

New Appointments

Two recent appointments of confreres were announced, one by the General Curia of the Congregation of the Mission, and the other by the Holy See.



Fr. Jorge Luis Rodriguez, C.M.

Fr. Jorge Luis Rodriguez Baquero of the Province of Colombia has been appointed by the Superior General to administer the Vincentian Family Office and to be assistant director of the Office of Communications at the Curia in Rome. Fr. Rodriguez entered the Congregation on January 29, 1989 and was ordained on October 2, 1994. He did his college studies in philosophy at Mayor La Milagrosa Seminario in Medellin, and completed his theological studies at Villa Paul Seminary in Funza. He also studied social communications at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome.

Fr. Rodriguez has served in formation work and in the area of communications. He was a rector and trainer at the San Pedro Seminary in Ecuador for the Diocese of Santo Domingo. He has worked in digital and electronic media, serving as director of Radio Eucha, in Cauca Colombia. He was also director of the department of communications for two terms at the Bishops' Conference of Colombia, where he helped to formulate a strategic plan for communications. Fr. Rodriguez also assisted the 5th Latin American Bishops' Conference (CELAM) meeting in Aparecida, Brazil, where he coordinated the work of the team assembled to report on the meeting. He taught classes on social communications and radio production at the Pastoral Theological Institute for Latin America. Fr. Rodriguez is originally from Bogota, Colombia, where his family resides. He arrived at the General Curia in February 2014 and replaces Fr. Juventino Castellero, a confrere from the Eastern Province, USA who has returned to Panama.



Bishop-Elect Fr. Fernando Barbosa, C.M.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis announced on May 20, 2014 that Fr. Fernando Barbosa dos Santos, C.M., Visitor of the Province of Fortaleza, has been appointed as bishop prelate of the territorial prelatry of Teffe, Brazil. Fr. Barbosa was born in Sertania, Brazil in 1967, made his final vows in the Congregation of the Mission on January 25, 1993,

and was ordained on January 20, 1996. He studied philosophy and theology at the Instituto Regional de Pastoral in Olinda, and specialized at the Universidade de Arcoverde, Pesqueira. He has served in a number of pastoral ministries. These include vicar of the Santo Antonio parish in Quixeramobim; a formator in the Vincentian preparatory seminary in Fortaleza; formator in the seminary of Belem do Para; parish priest in the Sao Jose parish in Tucurui; and provincial Econome of the Province of Fortaleza. Currently Fr. Barbosa serves as parish priest at Nossa Senhora dos Remedios parish in Fortaleza.

The territory of the Prelature of Teffe is 624,675 km. Divided into 14 parishes; it includes the municipalities of Alvaraes, Caruari, Fonte Boa, Foreign Ministry, Japura, Jurua, Marazion, Teffe, and Uarini. Located in the center-west part of the state of Amazonas, it borders Columbia. In 2007, the Prelature had an approximate population of 243,494 of which 75% are Catholics.