

Jesuit Streets in the Philippines

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Each entry contains two items: (1) the location of the street, and (2) some notes to describe the person or institution being honored. P. before a name means Padre.

P. Algue St., in Tondo, Manila, is the first street north of and parallel to C. M. Recto (Azcarraga). It runs from the Tutuban railroad tracks to the Estero de Magdalena. Chiang Kai Shek High School is located on it. Jose Algue was the second recipient of an honorary degree from the University of the Philippines. As Chief of the Philippine Weather Bureau, this Spanish priest was a member of the Cabinet of the American Governor-General. He was an active pacifist.

Fr. Argarate St. runs along the side of the parish Church of Subanipa, Olutanga Island, Zamboaga Sibugay. The absence of roads and bridges could not prevent Raimundo Argarate from bringing Christ to gatherings of people. He indefatigably served the people of God in Olutanga Island for some forty five years.

Fr. Bonoan St. There was a plan to name one of the streets near Ateneo de Naga after him. It seems not to have materialized yet. Raul Bonoan was an educator. Through his efforts Ateneo de Naga became a University. He set the direction of the Ateneo to serve the needs of the Bicol Region.

P. Chirino St., Taytay, Rizal. Efforts to find the street have so far ended in failure. It may have been renamed or it may never have existed. Pedro Chirino (also pronounced Kirino in Catalonia, Spain) was the first Jesuit missionary in the strict sense of the word. He evangelized the towns in the Marikina Valley, and hills of Antipolo.

H. V. dela Costa St. in Salcedo Village, Makati is the first street south of and parallel to Gil Puyat (Buendia). The Ateneo Business School is located there. Horacio de la Costa was an educator, writer and historian. He was the first Filipino Provincial Superior. Churchmen, government officials, intellectuals, civic and business men, and humble folk sought his company and advice.

P. Ducos St is the short street on the western boundary of Quinta market, Quiapo, Manila. It runs from the Pasig River to Carlos Palanca Sr. St. (Echague). Jose Ducos was a missionary in Misamis Occidental. He helped the central government formulate military strategies that blunted Moro raids in northern Mindanao and elsewhere.

P. Faura St. runs from the Paco Cemetery to Roxas Boulevard (Dewey) in Ermita, Manila. Located on it is the Supreme Court and Manila Science High School. The pre-war Manila Observatory was located there. Federico Faura founded the Manila Observatory, whose timely warnings of incoming typhoons saved lives and property. During the period the Dept of Foreign Affairs was located on this street, papers carried such headlines as: "Padre Faura Rebuffs Soviet Overtures."