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## Resignations and Appointments

### Resignation and appointment of bishop of Valle de la Pascua, Venezuela

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Valle de la Pascua, Venezuela, presented by Bishop Ramón José Aponte Fernández.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Ricardo Aldo Barreto Cairo as bishop of Valle de la Pascua, Venezuela, transferring him from the titular see of Badie and the office of auxiliary of Caracas, Venezuela.

### *Curriculum vitae*

Bishop Ricardo Aldo Barreto Cairo was born in Panama on 7 July 1968; in Venezuela since 1973, he obtained Venezuelan citizenship in 1985.

After his ecclesiastical studies in philosophy and theology at the major seminary of La Guaira, he obtained a licentiate in theology from the *Universidad Católica Santa Rosa* in Caracas, a licentiate in moral theology from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, and the title of professor in special education from the *Instituto Universitario Pedagógico Monseñor Rafael Arias Blanco* in Caracas.

He was ordained a priest on 15 August 1998 and incardinated in the diocese of La Guaira.

He has held the following offices: formator in the seminary of La Guaira, parish administrator of *Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria de Tarmas*; diocesan penitentiary; chaplain of the *Oblate Sisters of Divine Love* in Rome; parish priest of *Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes* in El Junquito; rector of the *San Pedro Apóstol* interdiocesan major seminary in La Guaira and president of the Organization of Seminarians of Venezuela.

In addition, he is a member of the National Commission for the Protection of Minors and of the Episcopal Commission for the Clergy, Seminarians, Vocations and the Permanent Diaconate of the Episcopal Conference.

On 17 September 2019 he was appointed titular bishop of Badie and auxiliary of the archdiocese of Caracas, receiving episcopal ordination the following 23 November.

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