

December 3, 2009 - Vatican – Bishop Castellón Pizano is the new Bishop of Barrancabermeja



(ANS –Vatican City) – On December 2 Pope Benedict XVI transferred Bishop Camilo Fernando Castellón Pizano, SDB, to the diocese of Barrancabermeja Colombia, from the diocese of Tibú, Colombia.

Bishop Castellón, born on September 22, 1942, in Bogotá, began his vocational journey in 1962 in the novitiate of Tena. In 1963 he entered the Estudiantado Filosófico Salesiano and later the El Porvenir studentate of theology. He was ordained on December 2, 1972.

Fr. Castellón was a curate in the parish of Agua de Dios and worked on the Salesian youth ministry team and among street children at Ciudadela de los Muchachos. Afterwards he was a provincial councilor, rector of the Shrine of the Child Jesus in Bogotá, and provincial of the Bogotá Province.

Continuing his academic formation at the Javeriana Pontifical University in Bogotá, in 1972 he obtained a licentiate in theology; in 1983, at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome a degree in education; and the following year at the same university a degree in psychology. Finally in 1993, he obtained a licentiate in philosophy at Santo Tomas University in Bogotá.

Appointed bishop of Tibú on April 23, 2001, he was ordained by Archbishop Beniamino Stella on June 6 at the shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bogotá.