FROM: 
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Vice President

SUBJECT: **Demise of ROBERTO M. PATERNO**

We extend our condolences to the family of **Ms. Jhoanna Michelle G. Paterno**, Instructor of the Department of English, on the demise of her father-in-law,

ROBERTO M. PATERNO

who passed away on 2 October 2016 at the age of 79.

Roberto, also known as “Bombit,” was a true-blue Atenean (GS '48, HS '52, College '56), and was one of the protégés of Fr. Horacio de la Costa, S.J. (1916-1977). He went on to graduate studies in the United States, getting an M.A. in History from Georgetown University and a Ph.D., also in History, from Harvard University. He taught with the Ateneo’s Department of History for several years before settling into a corporate career with the Manila Electric Company (Meralco).

It was after his retirement that Roberto took on the formidable task of gathering and editing the works of his mentor, Fr. de la Costa. The four-volume work *Horacio de la Costa, S.J.* was published in 2002, and went on to win the Manila Critics Circle’s National Book of the Year Award in History and Essay that same year.

It was for this work, “for editing Fr. Horacio de la Costa’s writings with passion and dedication, thus making his texts accessible to present and future generations,” that Roberto was recognized by the School of Humanities earlier this year, on the occasion of the centenary of Fr. de la Costa’s birth.

The wake was held at the Santuario de San Jose in Greenhills, San Juan. There will be a 12:00 NN mass on Sunday 9 October, [in the Church of the Gesu, Ateneo de Manila University](#), with Fr. Catalino G. Arevalo, S.J. as main presider.

Please keep Roberto and his bereaved family in your prayers.