



Fr. Arturo Sosa
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Father Arturo Sosa

Father Arturo Sosa was born in Caracas, Venezuela on 12 November 1948. Until his election, Father Sosa was Delegate for Interprovincial Houses of the Society in Rome, as well as serving on the General Council as a Counsellor. He obtained a licentiate in philosophy from the Andrés Bello Catholic University in 1972. He later obtained a doctorate in Political Science from the Central University of Venezuela, in 1990. Father Sosa speaks Spanish, Italian, English, and understands French.



In 2008, during General Congregation 35, Father General Adolfo Nicolás appointed Father Arturo Sosa as General Counsellor, based in Venezuela. In 2014, Father Sosa joined the General Curia community and took on the role of Delegate for Interprovincial Roman Houses of the Society of Jesus in Rome, which include the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute, the Pontifical Oriental Institute, the Vatican Observatory, Civiltà Cattolica, as well as international Jesuit colleges in Rome.

Between 1996 and 2004, Father Sosa was provincial superior of the Jesuits in Venezuela. Before that, he was the province coordinator for the social apostolate, during which time he was also director of Gumilla Social Center, a center for research and social action for the Jesuits in Venezuela.

Father Arturo Sosa has dedicated a large part of his life to research and teaching. He has held different positions in academia. He has been a professor and member of the Council of the Andrés Bello Catholic Foundation and Rector of the Catholic University of Táchira. He has pursued research and teaching in the field of political science, in various centers and institutions.

On 14 October 2016, he became the 31st Superior General of the Society of Jesus.

476 Years of History 30 Superiors General 1 Society of Jesus



In October 2016, the Jesuits' General Congregation 36 was convened in Rome. GC 36 was convoked by Jesuit Superior General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, 80, who announced his intention to resign after serving as the Jesuits' leader since 2008.

Since its founding in 1540, the Society of Jesus has had 30 Superiors General. The 215 delegates to GC 36 decided the new one.



1
Ignatius of Loyola
1541-1556



2
Diego Laynez
1558-1565



3
Francis Borgia
1565-1572



4
Everard Mercurian
1573-1580



5
Claudio Acquaviva
1581-1615



6
Murio Vitelleschi
1615-1645



7
Vincenzo Carafa
1646-1649



8
Francesco Piccolomini
1649-1651



9
Aloysius Gottfried
1652 (Jan. 21-Mar. 12)



10
Goschwin Nickel
1652-1664



11
Giovanni Paolo Oliva
1664-1691



12
Charles de Noyelle
1692-1698



13
Thyraus González de Cantala
1687-1705



14
Michelangelo Tamburini
1706-1730



15
Franz Retz
1730-1750



16
Ignacio Visconti
1751-1755



17
Aloysius Centurione
1756-1757



18
Lorenzo Ricci
1758-1773



19
Tadeusz Brzozowski
1814-1820



20
Luigi Fortis
1820-1829



21
Jan Roothaan
1829-1853



22
Peter Jan Beckx
1853-1887



23
Anton Anderledy
1887-1892



24
Luis Martin
1892-1906



25
Franz Xavier Wenz
1906-1914



26
Włodimir Ledóchowski
1915-1942



27
Jean-Baptiste Janssens
1946-1964



28
Pedro Arrupe
1965-1983



29
Peter Hans Kolvenbach
1983-2008



30
Adolfo Nicolás
2009-2010

