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## The Father of Philippine Astronomy

The name of Father Victor Badillo is well known among members of the astronomical community in the Philippines. He is instrumental in founding the first astronomy club for amateur astronomers in the country, the Philippine Astronomical Society, and a key figure in the establishment of the Astronomical League of the Philippines, a general society for professional and amateur astronomers, and astronomy enthusiasts. Both organizations, the PAS and the ALP, are still in existence today and are taking a lead role in developing astronomy. Although astronomy in the country began with the Jesuits in the late 19th century, Fr. Vic was the prime mover in promoting astronomy to the public through lectures on space science and observations of celestial objects. And for his dedication to improve the state of astronomy in the Philippines, asteroid Badillo 4866 was named after him.



Father Victor Badillo *The Father of Philippine Astronomy* Image Source: [ALP](#)

To view a short biography of Fr. Vic, please read the article "Father Victor Badillo: A Giant Among Men" written by M. Aleah Taboclaon. <http://www.astroleaguephils.org/archive/news/051201badillo.html> "A Part of Heaven Called Badillo 4866" by Maria Isabel Garcia [http://www.observatory.ph/about/badillo\\_4866.php](http://www.observatory.ph/about/badillo_4866.php)

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