To the Hostos Family:

We have suffered a grievous loss: Victor José Santana Manzueta (1942-2022), the father of Victor Santana of the Office of the President, passed away on August 3.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 11, from 5pm-8pm at Ortiz Funeral Home located at 2580 Grand Concourse. Santana Manzueta leaves behind 4 children, 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Our hearts go out to our cherished friend and colleague Victor and all who knew and loved Victor José Santana Manzueta.

I think of these lines from the fifteenth century Spanish poet Jorge Manrique’s *Coplas por la muerte de su padre*:

...dio el alma a quien se la dio,  
el cual la ponga en el cielo  
en su gloria,  
y aunque la vida murió,  
nos dejó harto consuelo  
su memoria.

*Verses on the Death of His Father*  
Translation by Alan Steinle

...He gave his soul to God  
That he might walk in bliss  
On streets of gold.  
And though his soul is gone,  
By thinking of his life  
We are consoled.

In sorrow,

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.  
President