

## **Very Rev. Alfredo Hernández Bio**

In November of 2020, Very Rev. Alfredo Hernández was appointed Rector and President of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary (SVDP) in Boynton Beach, FL.

After graduating from Cardinal Newman School in 1980, he attended the University of Florida in Gainesville where he first received a BS in Accounting in 1983 and his MEd and EdS in Student Personnel Work in Higher Education in 1986.

After serving as Assistant Dean at Lafayette College in PA from 1986 to 1988, Fr. Hernández entered SVDP, being ordained for the Diocese of Palm Beach in 1992. Further studies included an STL in Systematic Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University (1997) and a Ph.D. in Pastoral Studies from North-West University in South Africa (2019).

Father Hernández served as a Parochial Vicar at St. Helen's Church in Vero Beach for his first three years of ministry (1992–1995) and as Pastor of his home parish, St. Juliana Catholic Church in West Palm Beach, from 1999–2013. He served the Diocese in various capacities, including as Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Central Deanery and as Secretary of Education.

During his first stint at SVDP (1997–1999, Fr. Hernández served as an Assistant Professor and as Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Director of Nonresident Students. Having assisted as an adjunct faculty member during his time as Pastor, he returned to SVDP for fulltime ministry in 2013, serving in these years first as Dean of Pastoral Formation and Director of Liturgy and then as Academic Dean and Vice Rector.

Fr. Hernández has had a number of articles published and he recently published *Formation Activities and Catholic Seminarians: A Practical Theological Study of their Impact on Subsequent Perseverance in Ministry* (St. Louis: EnRoute Books and Media, 2020). He is a regular contributor to *The Florida Catholic* and *Semanario Acción*.