EDITOR'S PREFACE

This is the second part of this *Festschrift* volume in celebration of Fr. Catalino G. Arévalo, S.J.'s person and work, especially as the coming year 2014 will mark his 90th birth anniversary (April 20) and the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination as a Jesuit presbyter (June 19). We recall how the first part of this *Festschrift* made available to our readers a few selections from Fr. Arévalo's writings that span the course of his now almost sixty years of service in the work of theology, teaching, administration, pastoral work, retreat-giving, and service to the Church as a writer and theologian. For this second part, a variety of articles in tribute to Fr. Arévalo as a friend, colleague, mentor, theologian, religious, and priest are presented.

The authors of the articles in this issue are among the many[1] who have known Fr. Arévalo for decades, some for more than half a century.

[1]Many more would have wanted to contribute articles but time and space limit what we are able to present in this volume. The President of the Republic of the Philippines, His Excellency Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, comes to mind. Fr. Arévalo not only held the Bible as Mr. Aquino took his oath as President, but was a close confidante of, and occasional ghostwriter for, his mother, the late President Corazon C. Aquino. Moreover, many more ecclesiastics who were among Fr. Arévalo's generations of students would surely have wanted to contribute to this *Festschrift*.

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German theologian Dr. Georg Evers contributed not only one but two articles—an interview with Fr. Arévalo in the 1990s which he gave us permission to re-print, and another one written for the present volume remembering his encounters with Fr. Arévalo over the years. The Archbishop of Jaro, His Grace Most Reverend Angel N. Lagdameo, D.D., who had been a student of Fr. Arévalo, also pays tribute to him as a mentor and friend. Fr. Michael Amaladoss, S.J., contributes an article on soteriology and Christology keyed to the Indian context. It is a fitting tribute to Fr. Arévalo's own concern for inculturation and his many years of teaching Christology at the Loyola School of Theology. Fr. Francis Gustilo, S.D.B.—who is only the third Filipino to serve on the International Theological Commission, the first being Fr. Arévalo, and the second, then Fr. Luis Antonio G. Tagle (now Cardinal Archbishop of Manila and also a contributor to this Festschrift)—offers a brief study of Benedict XVI's thought regarding consecrated life. This is a fitting tribute to Fr. Arévalo who has not only lived faithfully as a religious since 1941, but has also lectured extensively on Benedict XVI's thought, and has worked in service of the Church with fellow religious both here and abroad, among them Fr. Gustilo himself.

Fr. Arévalo taught the course on Holy Orders for decades at the Loyola School of Theology. Three contributions touch on this topic close to his heart. Fr. Jeffrey Chang, S.J., writes on one of the great concerns of Fr. Arévalo—the question of the structures and shapes of ministry in the work of evangelization in Asia, especially in keeping with the vision of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, a vision which Fr. Arévalo did much to help articulate. Fr. Fernando Guillén Preckler, Sch.P., reflects on priestly holiness, an important theme not only in the courses of Fr. Arévalo on ordained ministry but in his many conferences and retreats and recollections given to clergy and bishops here and abroad. His Grace Most Rev. Socrates Villegas, D.D., Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan and current President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, shares a homily on the importance of a priest's

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prayer life for his perseverance in faithful ministry—also a point that Fr. Arévalo stresses in his countless homilies at the first Masses of his many students who have been ordained.

Fr. James Kroeger, M.M., contributes two articles. One shares with us the high praise given to Fr. Arévalo by no less than the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences in a citation penned by Fr. Kroeger himself. The other is a bibliography of the significant theological and spiritual works of Fr. Arévalo through the past several decades. Fr. Salvador Agualada, C.M.F., writes on a basic aspect of the theological anthropology of Karl Rahner whose thought Fr. Arévalo helped to make accessible to his students over the decades.

Fr. Arévalo has always had a passionate interest in Mariology. This topic is discussed by His Eminence, Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, D.D., in his reflection on communion in the Word of God and the unique communion in the Word that was experienced by Mary, and how the Church shares in that communion.

We thank all the contributors to this anthology, this bouquet of words in honor of Fr. Catalino G. Arévalo, S.J. Our gratitude goes also to Mr. Roberto Reyes, Mrs. Rica Bolipata-Santos, Fr. Arsenio Jesena, S.J., and Mr. Leo R. Ocampo for their assistance to the editorial board.

Most of all, we thank the triune God for the 90 years of life and 60 years of priestly ministry granted to Fr. Arévalo as teacher, theologian, consultant to bishops, writer, preacher, counselor, friend, and example of committed religious and priestly life as a Jesuit.

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