



Father Arnold Escobilla Zamora
St. Robert's New Pastor
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Fr. Arnold entered the seminary at the early age of twelve at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines, where he finished High School and his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas, Manila. He also took some masteral courses in Oriental Religion in the same university. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1986. After ordination, he was assigned as a formator, professor and music director of the same seminary where he started his vocation and at the same time the chair of the Commission of Music of the Diocese of Tagbilaran, the diocese of his origin.

Fr. Arnold holds a Bachelor's degree in Music from the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. While pursuing his music degree, he joined the world-renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers and served as the group's resident arranger. He joined the group in its domestic and international concert tour. As a music student, he was the personal assistant and apprentice of now Philippine National Artist for Music Ryan Cayabyab.

He went to Santa Clara University to pursue a master's degree in Pastoral Ministries majoring in Liturgical Music. While at Santa Clara, he was invited by the then pastor of Star of the Sea, San Francisco, Msgr. Floro Arcamo, to be the music director of the parish. He later became the parochial vicar of Star of the Sea while continuing as music director for three years. He was transferred to St. Brendan Parish for another two years before his appointment as pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Church serving the parish for eleven years. He was incardinated to the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 2010.

Fr. Arnold is also the Spiritual Director and Moderator of the Archdiocese of San Francisco Council of Catholic Women and the chaplain and spiritual adviser for the Philippine Consulate in San Francisco. His musical works are available in iTunes, Spotify, Google Play, Apple Store, Amazon and YouTube.