

Rizal and the Ateneo

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In this Comment, the Author narrates how Jose Rizal kept in touch with the Ateneo through four Jesuit priests: Father Faura, who prophesied Rizal's end on a scaffold; Father Pastells, who patiently argued with Rizal to restore his faith in the Catholic Church; Father Balaguer, who brought Rizal back to the Church before his death; and Father Sanchez, who Rizal considered as his friend. As each priest had an effect on Rizal's faith and convictions, the Author notes how they express how the Ateneo should mean to the members of its community — an institution shaping men who, enlightened by faith, boldly speak the truth, follow the path of reason, and remain true friends.