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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of vicar apostolic of Izabal, Guatemala

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Miguel Ángel Martínez Méndez, of the clergy of *San Francisco de Asís de Jutiapa*, until now parish priest of the Cathedral of *San Cristóbal* in Jutiapa, as vicar apostolic of Izabal, Guatemala.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend Miguel Ángel Martínez Méndez was born on 5 May 1959 in Yupiltepeque, Jutiapa. He carried out his studies in philosophy and theology in the *La Asunción* National Major Seminary in Guatemala.

He was ordained a priest on 18 January 1986 for the diocese of Jalapa. In 2016, after the creation of the diocese of San Francisco de Asís in Jutiapa, with territory taken from the diocese of Jalapa, he was incardinated in the new diocese.

Following ordination, he first held the offices of parish priest of *San Raymundo de Peñafort* in San Carlos Alzatate (1985-1992), *San José*, and *El Adelanto* in Jalapa (1992-1995). He then studied for a licentiate in canon law at the Pontifical University of Salamanca in Spain (1995-1997). He went on to serve as parish priest of *Nuestra Señora de la Expectación* in La Montaña (1998-2003), *Nuestra Señora de Concepción* in Monjas (2004-2009) and *Santa Catarina, Virgen y Mártir* in Quesada, in Jalapa, vicar general of the diocese of Jalapa (2010-2015); parish priest of *Santa Cruz* in Jutiapa (2016-2021); and, since 2022, parish priest of the Cathedral of *San Cristóbal* in Jutiapa.