



Father Manuel Sánchez, Sch.P. Ordained to the Priesthood

Bishop Emeritus Félix Lázaro Martínez, Sch.P. of the Diocese of Ponce ordained to the priesthood Father Manuel Sánchez Villanueva, Sch.P. The ordination Mass took place in Saint Helena's Church in the Bronx, NY on December 21, 2019. Piarist priests and seminarians from throughout our Province, diocesan priests, religious from different congregations, friends, family and members of the Calasanz Movement attended the ceremony.

Father Manuel celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving at Annunciation Church in Manhattan, NY on Sunday, December 22.

Manuel was born on July 15, 1983 in Tiquicheo, Michoacán, Mexico. He was the son of Amador Sánchez Cortés and of Elena Villanueva Aburto. He was the fourth of twelve children.

He met the Piarist Fathers in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA, while he was helping as a volunteer in the Archdiocesan Youth Pastoral Ministry. He was a volunteer and served in several ministries, including youth groups, in the Catholic mission of Our Lady of the Americas.

After a time of discernment, he joined the Piarists as a postulant on August 5, 2007 in our House of Formation (SEPI) in Miami, FL. He formally entered our pre-novitiate on December 12, 2009.

Manuel began the novitiate on July 11, 2010 in Celaya, Mexico. He professed his simple (temporary) vows on July 16, 2011.

Manuel was assigned to our Community of Ponce, PR in August 2011. He studied education and philosophy at the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico. He eventually earned a Bachelor's Degree in Arts and Humanities with a concentration in Philosophy, and a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Spanish. The Bishops' Conference of Puerto Rico appointed him to serve as a student representative and member of the Board of Trustees of the Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico from 2015 through 2016.

Manuel moved to our Community of San Juan, PR on August 15, 2016. He will complete his theology studies at the Dominican School of Theology at Bayamon

Central University in May. He assists at the Parish of Our Savior and Colegio Calasanz in San Juan. He is also a coordinator of the Calasanz Youth Movement.



PRIMERA MISA DE ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS

P. Manuel Sánchez Villanueva, Sch.P.



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