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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Alcalá de Henares, Spain

Resignation and appointment of bishop of São Miguel Paulista, Brazil

Appointment of bishop of Riobamba, Ecuador

Resignation of bishop of Alcalá de Henares, Spain

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Alcalá de Henares, Spain, presented by Bishop Juan Antonio Reig Plá.

Resignation and appointment of bishop of São Miguel Paulista, Brazil

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of São Miguel Paulista, Brazil, presented by Bishop Manuel Parrado Carral.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Algacir Munhak, C.S., superior of the *Nossa Senhora Mãe dos Migrantes* South American Region of the Scalabrinian Missionaries, as bishop of the diocese of São Miguel Paulista, Brazil.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Algacir Munhak was born on 19 April 1966 in Cascavel, in the archdiocese of the same name, in the State of Paraná. After his studies in philosophy at the *Instituto Superior de Filosofia Berthier* in Passo Fundo-RS, he

was awarded a bachelor's degree in theology at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (1994), and a licentiate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1998).

On 25 March 1990 he gave his religious vows in the Congregation of Saint Charles (Scalabrinians), and on 17 August 1996 he was ordained a priest.

He has held the following offices: spiritual director of the seminary of Sarandi-RS (1998) and the seminary of philosophy in Passo Fundo-RS (1999), vocational promotor, rector of the preparatory seminary in Porto-Alegre-RS (2000-2001), the seminary in Passo Fundo-RS (2001-2005) and the *Nuestra Señora de Caacupé* Seminary in Ciudad del Est, Paraguay (2006-2006), vice president of the Chilean Catholic Migration Institute (INCAMI) and parish vicar of *Nuestra Señora de Pompeya* in Santiago, Chile (2006-2010). He has also served as a member of the Section for the Pastoral Care of Human Mobility of CELAM. He subsequently held the role of provincial superior of *San José*, based in Buenos Aires (2010-2013).

With the unification in 2013 of the Scalabrinian provinces in Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Peru as the *Nossa Senhora Mãe dos Migrantes* South American Region, based in Porto Alegre-RS, Msgr. Munhak assumed the role of treasurer (2013-2019). On 1 June 2019 he was elected superior of the same Region with a three-year mandate, and was re-elected on 1 June 2022.

Appointment of bishop of Riobamba, Ecuador

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop José Bolívar Piedra Aguirre as bishop of the diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, transferring him from the titular see of Maronana and the office of auxiliary of the archdiocese of Cuenca.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Piedra Aguirre was born on 25 November 1965 in Nabón, in the archdiocese of Cuenca. He entered the major seminary of Cuenca, where he attended courses in philosophy and theology. He was ordained a priest on 24 March 1990 and incardinated in the archdiocese of Cuenca. He was awarded a doctorate in theology from the *San Vicente Ferrer* Faculty of Valencia, Spain.

He has held the following offices: parish priest in various parishes, vicar for urban pastoral ministry and coordinator of priestly pastoral care, diocesan administrator *sede vacante* of the archdiocese of Cuenca (2015-2016), vicar general and vicar for pastoral ministry (2011-2019), member of the College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council and the Board for Economic Affairs, and professor at the major seminary.

On 20 May 2019 he was elected titular bishop of Maronana and auxiliary of Cuenca, and received episcopal ordination on 6 July 2019. Since 28 April 2021 he has served as apostolic administrator of Riobamba.
