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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and succession of metropolitan archbishop of Cali, Colombia

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Appointment of secretary of the Pontifical International Marian Academy

Resignation and succession of metropolitan archbishop of Cali, Colombia

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the metropolitan archdiocese of Cali, Colombia, presented by Archbishop Darío de Jesús Monsalve Mejía.

He is succeeded by Archbishop Luis Fernando Rodríguez Velásquez, until now coadjutor archbishop of the same archdiocese.

Appointment of bishop of Ciudad Guayana, Venezuela

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Carlos Alfredo Cabezas Mendoza as bishop of Ciudad Guayana, Venezuela, transferring him from the diocese of Punto Fijo.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Carlos Alfredo Cabezas Mendoza was born on 26 January 1966 in Niquitao, in the diocese of Trujillo. He studied philosophy at the *Seminario Arquidiocesano de Caracas Santa Rosa de Lima* and theology at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He specialized in youth pastoral care and catechetics at the Salesian

Pontifical University of Rome, and was subsequently awarded a licentiate in political sciences at the *Universidad del Valle del Monboy* in Valera, Venezuela.

He received priestly ordination on 10 June 1990 in Rome from Saint John Paul II, and was incardinated in the diocese of Trujillo.

He has held the following offices: diocesan chargé for youth pastoral care; parish priest of *San Pablo Apóstol* in La Puerta; parish priest of the Cathedral; professor at the *Fray Alonso Briceño* Institute of Religious Sciences in Trujillo; professor at the *Seminario Mayor Diocesano Sagrado Corazón de Jesús* in Trujillo; episcopal vicar for the clergy and parish priest of *Nuestra Señora del Carmon* in Boconó.

He was appointed bishop of Punto Fijo on 4 June 2016 and received episcopal consecration the following 6 August. Within the Venezuelan Episcopal Conference, he is chair of the Episcopal Commission for Catechesis and Biblical Pastoral Ministry, and member of the Permanent Episcopal Council.

Appointment of secretary of the Pontifical International Marian Academy

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Marco Antonio Mendoza Martínez, O.F.M., as secretary of the Pontifical International Marian Academy.
