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## **Resignations and Appointments**

**Resignation of bishop of Ipiales, Colombia and appointment of successor**

**Resignation of auxiliary bishop of Guadalajara, Mexico**

**Appointment of bishop of Istmina-Tadó, Colombia**

### **Resignation of bishop of Ipiales, Colombia and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Ipiales, Colombia, presented by H.E. Msgr. Arturo de Jesús Correa Toro.

The Pope has appointed Rev. José Saúl Grisales Grisales, of the clergy of the diocese of Sonsón-Rionegro, Colombia, currently vicar general, as bishop of Ipiales, Colombia.

#### **H.E. Msgr. José Saúl Grisales Grisales**

H.E. Msgr. José Saúl Grisales Grisales, was born in Sonsón on 12 April 1964. He completed his studies in philosophy and theology at the National Major Seminary “Christ the Priest” in La Ceja. He obtained a licentiate in liturgy from the Pontifical Saint Anselm Athenaeum in Rome.

He received priestly ordination on 12 November 1989, and was incardinated in the diocese of Sonsón-Rionegro.

He has held the following positions: formator in the “Christ the Priest” Major Seminary in Yarumal, local collaborator at the apostolic nunciature in Colombia, director of philosophy in the “Christ the Priest” Major Seminary, rector of the “Intermissional” Colombian Major Seminary, rector of the diocesan “Nuestra Señora” Major Seminary, pastor of the “*Nuestra Señora de Chiquinquirá*” Cathedral in Sonsón, vicar forane and, since

2017, vicar general.

### **Resignation of auxiliary bishop of Guadalajara, Mexico**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the office of auxiliary of the archdiocese of Guadalajara, Mexico, presented by H.E. Msgr. Juan Humberto Gutiérrez Valencia, titular bishop of Giunca di Bizacena.

### **Appointment of bishop of Istmina-Tadó, Colombia**

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Istmina-Tadó, Colombia, the Rev. Mario de Jesús Álvarez Gómez of the clergy of the diocese of Santa Rosa de Osos, Colombia, currently national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

#### **H.E. Msgr. Mario de Jesús Álvarez Gómez**

H.E. Msgr. Mario de Jesús Álvarez Gómez was born in Palmitas, diocese of Santa Rosa de Osos, on 19 October 1959. He completed his studies in philosophy and theology at the major seminary of Santa Rosa de Osos. He obtained a licentiate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He received priestly ordination on 19 November 1985, and was incardinated in the diocese of Santa Rosa de Osos.

He held the following positions: parish vicar of “*Enterríos*”, professor and prefect of the diocesan minor seminary, parish administrator of “*El Brasil*”, professor and rector of the diocesan major seminary, vicar for pastoral care and vicar general of the diocese, parish priest of “*San Pedro de los Milagros*”, parish priest of the Cathedral and, since 2010, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

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