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CATALINO G. ARÉVALO, S.J., SERVANT OF THE CHURCH

A Compilation of Significant Theological and Spiritual Works

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Capturing the thought and influence of someone whose prodigious works span more than six decades is, put simply, a daunting endeavor. Yet, to fittingly recognize, at least partially, the marvelous contribution of such a revered person, one is obliged to make a valiant effort to collect his most significant pieces. Thus, the rationale for this presentation: admittedly *extensive*, but certainly *not exhaustive*.

The collecting process has been facilitated by other persons who have previously gathered together some of the materials of Father Catalino G. Arévalo, SJ. Although a lengthy list could be provided, appreciation is especially extended to: Sr. Mary Aquinas Lluch, SPC, Sr. Teresa Joseph Patrick, OCD, Fr. Arnold L. Fuentes, Mr. Luis P. Olivares, and Mr. Antonio V. Romualdez.

This compilation, arranged chronologically by decades for easy reference, includes a wide variety of the published works of Father Arévalo. However, it must be noted that he has also produced hundreds of pages of insightful material that bear the name of other individuals (e.g. bishops, FABC [Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences], CBCP [Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines], etc.). In addition, the number of unpublished homilies, recollection talks, seminar

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presentations, and citations fills several drawers of sturdy file cabinets. Collating and publishing some of these treasures awaits another day.

No effort has been made to cite many popular pieces appearing in a variety of local journals and newspapers (e.g. *World Mission, Totus Tuus, The Sentinel, Messenger of Divine Love, Philippine Jesuit Magazine*, etc.) and in various "official souvenir publications" and pamphlets. This piece does not surface many of the materials that are available on the internet or in CD or DVD format (e.g. Homily at the Funeral Mass for President Corazon C. Aquino on August 5, 2009 in the Manila Cathedral). Once again, this body of material constitutes another entire project, awaiting a dedicated researcher.

The reader is referred to a small addition made to this presentation (something usually not included in a bibliography). At the very end of this piece, one will find a brief list of tributes paid to Father Arévalo. In the mind of this compiler, it is important to note the availability of these materials; they contain much insight and inspiration.

And now, what can realistically be said of this presentation? Certainly, it is only a limited attempt to bring together, at least partially, some pivotal theological and spiritual works of the man who has variously been dubbed as "FABC's Premier Theologian" and "Father of Filipino Theology." The endeavor is motivated by a deep sense of filial piety, genuine respect, and grateful thanksgiving. Readers, kindly receive the material with these same, deeply felt attitudes of appreciation.

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