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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:64
DATE : March 15, 2025
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : **Appointment of Fr. Jerome Emmanuel "Jem" Guevara, SJ as Pastoral Assistant for Basic Education**

It is with great joy that we welcome **Fr. Jerome Emmanuel "Jem" Guevara, SJ** to the **Ateneo de Zamboanga University Jesuit Community**. Beginning **March 15, 2025**, Fr. Jem will assume the role of **Pastoral Assistant for Basic Education**, serving the spiritual and pastoral needs of our students, faculty, and staff in the **Basic Education Unit (Grade School, Junior High School, and Senior High School)**.

Fr. Jem brings with him a wealth of **international academic formation and pastoral experience**. He pursued advanced studies abroad, earning a **Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL) in Ignatian Spirituality (*magna cum laude*) from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome**. His expertise in **Ignatian formation and spirituality** is deeply rooted in this academic and pastoral training. In addition, he has extensive experience in intercultural settings, having studied **Mandarin Chinese Language and Culture at Fu Jen University, Taiwan (2001-2002)**, and **Beijing Language and Culture University, China (2002-2004)**.



His ministry assignments have taken him across different cultural and educational landscapes. He served in Taiwan, engaging in **youth formation, interreligious dialogue, and theological education** at Fu Jen Catholic University, and later worked in **vocation promotion and pastoral ministry in Taipei**. In the Philippines, he was previously assigned to **Sacred Heart School – Ateneo de Cebu**, the **Philippine General Hospital Chaplaincy**, and **Sacred Heart Parish in Cebu City**, among others.

As **Pastoral Assistant for Basic Education**, Fr. Jem will work under the supervision of **Fr. Manny Uy, SJ, Basic Education Chaplain**, and collaborate closely with the Formation Team led by **Mr. Honey Rod Alfaro**. His primary responsibilities include celebrating the Eucharist, administering the sacraments, leading retreats and recollections, and accompanying students and educators in their faith journeys. While his main focus will be on Basic Education, he may also occasionally assist in university-wide liturgical celebrations.

We extend our warmest welcome to **Fr. Jem**, and we look forward to the many ways he will enrich our community with his **pastoral care, Ignatian formation, and intercultural experience**.

Welcome to AdZU, Fr. Jem!

Pro Deo et Patria.

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