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of Fr. C. G. Arévalo, S.J.

Personal Information

- Born: 20 April 1925, in Manila
- Parents: Ramon A. Arévalo and Clotilde Gomez, both from Manila

Early Education

- Kindergarten–Grade 4 at St. Theresa's College
- Grade 4–High School at the Ateneo de Manila, graduated 1941

Jesuit Formation

- Entered the Jesuit Order on 31 May 1941
- Obtained A.B. and M.A. from Jesuit Philosophate, Sacred Heart Novitiate (1948)
- Studied Theology at Weston College, Massachusetts (1951–1955) and finished an S.T.L. Degree from Boston College (1956)

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- Ordained a priest at Fordham University Church, New York, on 19 June 1954
- Completed S.T.D. in Sacred Theology (Dogmatic/Systematic Theology) from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome (1959) with a dissertation in ecclesiology

Academic Teaching and Other Theological Activities

- Taught systematic-historical theology in the United States, Woodstock College, Maryland (1959–1960) and in the Philippines (first at San José Seminary) since 1960
- Served as Prefect of Studies, Theology, San José Seminary (1962–1966)
- Was the Founding Dean and first President of the Jesuit theological college now known as the Loyola School of Theology (LST) in June 1965
- Lectured as Professor at LST mainly on Ecclesiology (especially Holy Orders), Mission, Christology and Redemption, Mariology, and Ignatian Spirituality
- Has lectured or taken part in seminars held in East Asia (Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand) and elsewhere (USA, Australia, India and Rome, Italy)
- Collaborated with the World Council of Churches (WCC) in seminars and workshops in Vancouver, Melbourne, Singapore, Lucerne and Geneva (Switzerland)
- Went for a two-month study-visit in 1971 to Latin America (Uruguay, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Mexico) to learn firsthand about Theology of Liberation
- Served as the overall program director/coordinator for two international seminars held in Manila: the International Mission Congress (1979), under the auspices of the Propaganda Fide Congregation and the CBCP, and the Theological/Pastoral

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Congress on the Alliance of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary (1987), under the direction of Ambassador Howard Dee as a follow-up to the First International Theological Congress on the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary (Fatima, 1985)

- Was also closely associated with Jaime Cardinal Sin (1984–2005) and other bishops (1960 onwards), helping them out through writing on theological issues

Religious Offices and Theological Appointments

- Elected Philippine Province delegate to 32nd General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Rome (1973–1974) where he headed the Congregation's Commission on Inculturation
- Served as Philippine Province Prefect of Studies and Province Consultor during the Provincialate of Fr. Horacio de la Costa (1964–1971)
- Has been theological advisor for the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) since 1960, especially the Commission *de Doctrina Fidei,* and the Second Plenary Council of the Church in the Philippines (PCP-II) in 1991
- Served as theological advisor and writer (general secretary for the drafting commission) for the FABC's first three General Assemblies (1st in Taipeh 1974, 2nd in Calcutta 1978, and 3rd Bangkok 1982)
- Was founding convenor of the Theological Advisory Commission (TAC) of the FABC (1983 onwards)
- Served as consultor for the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity (1974 onwards)
- Was the first "Asian-born" member of the (papal) International Theological Commission (Vatican City, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith), appointed by Pope Paul VI (from 1973 onwards) and renewed by Pope John Paul II (1981–1986)

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Awards and Recognitions

- Honorary Doctorate in Humanities from the Ateneo de Manila University (1998)
- *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal from Pope John Paul II (1997)
- *Magnificat* Award from the Archdiocese of Manila (2005)
- Special FABC Award given by the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences on 15 August 2009 for his service to the FABC and Catholic theology in Asia and for the influence of his theological work on local churches in Asia, naming him the "father of Asian Catholic/FABC theology"
- *Noblesse Oblige* Award by Pasig Catholic College (March 2013) for his service to the Church in the Philippines, especially in theological reflection, teaching and Church orientation
- *"Cor ad Cor"* Award from the Sacred Heart Archdiocesan Shrine, Cebu in 2012 for promoting the spirituality of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- *Pro Deo et Patria* Award to be given by the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) in September 2013 for his educational, theological and priestly service to the Church in the Philippines and in Asia for over 40 years

Publication Activities

- Collaborated with *Philippine Studies*, then a Philippine Jesuit, and later an Ateneo de Manila, publication
- Served as Associate Editor of *The Philippine Jesuit* when Frs. Pascual Adorable and Luis Torralba were editors
- *And They Shall Name Him Emmanuel*, a collection of some of his homilies, edited by Sr. Aquinas Lluch, S.P.C., supported by the Ateneo Alumni 2B/3C Foundation, and published by Claretian Press, Quezon City, with about ten thousand copies sold

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- Booklet on Pedro Calungsod, first published prior to the protomartyr's beatification (1998) with over 30,000 copies sold; revised in 2012 and translated into Tagalog and Visayan in connection with his canonization, with some 30,000 copies sold

Retreats and Pastoral Activities

- Sought-after and well-known as an engaging retreat master and spiritual director to countless groups and individuals including bishops, priests, religious, and laity

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