



THE MANILA OBSERVATORY  
MIRADOR, BAGUIO CITY  
PHILIPPINES

THE MANILA OBSERVATORY is privately owned and operated by the Jesuit Fathers of the Philippine Province. Since 1952 it has been located in Baguio City. Its former home was in Manila on Padre Faura Street, Ermita, until its total destruction at the time of the liberation of Manila in February 1945.

Its beginning goes back to 1865 when its founder Padre Federico Faura, S.J. began to publish weather reports and to give typhoon warnings. The great value of his work was recognized by the people who helped it financially and by the King of Spain who raised it to the dignity of the Royal Meteorological Observatory.

Independently, the Jesuit staff was carrying on investigations in the fields of astronomy, seismology and geomagnetism. This scientific effort was well established by the time that Padre Faura died in January 1897, about a month after his friend, Dr. José Rizal, was executed on the Luneta.