



New United States National Cursillo Movement Spiritual Advisor

From November 17, 2024 – June 18, 2025 there were Four (4) Priests who expressed interest in being the next National Cursillo Spiritual Advisor. Two of those Priests voluntarily withdrew their names for consideration because their Bishop had assigned them to a new Parish(s) beginning in July 2025 and they did not want to adjust to being the National Spiritual Advisor at the same time.

06/18/25 – 06/23/25 = Round #1. Father Mark Seiker and Deacon Michael Martini interviewed two (2) Priests for the NSA position.

06/24/25 = Round #2. Father Mark Seiker, Deacon Michael Martini, and the National Cursillo Secretariat Coordinating Group interviewed the recommended Candidate.

Bishop Elizondo (Interim Episcopal Advisor) approves recommended candidate.

Fr. Lalo Jara, OFM will be the New NSA October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028.

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Fr. Lalo Jara, OFM

Former Archdiocese of Washington Spiritual Advisor
Cursillista since 2015

Rev. Dr. Edgardo Jara, OFM, D.Min, affectionately known as Fr. Lalo, lived his Cursillo in 2015. He has served on many Cursillos since then. He served as the Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo Movement in the Archdiocese of Washington DC from 2015-2020 and 2022-2024.

Fr. Lalo has felt a commitment to the Church since a young age. He was called to discern a religious vocation in 1997 entering the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) in Mexico. Through much discernment, change and misdirection, the Lord led Fr. Lalo back to the Franciscans in 2012. He then earned his Master of Divinity and was ordained a Priest in 2017. Ministering primarily on the East Coast, his dedication to grassroots ecclesial communities culminated in a Doctor of Ministry. His missionary zeal extends into the digital world; Fr. Lalo is host to a podcast called Fe + Coffee offering reflections on the mystery and centrality of the Eucharist, as part of his role as one of the National Eucharistic Preachers.

Fr. Lalo was born in San Carlos, Costa Rica, and raised in a deeply faith-filled family. He currently is Pastor at the intercultural parish of Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, CA. In addition to his love for teaching and preaching, Fr. Lalo enjoys hiking, exploring new cultures and traditions, traveling, singing, watching movies, relaxing in a hammock, and -true to his podcast's spirit- drinking plenty of coffee.

P. Lalo Jara, OFM

Ex-Asesor Espiritual de la Arquidiócesis de Washington
Cursillista desde 2015

El Rev. Dr. Edgardo Jara, OFM, D.Min, conocido cariñosamente como el P. Lalo, vivió su Cursillo en 2015. Ha participado en numerosos Cursillos desde entonces. Fue Asesor Espiritual del Movimiento de Cursillos en la Arquidiócesis de Washington D. C. del 2015 al 2020 y del 2022 al 2024.

El P. Lalo ha sentido un compromiso con la Iglesia desde muy joven. Fue llamado a discernir su vocación religiosa en 1997, ingresando en la Orden de los Frailes Menores (Franciscanos) en México. A través de mucho discernimiento, cambios y desvíos, el Señor lo guio nuevamente al P. Lalo a la Orden franciscana en el 2012. Obtuvo su Maestría en Divinidad y fue ordenado sacerdote en 2017. Su ministerio se ha centrado principalmente en la Costa Este, y su dedicación a las comunidades eclesiales de base culminó con un Doctorado en Ministerio. Su celo misionero se extiende al mundo digital; el P. Lalo presenta un podcast llamado Fe + Coffee, donde ofrece reflexiones sobre el misterio y la centralidad de la Eucaristía, siendo esto parte de su rol como uno de los Predicadores Eucarísticos Nacionales.

El P. Lalo nació en San Carlos, Costa Rica, y se crio en una familia profundamente creyente. Actualmente es párroco de la parroquia intercultural Misión San Luis Rey en Oceanside, CA. Además de su pasión por la enseñanza y la predicación, el P. Lalo disfruta de caminatas, explorar nuevas culturas y tradiciones, viajar, cantar, ver películas, relajarse en una hamaca y, fiel al espíritu de su podcast, tomar mucho café.