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## Resignations and Appointments

### Appointment of bishop of Santa Marta, Colombia

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Santa Marta, Colombia, the Reverend Fr. José Mario Bacci Trespalacios, C.I.M., until now provincial superior of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary in Colombia.

### *Curriculum vitae*

Msgr. José Mario Bacci Trespalacios, C.I.M., was born on 19 March 1971 in Magangué. He studied philosophy at the *San Carlos Borromeo* Major Seminary of Cartagena and in the *Valmaría* Eudist Seminary in Bogotá, and theology at the *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana* in Bogotá.

He obtained a licentiate in dogmatic theology from the same university, and in sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and in the Biblical School of Jerusalem.

He received priestly ordination on 17 December 1995.

He was responsible for the preparatory year of the Seminario Mayor Cristo Sacerdote in Ambato, Ecuador, and was head of the National Pre-Philosophate, and parish vicar in Yamasá, Dominican Republic. From 2000 to 2003 he served as rector of the *São José* Major Seminary of Philosophy of the metropolitan archdiocese of Fortaleza, Brazil; from 2003 to 2007, of the *São José* Major Seminary of Santos, Brazil, and from 2012 to 2016 of the *Nuestra Señora de Suyapa* Major Seminary of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. From 2016 until the present, he has held the office of provincial superior of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary in Colombia.

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