

Marcelo Crivella – Mayor of Rio de Janeiro



Marcelo Bezerra Crivella, 59, has been married to writer Sylvia Jane for 36 years. Father of three children and grandfather of two boys, Crivella was born in Botafogo, in the South Zone of Rio de Janeiro, and spent his childhood and youth in Gávea.

Crivella holds a degree in Civil Engineering from Santa Úrsula University and the Civil Engineering Faculty of Barra do Piraí. He was a university professor in Barra do Piraí and a taxi driver for two years to fund his studies.

Crivella was a missionary in Africa for 10 years, where he lived with his family and obtained his Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

Back in Brazil, he dedicated himself to the construction of *Fazenda Nova Canaã*, in the city of Irecê, in the arid countryside of Bahia state. The project serves 600 children, offering full-time teaching, school transportation, two meals per day, medical and dental clinic. The entire project was funded with royalties from the sale of his books and CDs.

Crivella began his political career in 2002, when he was elected Senator by the Liberal Party (Partido Liberal - PL) with 3,243,289 votes. In 2010, he was re-elected by the Republican Party of Brazil (Partido Republicano do Brasil - PRB) with 3,332,886 votes. In a survey conducted by Transparência Brasil, Crivella was appointed as the 3rd Senator with the highest number of relevant legislative propositions.

Veja magazine ranked him as the 5th most active Senator in the country, based on research conducted by the Center for Studies on Congress. Also, Congress in Focus magazine stated that in the years 2014 and 2015, Crivella was, among the federal deputies and senators, the parliamentarian with greatest legislative productivity, holding the highest number of approved bills.

In the Senate, he presented approximately 400 legislative proposals, of which more than 18 were approved into laws. He is the author of the amendment to the Constitution that enabled physicians and nurses of the Armed Forces, Military Police and Fire Departments to serve the National Public Healthcare Service (SUS). He is also the author of the laws that guarantee stability in employment to pregnant women and a 30% risk-bonus of for motorcycle couriers.

As Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture, he launched the first Harvest Plan for Fisheries and Aquaculture to fund fishermen, a 4-billion-reais federal program. He implemented the simplification and reduction of the taxes along the fishing productive chain, the inclusion of fish in the National Basic Food Basket and the simplification of the environmental licensing for the production of fish in lakes of hydroelectric dams, weirs and water reservoirs. During his tenure, fish production doubled throughout the country.

Crivella was elected mayor of Rio de Janeiro with 1,700,030 votes on October 30th.