

President Named For Seminary

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The Board of Trustees of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico met in order to designate a new President. Professor Jose Aracelio Cardona accepted the designation of the board, and received a standing ovation from the members of the Board of Trustees and the faculty. The student body was gathered in expectation outside on the campus.

Jose Aracelio Cardona has been a professor at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico for 21 years. He is a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and pastored various Presbyterian congregations during the ten years before joining the seminary faculty.

He was born in San Sebastian. He graduated from high school in Aguadilla, and completed his college studies at the institution now known as Inter American University in San German. His basic theological studies were

done at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. Later he obtained a master's degree in Sacred Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He continued his studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he fulfilled the residence requirements for the degree of Doctor of Theology in the field of Church History.

He is married to the former Mercedes Hernandez, who is a teacher of Spanish in the public school system. They have two daughters. Blanca Rosa, the elder, is a doctor of Medicine; Diana, the younger, is a civil engineer.

Cardona speaks several languages besides Spanish and English. He is fluent in German and has taken special studies in German literature. In addition, he speaks French, Italian and Portuguese, and has a reading knowledge of Koine Greek, Latin, Hebrew and Russian.

He has been a teacher of

theology, church history, science, and mathematics. He is known as a tireless teacher, and enthusiastic student. His hobby is music, and he plays the piano and the mandoline. In addition, he has composed several hymns. He is known in Puerto Rico as a writer and eloquent preacher, having lectured on various academic subjects.

Another hobby of the new president is portrait painting. His latest work is a portrait of James A. McAllister, the first president of the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico.

The installation of Jose Aracelio Cardona as president of the Evangelical Seminary will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 8:00 p.m. in the Baptist Church of Carolina. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Felix Castro Rodriguez. On that occasion a tribute will also be rendered to Carmelo Alvarez Perez, immediate past president of the Seminary.