



## Message to the 2014 All Ateneo Alumni Convention

August 22, 2014

Dear Ateneo Alumni,

On behalf of the Ateneo de Manila, I would like to thank the Ateneo Alumni Association of North America Inc for organizing the biennial All-Ateneo Alumni Convention. We are very much heartened by your continuing concern for our people and for the educational mission of the Jesuits in the Philippines.

This year we celebrate the 200th year of the global restoration of the Jesuit order (due to a number of complex causes, the Jesuits were suppressed/dissolved in 1773 and globally restored in 1814). Fittingly then, "restoration" is the central theme we have chosen for our activities this year. Restoration is always a meaningful movement in our life of interiority and in our service of others in society.

Any gathering of alumni of Philippine Jesuit schools is always a joyful time, marked by camaraderie and fun and lots of storytelling. It is always a time to re-ignite ties with one another, with our alma mater, and with the Society of Jesus in the Philippines. With God's blessing, let it also be a time of restoration, a time to renew and celebrate our shared desire to lead meaningful lives.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam.

With my best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

Rev. Fr. Jose Ramon T. Villarin, SJ  
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