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Resignations and Appointments

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the office of auxiliary bishop of the diocese of Brooklyn, United States of America, presented by Bishop Octavio Cisneros.

Appointment of bishop of Zamora, Spain

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Zamora, Spain, the Reverend Fernando Valera Sánchez, of the clergy of Cartagena, until now episcopal vicar and spiritual director of the major seminary.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Fernando Valera Sánchez was born on 7 March 1960 in Bullas, province of Murcia and diocese of Cartagena. He carried out his studies in philosophy and theology in the diocesan seminary. He was ordained a priest on 18 September 1983. He obtained a licentiate in philosophy at the San Antonio Catholic University of Murcia and a doctorate in spiritual theology at the Comillas Pontifical University in Madrid. He completed his studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1998-2000).

He has held the offices of parish vicar of *Nuestra Señora del Rosario* in La Unión, *San Nicolás de Bari* in Estrecho de San Ginés (1983-1994) and of *Nuestra Señora de la Asunción* in Molina de Segura (1984-1990).

He was parish priest of *San Antonio de Padua* in Mazarrón (1990-1991), missionary in Bolivia (1991-1992), parish priest of *Nuestra Señora de Loreto* in Algezares (1994-1997), parish priest in the team of various parishes (1997-1998), parish priest of *Santiago Apóstol* in Lorquí (2000-2004), of *Nuestra Señora del Rosario* in Puente Tocinos (2004-2005) and of *La Purísima* in Javalí Nuevo (2005-2011). Since 2010 he has served as episcopal vicar, and since 2011, spiritual director of the major seminary.
