

Carlos María Abascal Carranza **Secretary of Labour and Social Services**

Carlos María Abascal Carranza was born in Mexico City on June 14, 1949. From 1968 to 1972, he studied law at the Free School of Law and, in 1980, he studied at the Pan-American Executive Business Management Institute.

Mr. Abascal worked for Afianzadora Insurgentes, a financial firm, from 1969 to 2000. In 1988 he was named general director; in 1994 he became the chief executive officer.

During that time he held other senior appointments, including roles as president of the Foundation for Sustainable Development in Mexico and vice-president of the Mexican Institute for Christian Social Doctrine.

Mr. Abascal became Secretary of Labour and Social Services on Dec. 1, 2000.