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RESUME

The M.I. Mr. Canon Dr. Eduardo Chávez Sánchez was born in Mexico City on December 31st. 1956. He entered Mexico's Conciliar Seminary, where he studied Philosophy and Theology in the Higher Institute for Ecclesiastic Studies (Instituto Superior de Estudios Eclesiásticos, ISEE), which later became the Priest Formation Institute of Mexico's Archdiocese (Instituto de Formación Sacerdotal de la Arquidiócesis de México, IFSAM).

He was ordained on August 15th. 1981 in the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Mexico.

He obtained the Philosophy Diploma by the Universidad del Valle de Atemajac, in Guadalajara.

In 1986 he obtained a PhD. in Church History at the Gregorian Pontifical University, with the thesis: *La Iglesia en México hacia el Concilio Plenarío Latinoamericano (1896-1899)* (The Church in Mexico toward the Latin American Plenary Council).

He has been a professor at the Priest Formation Institute of the Archdiocese of Mexico (Instituto de Formación Sacerdotal de la Arquidiócesis de México, IFSAM) in the field of Theology, giving the following courses: Philosophy of History, History of Medieval Church, History of the New Church, History of the Church in Mexico, History of the Church in Latin America. He has also worked at the Pontifical University of Mexico as a professor.

From 1997 to 1998 he was head of the Historic Archives of Mexico's Conciliar Seminary. He has also done research in the most important Archives and Libraries of the world, such as: the Nation's General Archives in Mexico, the History Archives of the Guadalupe Basilica, the Archives

and Library of the National Anthropology and History Museum of Mexico, the General Archive of the Indies in Seville, the Manuscript Archives in Vienna, the Vatican Apostolic Library, the Vatican Secret Archives , etc.

Since 1988 he is member of the Mexican Church History Society.

He has read papers before several institutions, such as the Pontifical University of Mexico, the Universidad Intercontinental, the Mexican Association of Private Libraries and Archives, the Mexican Society for Church History, Mexico's Conciliar Seminary, the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe, the Anahuac Rotary Club, the Cúspide Group and the Mc Kinley Institute, the Book Fair in Monterrey, the Hispanic American Studies School in Seville, the Historic Symposium on the last hundred years of Evangelization in Latin America, at the Vatican, the Mexican College in Rome, the *Instituto Internazionale del Volto di Cristo* at the pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, the Ateneo Regina Apostolorum in Rome, several places in the United States, such as the Archdiocese Office in Los Angeles, Calif., Dallas, Texas, Notre Dame University, Universidad Santo Tomas, in Chile, etc.; a large number of interviews and speeches in press, radio, television in Mexico, Rome and the United States; he conducted the program "Diálogos Guadalupanos" on the TV station María+Visión.

Since 1998, he became part of the Historic Committee for the Cause of San Juan Diego Canonization. The Mexican Church Authorities also appointed him Studies Prefect of the Pontifical Mexican College in Rome, from 1998 to 2001.

On May 17th. 2001, the Archbishop of Mexico, Norberto Cardenal Rivera Carrera, appointed him postulator for the Cause of San Juan Diego Canonization, which took place on July 31st. 2002, while he was also General Secretary for the V Visit of His Holiness Juan Pablo II in Mexico.

On September 3rd. 2002, the Archbishop of Mexico Norberto Cardenal Rivera appointed him the First Dean of the Catholic University Lumen Gentium of Mexico's Archdiocese, and on September 28th. of the same year, Msgr. Jonás Guerrero Corona, Auxiliary Bishop for Mexico and General Vicar appointed him Rector of the San Buenaventura Rectorship in Mexico's Archdiocese.

In this year 2006 he became Founding Member and Dean of the Higher Institute for Guadalupan Studies (Instituto Superior de Estudios Guadalupanos, ISEG).

In 2005 he conducted the program "Diálogos Guadalupanos" on the María+Visión TV station.

On February 17th. 2005, Cardenal Norberto Rivera appointed him Honorary Canon of the National Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe.

Among the most important published material by Canon Eduardo Chávez Sánchez, are the following:

1. *La Iglesia en México hacia el Concilio Plenario Latinoamericano (1896-1899)*. (The Church in Mexico toward the Latin American Plenary Council). Excerpta ex Dissertatione ad Doctoratum in Facultate Historiae Ecclesiasticae Pontificae Universitatis Gregoriana, Rome 1986.
2. *Investigación sobre la fecha exacta de la fundación del Seminario Conciliar de México* (A research on the exact date of the foundation of the Conciliar Seminar in Mexico), Impresos Sánchez, México 1995.
3. *Historia del Seminario Conciliar de México* (History of the Conciliar Seminar in Mexico), Ed. Porrúa (Col. Biblioteca Porrúa. Nos. 114 and 115), México 1996, 2 vols.
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12. “El Encuentro de la Virgen de Guadalupe y Juan Diego (presentación del libro)” (The encounter of the Virgin of Guadalupe and Juan Diego. Book presentation), in *Boletín Eclesiástico de la Arquidiócesis de Guadalajara*, 1-LIV (2000), ps. 51-58.
13. “Horizonte histórico del Acontecimiento Guadalupano” (Historical panorama of the Guadalupan Event), in *II Taller de Señores Obispos sobre pastoral indígena, Inculturación y Teología India* (II Bishop workshop on indigenous pastoral, inculturation and indian theology), October 23.26 2000, Ed, CEM, Puebla, Pue., 2000, ps. 27-43.
14. *Il Volto de Cristo Re e la persecuzione della Chiesa in Messico*, in ISTITUTO INTERNAZIONALE DI RICERCA SUL VOLTO DI CRISTO, *Il Volto dei Volti Cristo*, Ed. Velar, Gorle BG), Italia 2001, T.V., ps. 129-140.
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