

Changes in the General Curia

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“After laboring four years as the Editor of *Vincentiana*, and Director of Communications and Publications at the General Curia, I have returned to my home, the Eastern Province USA for a new assignment. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this capacity, and a rare opportunity to view the Congregation from both international and historical perspectives. This has been challenging and enriching experience, one for which I will always be grateful.

I wish to offer my thanks to the Superior General and General Council for this opportunity, along with the Editorial Board of *Vincentiana* for their ideas and support. I also wish to pay tribute to our previous editor, Fr. Julio Suescun, C.M., who was a wise mentor as I learned the many details of producing *Vincentiana*. One last group I want to pay particular tribute to is our translators, who have been so incredibly generous in their service to *Vincentiana*. The selfless example of confreres, Daughters of Charity, and laity in the Vincentian Family who generously gave of their time and talent to translate is the real success story behind *Vincentiana*.

I leave the editorship grateful for this opportunity, (although slightly exhausted!), and I thank you, our faithful readers and subscribers for your interest and patronage of *Vincentiana*. As for my own words of farewell, Lacordaire, a French priest and contemporary of Frederic Ozanam, said it best: “All I know about tomorrow is that God’s Providence will rise before the sun.”



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Father Alvaro is a member of the Colombian Province and the superior general has appointed him as Director of *Vincentiana* (a position that falls under the responsibility of the Communications Office) and as an assistant to the Secretary General of the Congregation of the Mission.



Father Fernandez was born on October 8, 1971 in Yarunal - Antioquia (Colombia) and is a member of a large family (parents and 14 brothers and sisters). In February 1990 he began his philosophical studies in La Milagrosa (Medellin) and studied theology for two years at Villa Paul in Funza. In 1995 he volunteered to go to Cuba and there completed his theology at the National Seminary, San Carlos and San Ambrosio in Havana. He was ordained to the diaconate in Cuba and in 1997 was ordained to the priesthood in Colombia. He ministered in Cuba for three more years and returned to Colombia in 2000 and there served as a formator in the Seminary Indígena Paez.

Father Alvaro then ministered as a formator at the major seminary of Nuestra Señora del Carmen (the archdiocesan seminary of Villavivencio) and while there had the additional responsibility of general treasurer of the archdiocese. Father also ministered in the major seminary, San Pedro, located in Santo Domingo de los Colorados (Ecuador).

In 2006 he received his graduate degree from the Universidad Pontificia Javeriana in Bogota and in 2009 he received a double master's degree: in Church History (from the Catholic Institute in Paris) and in Modern History (from the University of Paris, the Sorbonne). From 2010-2012 he was at the Berceau where he was responsible for welcoming visitors.

In September 2012 he returned to Colombia where he ministered as a member of the Vocational Promotion Team. In 2013 he was appointed treasurer at the Apostolica (the present Internal Seminary). In 2014 he was assistant provincial treasurer and treasurer at the provincial house. The Nuncio in Colombia appointed him treasurer-administrator of the Apostolic Nunciature in Colombia. In recent months he has served as a formator and treasurer in the major seminary, La Milagrosa in Medellin.