

Introducing President Fr Guillrey Anthony “Ernald” Andal SJ

Please use one of these texts when introducing Father President Andal

Brief Introduction for Internal Events

for use at formal events in which the audience knows President Andal. Please use any of the following:

- **Fr. Guillrey Anthony "Ernald" Andal, SJ** is the 5th President of Ateneo de Zamboanga University, bringing over two decades of experience in Jesuit leadership and education. With a doctorate in Educational Leadership for Social Justice from Loyola Marymount University, he is a visionary dedicated to fostering inclusive, values-driven education. His background in both pastoral ministry and academic administration allows him to connect deeply with students and communities, guiding them toward holistic formation. Fr. Ernald's leadership is marked by a blend of intellectual rigor and personal warmth, promising growth and excellence for AdZU.
 - **Fr. Ernald Andal, SJ**, an influential leader in Philippine Jesuit education, has a passion for nurturing young minds through compassionate leadership and academic excellence. His unique journey—from earning his Doctorate in Educational Leadership in Los Angeles to becoming Ateneo de Zamboanga's 5th President—reflects his commitment to shaping institutions that serve marginalized communities. Fluent in Tagalog and Bisaya, Fr. Ernald builds strong connections with diverse groups, making him a relatable figure who balances tradition with modern insights. His approachable style resonates deeply with those who seek both knowledge and meaningful engagement.
 - **Meet Fr. Guillrey Anthony Andal, SJ**, the driving force behind Ateneo de Zamboanga University's pursuit of academic and social excellence. Ordained in 2014, Fr. Ernald's academic achievements—including a Doctorate in Educational Leadership—complement his deep pastoral care. Known for his inclusive leadership style rooted in Ignatian discernment, he's committed to forming students who are "persons-for-others." Fr. Ernald is equally at home discussing theology, artificial intelligence, or K-pop, embodying a refreshing blend of intellect and genuine empathy, which makes him a captivating leader for today's dynamic educational landscape.
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Full Introductory Script for External Events (Version 1)

for use at formal events when external attendees comprise more of the audience.

It is my honor to present Reverend Father Guillrey Anthony Andal of the Society of Jesus, the fifth President of Ateneo de Zamboanga University. Fr Andal, who is also known as Fr Ernald, embodies the highest ideals of Jesuit education and leadership.

Fr Andal entered the Society of Jesus in 2003 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2014. His academic credentials are exemplary, reflecting a commitment to lifelong learning and scholarly excellence:

- Doctor of Educational Leadership for Social Justice, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, USA (2020)
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Ateneo de Manila University (2015)
- Bachelor of Sacred Theology, Loyola School of Theology (Summa Cum Laude, 2014)
- Bachelor of Arts in Management Economics, Ateneo de Manila University (Cum Laude, 1998)

His doctoral dissertation, titled "Leading from the Margins: The Educational Leadership Experiences of Jesuit Directors of Mission Schools in the Philippines and the Implications for the Leadership Formation of Filipino Jesuits," demonstrates his profound interest in educational leadership within challenging contexts. This research contributes significantly to our understanding of leadership formation for Jesuit priests in the Philippines.

Fr Andal's professional experience spans various roles within the Jesuit educational system and beyond:

- Assistant to the Academic Vice President, Ateneo de Davao University (2020-2022)
- School Director, Saint Isidore High School (2014-2017)
- Assistant Parish Priest, Our Lady, Mary Mediatrix of All Grace, Zamboangaita, Malaybalay City (2014-2017)
- Executive Director, Jesuit Music Ministry (2011-2013)
- Political Program Development Officer, Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (2006-2007; 2010-2011)

Currently, Fr Andal's leadership extends to several prestigious institutions where he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees:

- Sacred Heart School – Ateneo de Cebu
- Ateneo de Naga University
- Ateneo de Davao University
- Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan De Oro
- Xavier School, San Juan, Manila

In addition to his role as University President, Fr Andal holds key positions in educational associations:

- President, Zamboanga Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi Association of Private Schools
- Regional Trustee, Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (Region 9)
- Regional Program Director, Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC, Region 9)

Fr Andal's leadership philosophy is rooted in the Jesuit tradition of fostering inclusive communication and just leadership through Ignatian discernment. He is dedicated to continuing the Jesuit mission of providing quality education that forms persons-for-and-with-others, guided by Filipino, Catholic, and Jesuit values.

A native of Quezon City, Fr Andal is fluent in both Tagalog and Bisaya, the latter acquired during his assignments in Bukidnon. This linguistic versatility reflects his adaptability and deep connection to diverse Philippine communities.

Fr Andal is known for his genuine engagement with students and young people. He actively participates in dialogues ranging from contemporary culture to the ethical implications of artificial intelligence in education. His ability to connect theological reflections with everyday experiences of love and compassion demonstrates his commitment to holistic education.

As we welcome Fr Guillrey Anthony Andal, SJ, as the fifth President of Ateneo de Zamboanga University, we recognize a leader who embodies academic excellence, administrative acumen, and a profound understanding of the Jesuit educational mission. His visionary leadership promises to guide Ateneo de Zamboanga University toward new heights of academic distinction and social responsibility.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in extending a warm welcome to Fr Guillrey Anthony Andal, SJ.

Full Introductory Script for External Events (Alternative version)

for use at formal events when external attendees comprise more of the audience.

It is my pleasure to introduce Fr Guillrey Anthony Andal of the Society of Jesus, the 5th President of Ateneo de Zamboanga University. Known to many as Fr Ernald, a name derived from his parents Erlinda and Reynaldo, he brings a unique blend of academic excellence, leadership experience, and personal warmth to his role.

Born in Quezon City, Fr Ernald is a native Tagalog speaker who has also become fluent in Bisaya during his assignments in Bukidnon, reflecting his adaptability and connection to diverse Philippine communities.

Fr Ernald entered the Society of Jesus in 2003 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2014. His academic journey is marked by notable achievements, including a Bachelor's degree in Management Economics from Ateneo de Manila University, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Loyola School of Theology, a Master's in Pastoral Ministry, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership for Social Justice from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

His doctoral research, focusing on the experiences of Jesuit priests leading high-needs schools in the Philippines, demonstrates his commitment to improving educational leadership in challenging contexts.

Throughout his career, Fr Ernald has served in various capacities, including as a school director, assistant parish priest, and executive director of Jesuit Music Ministry. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for several prestigious Jesuit institutions across the Philippines and holds key positions in educational associations, including the presidency of the Zamboanga Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi Association of Private Schools.

Beyond his impressive credentials, Fr Ernald is known for his genuine interest in engaging with students and young people. He enjoys participating in discussions that range from popular culture, including K-pop bands like BTS, to more profound topics such as the ethical implications of AI in education and theological reflections on experiencing God's presence in daily life.

Fr Ernald's leadership style is characterized by fostering inclusive communication and promoting just leadership through Ignatian discernment. He is dedicated to the Jesuit mission of providing quality education guided by Filipino, Catholic, and Jesuit values.

An interesting personal note: Fr Ernald appreciates contemporary music and often incorporates modern songs into his prayer life, demonstrating his ability to bridge traditional practices with contemporary culture.

As we welcome Fr Guillrey Anthony "Ernald" Andal, SJ, we recognize a leader who combines academic rigor, administrative experience, and a genuine connection with the community he serves. His approach to leadership promises to inspire and guide Ateneo de Zamboanga University towards a future of excellence and compassion in education.

Abridged Introductory Script for Internal or External Events

for use at events in which the audience may comprise internal and external audiences

Version 1 (formal)

It is my honor to introduce Reverend Father Guillrey Anthony Andal of the Society of Jesus, the esteemed 5th President of Ateneo de Zamboanga University. Fr Andal, affectionately known as Fr Ernald, entered the Society of Jesus in 2003 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2014. He holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership for Social Justice from Loyola Marymount University, with a distinguished academic background, including degrees from Loyola School of Theology and Ateneo de Manila University.

Fr Ernald's leadership extends beyond our institution, as he serves on the Board of Trustees for multiple Ateneo schools across the Philippines. He is also the President of the Zamboanga Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi Association of Private Schools, a Regional Trustee of the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines, and the Regional Program Director of the Private Education Assistance Committee for Region 9.

Committed to the Jesuit mission of providing quality education, Fr Ernald is dedicated to fostering a culture of inclusive communication and just leadership through Ignatian discernment. His passion lies in engaging with students, exploring diverse topics from contemporary culture to theological reflections, and nurturing an environment where faith and reason flourish together.

Please join me in welcoming Fr Guillrey Anthony "Ernald" Andal, SJ, a visionary leader shaping the future of Jesuit education in the Philippines

Version 2 (less formal)

Allow me to introduce Fr Guillrey Anthony Andal, SJ, affectionately known as Fr Ernald – a name cleverly blending his parents' names, Erlinda and Reynaldo. As the 5th President of Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Fr Ernald brings a perfect mix of smarts and heart to the job.

Born in Quezon City, this Tagalog native picked up Bisaya during his Bukidnon days – talk about linguistic flair! Fr Ernald's journey with the Jesuits began in 2003, leading to his ordination in 2014 and an impressive academic trek. With degrees from Ateneo de Manila, Loyola School of Theology, and a doctorate from Loyola Marymount University in LA, he's got the credentials to match his approachable personality.

Beyond the boardrooms of various Jesuit institutions where he serves, Fr Ernald is in his element when engaging with students. He's as comfortable discussing K-pop sensations like BTS as he is exploring the ethical implications of AI in education or finding God in everyday life.

A fun fact: Fr Ernald often weaves contemporary tunes into his prayers, bridging tradition and modern culture. As we welcome him, we're excited for a leader who promises to guide AdZU with both excellence and compassion.
