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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Sendai, Japan

Resignation of auxiliary of archdiocese of Birmingham, Great Britain, and appointment of auxiliaries of the same archdiocese

Appointment of special envoy to the National Eucharistic Congress of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Lubumbashi, 7 to 14 June 2020)

Appointment of member of the Commission of Cardinals of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See

Resignation of bishop of Sendai, Japan

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Sendai, Japan, presented by Bishop Martin Tetsuo Hiraga.

Resignation of auxiliary of archdiocese of Birmingham, Great Britain, and appointment of auxiliaries of the same archdiocese

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the office of auxiliary of the archdiocese of Birmingham, Great Britain, presented by Archbishop David C. McGough.

The Holy Father has appointed as auxiliary bishops of the archdiocese of Birmingham, Great Britain, Reverend Canon David Ernest Charles Evans and the Reverend Stephen James Lawrence Wright, both of the clergy of the aforementioned archdiocese, and, respectively, episcopal vicar for Birmingham and Worcester, and vicar general, assigning to the first the titular see of Cuncacestre, and to the second, the titular see of Ramsbiria.

Reverend Canon David Ernest Charles Evans

The Reverend Canon David Ernest Charles Evans was born in Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, in the archdiocese of Birmingham, on 22 October 1953. He carried out his studies in preparation for the priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome, and was awarded a licentiate in philosophy and theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

On 29 July 1978 he was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Birmingham.

He subsequently held the following offices: parish vicar at Saint Mary's, Walsall (1979-1981) and at Saint Aloysius, Oxford (1981-1983); formator and vice-rector at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham (1983-2001); parish priest at Saint Austin's, Stafford (2001-2006); episcopal vicar for Coventry, Warwickshire and Oxfordshire (2006-2007); parish priest of Saint Theresa's, Chalbury, Oxon (2007-2012).

After a sabbatical study year, since 2014 he has served as parish priest of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Rednal, and since 2019, episcopal vicar for Birmingham and Worcester.

Reverend Stephen James Lawrence Wright

The Reverend Stephen James Lawrence Wright was born in Stafford, in the archdiocese of Birmingham, on 9 October 1970. After obtaining a degree in law from the University of Leicester (1992) and the legal practice qualification (1993), he completed his studies for preparation for the priesthood, first at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham, and then at the Venerable English College in Rome, where he was awarded a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

On 9 September 2000 he was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Birmingham.

He subsequently held the following offices: parish vicar at Corpus Christi, Stechford, Birmingham (2000-2003); parish priest at Saint Joseph's Banbury (2003-2007); parish priest at Saint Mary and Modwen, Burton on Trent, Staffordshire (2007-2019); episcopal vicar for Religious (2012-2019).

Since 2016 he has served as member of the Archbishop's Council and, since 2019, vicar general of the archdiocese of Birmingham.

Appointment of special envoy to the National Eucharistic Congress of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Lubumbashi, 7 to 14 June 2020)

The Holy Father has appointed His Eminence Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, as his special envoy at the National Eucharistic Congress in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which will be held in Lubumbashi from 7 to 14 June 2020.

Appointment of member of the Commission of Cardinals of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See

The Holy Father has appointed His Eminence Cardinal Daniel Fernando Sturla Berhouet, S.D.B., archbishop of Montevideo, Uruguay, as member of the Commission of Cardinals of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See.
