



**UNDERSECRETARY**  
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Born in Jaca (Spain) in 1966. He is a priest of the archdiocese of Toledo (Spain) from 1993.

He studied at the Faculty of Philosophy at the *Universitat Complutense* in Madrid (1989), then theology at the Studium Theologicum "San Ildefonso", in Toledo. In Rome he read biblical theology at the Theology Faculty of the Gregorian University where he graduated in 1996. In 2006 he completed his Doctorate in Theology at the same university with a thesis on the relations between faith and culture in the contemporary Church.

He developed his priestly ministry as chaplain at the Civil Engineering School of the Polytechnic University of Madrid and as ecclesiastical assistant to youth. From 1999 he has worked in the service of the Holy See at the Pontifical Council for Culture where he was named Undersecretary in 2004. In the Council he has worked on the dialogue between Faith and Science as coordinator of the STOQ project. Currently he works in the field of Culture & Sport.

His fields of interest are the relations between religion and culture, particularly the dialogue of faith and science, and faith and sport.