

**Fernando Enrique RAMÓN CASAS, from the fraternity of Valencia, Spain,
new bishop**

Today, November 6, 2024, Pope Francis has appointed our brother Fernando Enrique as auxiliary bishop of Valencia. Great joy for everyone in the midst of pain and tragedy in that land marked by the DANA disaster. It is good news despite the suffering of so many people that has motivated the solidarity of the entire country.

Fernando is 58 years old. Rector of the Major Seminary of Valencia for 13 years and two more as a trainer, since last September, he is the episcopal vicar of the V Vicariate of Valencia, 'Llíria-Requena-Ademuz'. In addition, he is a professor of Sacred Scripture at the San Vicente Ferrer Faculty of Theology, and director of the Academy of Biblical and Oriental Languages. Before that, he was at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute, and a canon of the Cathedral. He was born in Valencia, although he has always lived in the town of Xirivella (in the Huerta Sur region, in the metropolitan area of Valencia city). He entered the La Inmaculada Major Seminary in 1988, where he developed all his training: two years of philosophy in Moncada and Theology and Pastoral in Valencia.



He has a degree in Religious Sciences from the San Vicente Ferrer Faculty of Theology in Valencia and completed his studies in Rome, where he graduated in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical

Institute and took doctoral courses at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1998-2005). Before that, he was a religion teacher in various schools and parish priest in various towns in Valencia and Alicante. He has 30 years of priestly ministry. During those years he was also chaplain of the Monastery of the Oblate Sisters of Christ the Priest. And he has been a counselor of the Cursillos de Cristiandad movement in Valencia and an animator of a Team of Our Lady.

Fernando, congratulations and may you always have the smell of sheep and be at the side of the last. Your fraternity of Spain we wish you to be a good shepherd.

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