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Press Release

The Holy Father Francis has named Father Juan Antonio Guerrero Alves, S.I., of the Province of Spain, Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy of the Holy See beginning in January 2020. Since 2017 Father Guerrero has served as General Counsellor and Delegate of the Superior General for the Interprovincial Houses and Works of the Society of Jesus in Rome (DIR).¹

Father Guerrero was born in Mérida, Spain, in 1959. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1979 and was ordained a priest in 1992. He has studied in Spain, Brazil, France, and the United States. He holds degrees in economics (1986), philosophy (1993), and theology (1994). In 2008 he was named Provincial of Castilla in Spain. In 2014 he was sent to Mozambique, where he served as treasurer and project coordinator.

The Superior General of the Society of Jesus has named Father Johan Verschueren, S.I., General Counsellor and his Delegate for the Interprovincial Houses and Works of the Society of Jesus in Rome (DIR). Father Verschueren is now Superior of the Region of the European Low Countries.

Father Verschueren was born in Berchem, Belgium, in 1960. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1985 and was ordained a priest in 1995. He has studied botany, philosophy, and theology. He has rich apostolic experience in youth ministry and in education as well as broad experience in accompanying the formation of Jesuits and in governance of the Society of Jesus. Father Verschueren will begin his service in Rome in January 2020.

We wish Fathers Guerrero and Verschueren the graces needed to carry out their new responsibilities and we accompany them with our prayer.

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¹ The DIR is composed of the following apostolic works entrusted by the Holy Father to the Society of Jesus and international houses of the Jesuits in Rome: the Pontifical Gregorian University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute, the Pontifical Oriental Institute, the Aletti Center, the Vatican Astronomical Observatory, Civiltà Cattolica, St. Peter Canisius Residence, St. Robert Bellarmine College, and the International College of the Gesù.