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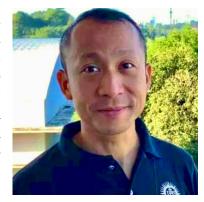
TO : The AdZU Community

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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Fr. Ernald M. Andal, SJ
University President