

Jaime Lucas Ortega y Alamino

His Eminence

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Cardinal,

Archbishop emeritus of San Cristobal de la Habana

Church	Roman Catholic Church
Appointed	21 November 1981
Term ended	26 April 2016
Predecessor	Francisco Ricardo Oves Fernández
Successor	Juan de la Caridad Garcia Rodriguez
Other posts	Cardinal Priest of Santi Aquila e Priscilla

Orders

Ordination	2 August 1964 by José Maximino Eusebio Domínguez y Rodríguez
Consecration	14 January 1979 by Mario Tagliaferri
Created cardinal	26 November 1994 by Pope John Paul II
Rank	Cardinal priest

Personal details

Birth name	Jaime Lucas Ortega y Alamino
Born	18 October 1936 Jagüey Grande , Cuba
Died	26 July 2019 (aged 82) El Cobre , Cuba
Nationality	Cuban
Denomination	Catholic
Previous post	Bishop of Pinar del Río (1979–1981)
Motto	<i>Sufficit tibi gratia mea</i> ('My grace is sufficient for you' ; 2 Corinthians 12:9)
Coat of arms	Jaime Lucas Ortega y Alamino's coat of arms

Styles of

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Jaime Lucas Ortega y Alamino (18 October 1936 – 26 July 2019) was a [Cuban](#) prelate of the [Catholic Church](#). He was [Archbishop of Havana](#) from 1981 to 2016. He was appointed to the [College of Cardinals](#) in 1994, the second Cuban to hold that job.

During [negotiations to renew diplomatic relations](#) between the [United States](#) and Cuba, Cardinal Ortega, without public announcement, visited the [White House](#) and hand-delivered a letter from [Pope Francis](#) to President [Barack Obama](#).^[1]

Ortega was diagnosed with [pancreatic cancer](#) in 2018. He died on 26 July 2019 in [El Cobre](#), [Cuba](#) at the age of 82.^[2]

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