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I am Reverend Father Arnel Patayon Tadeo, a priest from the Archdiocese of Davao, Philippines. I am the son of Segundino A. Tadeo (deceased) and Patria G. Patayon (deceased). I was Born January 10, 1971 in Davao City which is located in the Southern part of the Philippines. I was baptized on March 21, 1971 in my home parish of Immaculate Conception in Mintal, Davao City, where I was also confirmed on May 25, 1975. I attended Bago Oshiro Elementary School in Davao City from 1977 to 1983. I received my secondary education in Holy Cross of Mintal, a Catholic School, from 1983 to 1987. It was during those years that I became a Knight of the Altar (or Altar Server). It was also those times that I got fascinated with the life of a priest that one day while serving at the Holy Mass, it came unexpectedly to my mind that time will come I would be the one presiding the Mass. However, I had already dreamt of becoming an Electrical Engineer during my younger days for I have heard of a government-owned Electric company near my home place, which gives good financial remuneration and benefits to their employees. "But God writes crooked line in a straight way." So, poverty forced me in a way to study in Saint Francis Xavier College Seminary from 1987 to 1991 through the help of generous benefactors. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy in 1991. Then, I took a three-year absence from the seminary formation because I wanted to help my older sister in alleviating the family financial situation. In June 1994, I entered the Saint Francis Xavier Regional Major Seminary of Mindanao where I received his Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry in 1999. I was ordained as a deacon on November 14, 1998 at the San Pedro Cathedral in Davao City, and then as a priest on December 8, 1999 at the Immaculate Conception Church, my home parish.

***After my ordination**, I was assigned to various responsibilities – Parochial Vicar at Santo Rosario Parish, Toril, Davao City from June 2000 to May 2001; Archdiocesan Youth Director and Parochial Vicar of San Pedro Cathedral from June 2001 to November 2001; Parochial Vicar (International Priest) in 3 parishes in Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey from March 2002 to January 2006; School Chaplain in Holy Cross of Davao College, an Archdiocesan school from June 2006 to May 2012; and Pastor of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Calinan, Davao City from June 2012 to May 2018.*

***I started my ministry here in the Diocese of Greensburg last November 6, 2021.** I was first assigned as Parochial Vicar in the Partner Parishes of Connellsville and Dunbar in Fayette County last January 13, 2022 to July 13, 2022. Then on July 14, 2022 I was assigned as Parochial Vicar to the Partner Parishes of Saint Peter, Brownsville and Saint Cecilia, Grindstone and to the Parish of Saint Francis in Footedale and in Masontown. I arrived here in Saint Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend last August 31, 2023.*

***In my stay here in Saint Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend** and in the entire diocese, I am submitting myself not just to the church authorities but most especially to Jesus Christ, the High Priest, who chose me and tasked me to take care of His flock – by leading them towards God and to His Kingdom through my growing love and faith to Him – my God, my master and my Savior.*

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