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## **Resignations and Appointments**

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**Appointment of bishop of San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic**

### **Resignation of bishop of San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico, and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico, presented by H.E. Msgr. Felipe Arizmendi Esquivel.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of San Cristóbal de Las Casas, Mexico, H.E. Msgr. Rodrigo Aguilar Martínez, currently bishop of Tehuacán.

#### **H.E. Msgr. Rodrigo Aguilar Martínez**

H.E. Msgr. Rodrigo Aguilar Martínez was born on 13 March 1952 in Valle Santiago, diocese of Irapueto. He completed his ecclesiastical studies in the seminary of the archdiocese of Morelia. He was ordained a priest on 25 July and incardinated in Morelia. He then obtained a licentiate in science of education at the Pontifical Salesian University, Rome.

During his priestly ministry he has held the following offices: secretary to the archbishop of Morelia, formator in the seminary, secretary of the presbyteral council, rector of the St. Joseph Shrine, spiritual director of seminarians in philosophy and assistant of “*Encuentros Matrimoniales*”.

He was appointed as first bishop of Matehuala on 28 May 1997, and received episcopal ordination the following 31 July. On 28 January 2006 he transferred to the see of Tehuacán.

Within the Mexican Episcopal Conference he is president of the Commission of Family, Life, Youth and the Laity.

### **Appointment of bishop of San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic**

The Holy Father appointed as bishop of San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic, H.E. Msgr. Santiago Rodríguez Rodríguez, of the clergy of the diocese of Puerto Plata, currently episcopal vicar for pastoral ministry and pastor of the parish of “San Marcos”.

### **H.E. Msgr. Santiago Rodríguez Rodríguez**

H.E. Msgr. Santiago Rodríguez Rodríguez was born on 25 May 1968 in Mamey, Los Hidalgos, diocese of Puerto Plata. In 1985 he entered the national major seminary of Santo Domingo, where he received his basic formation, until his priestly ordination for the diocese of Puerto Plata on 24 June 2000.

He holds a licentiate in moral theology from the Alphonsianum Academy in Rome and a master’s degree in bioethics from the Pontifical *Regina Apostolorum* Athenaeum, as well as higher diplomas from pastoral institutes in Colombia and the Dominican Republic.

He has held the following offices, among others: seminary lecturer and formator (2001-2014); university chaplain (2000-2007); and diocesan pastoral head for the family and life (2000-2007 and 2010-2014). He is currently episcopal vicar for pastoral ministry (since 2014); pastor of the parish of “San Marcos” (since 2012); judge of the ecclesiastical tribunal (since 2009); military chaplain (since 2007), and professor of bioethics at the Pontifical Catholic University “*Madre y Maestra*” in Santo Domingo (since 2001).

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