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### Resignation of bishop of Forlì-Bertinoro, Italy and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Forlì-Bertinoro, Italy, presented by His Excellency Reverendissima Msgr. Lino Pizzi.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Forlì-Bertinoro, Italy, the Rev. Msgr. Livio Corazza, of the clergy of the diocese of Concordia-Pordenone, currently parish priest of the Cathedral of *Santo Stefano* in Concordia Sagittaria, of *San Pio X*, in Teson, and of *San Giuseppe Operaio*, in Sindacale.

### **H.E. Msgr. Livio Corazza**

H.E. Msgr. Livio Corazza was born in Pordenone on 26 November 1953. After completing his classical studies at the Episcopal Seminary, he continued the courses in philosophy and theology at the Theological Studium of the same Seminary. He later attended courses at the then-Regional Institute of Pastoral Care and of Pastoral Liturgy at *Santa Giustina di Padova*. He was ordained a priest on 21 June 1981.

The Rev. Msgr. Livio Corazza has held the following offices: parish vicar of the Cathedral of *San Giorgio di Porcia* from 1981 to 1985; parish vicar of *San Nicolò in Fiume Veneto* from 1985 to 2007; director of diocesan Caritas from 1992 to 2007; head for relations with European Caritas for Italian Caritas from 2007 to 2012; parish priest of the Cathedral of *Santo Stefano Protomartire* in Concordia Sagittaria, of Saint Pius X in Teson and *San*

Giuseppe Operaio in Sindacale from 2012 to the present.

At the beginning of his ministry he was provincial assistant of AGESCI; he was then appointed as director of the diocesan office for social pastoral care and head of pastoral care in relation to the world of work, from 1990 to 2000, and diocesan delegate for social pastoral care and work from 2003 to 2007.

He was also an ecclesiastical Assistant of the board of lay groups from 1996 to 2001, and secretary general of the Episcopal Curia from 1999 to 2001. From 2000 to 2007, he was director of the diocesan office for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants.

He is an honorary Canon *durante munere* of the Cathedral Chapter of Concordia.

#### **Resignation of bishop of Stockton, United States of America, and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Stockton, United States of America, presented by H.E. Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. Blaire.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of Stockton, United States of America, H.E. Msgr. Myron Joseph Cotta, currently auxiliary bishop of Sacramento.

#### **H.E. Msgr. Myron Joseph Cotta**

H.E. Msgr. Myron Joseph Cotta was born on 21 March 1953 in Dos Palos (California), in the diocese of Fresno. After attending the Bryant Elementary School, the Sacred Heart Catholic School and the Dos Palos Joint Union High School in Dos Palos, he obtained the Associates Degree at the West Hills Junior College in Coalinga (1973). He entered the seminary in 1980, he carried out his ecclesiastical studies at the Saint John Seminary in Camarillo (until 1987).

He was ordained priest for the diocese of Fresno on September 12, 1987.

Since priestly ordination, he has held the following offices: vicar of the Saint Anthony parish in Atwater (1987-1989); director of the Our Lady of Fatima Sanctuary in Laton (1989-1992); pastor of the Our Lady of Miracles parish in Gustine (1992-1999) and at the same time administrator of the Holy Rosary Parish in Hilmar (1994); vicar general, moderator of the Curia, vicar for the clergy, director of the Office for Permanent Formation of the Clergy, director of the Office for the Propagation of the Faith, director for Pastoral Support of Priests, supervisor of the Safe Environment Program, director of the Sensitive Claim Board and member of the Diocesan Finance Council (1999-2010); diocesan administrator (2010-2011); member of the Diocesan Personnel Board (since 1996); diocesan consultor (since 1999); vicar general and moderator of the Curia (since 2011).

In 2002 he was named Chaplain of His Holiness and, in 2008, Prelate of Honour.

He was appointed titular bishop of Muteci and auxiliary of the diocese of Sacramento on 24 January 2014, receiving episcopal consecration on the following 25 March. Within the Episcopal Conference he is a member of the "Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs".

Besides English, he knows Portuguese and Spanish.

#### **Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Praha, Czech Republic**

The Holy Father has appointed as auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Praha (Prague), Czech Republic, the Rev. Msgr. Zdenek Wasserbauer, currently vicar general of the same archdiocese, assigning him the titular see of Butrint.

### **H.E. Msgr. Zdenek Wasserbauer**

H.E. Msgr. Zdenek Wasserbauer was born on 15 June 1966 in Nové Město na Moravě (diocese of Hradec Králové). After receiving his high school diploma he completed his studies at the Agricultural University of Praha - Suchdol where in 1989 he obtained the title of engineer. He later studied theology at the Faculty of Theology at the Charles University in Prague (1990-1991) and in 1991-1996 completed his theological studies at the Pontifical Lateran University. He received priestly ordination on 30 September 1996 for the archdiocese of Praha. In the years 1998-2003 he studied at the "Teresianum" in Rome where he obtained a doctorate in spiritual theology.

Within the archdiocese he has held the following offices: vicar in the parish of Praha-Michle (1996-1998); parish vicar in Praha-Hradčany (1998-2000); spiritual director of the Archiepiscopal Seminary (2000 - 2010); spiritual director of Consecrated Virgins (2008-2016); chaplain of the Faculty of Theology of Praha (2009 - 2010); parish priest of Sacred Heart in Vinohrad in Praha (2010-2015); and vicar forane of the Third Vicariate of Praha (2014-2015). Since 2015 he has served as moderator of the Curia, and since 2016, also as vicar general of the archdiocese.

Msgr. Wasserbauer is also canon of the Metropolitan Chapter of Praha, member of the College of Consultors and of the presbyteral, pastoral and economic councils of the archdiocese.

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