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The Synod of Bishops of the Patriarchal Church of Antioch of the Maronites has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archeparchy of Tyre of the Maronites, presented by Archbishop Nabil Hage.

The Synod of Bishops of the Patriarchal Church of Antioch of the Maronites has elected to the archeparchal see of Tyre of the Maronites, Lebanon, Msgr. Charbel Abdallah, to which the Holy Father has granted his assent.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Charbel Abdallah was born on 17 February 1967 in Hajjeh in the eparchy of Tyre in Lebanon. He entered the seminary and studied at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, where he was awarded a licentiate in theology (1992), then at the Lebanese University, where he received a licentiate in philosophy. Finally, he obtained a doctorate in theology with liturgical specialisation from Strasbourg, France, in 2003.

He received priestly ordination on 24 October 1992, and was incardinated in the eparchy of Tyre.

He was appointed as parish priest of Saint Joseph of Hajjeh, and of Saint Joseph of Kfarwa in 1992. From 1994, for two years, he also served at the general secretariat of the eparchy and was responsible for local Caritas until 1998. In the years 1997-1999 he was also spiritual director of the patriarchal seminary of Ghazir.

From 1999, during his period of study in France, he spent four years as deputy parish priest of Notre-Dame du Liban and Notre-Dame d'Auteuil in Paris.

Upon returning to his native country in 2003, he was appointed as episcopal vicar for pastoral ministry and parish priest of Our Lady of the Seas in Tyre. Since 2010 he has served as protosyncellus of the eparchy of Tyre.

Aside from Arabic, he speaks French and knows English.

Resignation from the pastoral care of the archeparchy of Tripoli of the Maronites, Lebanon, and relative provision

The Synod of Bishops of the Patriarchal Church of Antioch of the Maronites has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archeparchy of Tripoli of the Maronites, Lebanon, presented by Archbishop Georges Bou-Jaoudé, C.M.

His Eminent Beatitude Cardinal Bechara Boutros Raï, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronites, with the consent of the Synod of Bishops of the Maronite Church and after having informed the Apostolic See, has transferred Archbishop Youssef Antoine Soueif from the archeparchal see of Cyprus of the Maronites to that of Tripoli of the Maronites, Lebanon.

Curriculum vitae

Archbishop Youssef Antoine Soueif was born on 14 July 1962 in Chekka in the eparchy of Batroun of the Maronites, Lebanon. After attending the minor seminary in Ghazir, he was admitted to the local major seminary, and studied philosophy and theology at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik.

He was ordained a priest on 3 September 1987 for the archeparchy of Tripoli of the Maronites. He subsequently continued his studies in Rome at the Pontifical Oriental Institute, where he was awarded a doctorate in liturgy.

During his ministry as a priest he held the following roles: deputy parish priest in Chekka, animator of missionary activity, parish priest of Saint Maron in Tripoli, protosyncellus and vice-president of the Patriarchal Commission for the Liturgy, syncellus for pastoral ministry and for the application of Synodal acts. He was also president of the League of the Clergy in Lebanon.

He taught liturgy in the Universities of Kaslik and at La Sagesse. He is the author of various works on liturgy, spirituality and pastoral care.

On 29 October 2008 his election as archbishop of Cyprus of the Maronites was made public, and he received episcopal consecration on 6 December of the same year.

On 11 October he was appointed as apostolic visitor for Maronite faithful resident in Greece. He was also vice-president of Caritas Internationalis.

Aside from Arabic, he speaks French, English and Italian; he knows Syriac and modern Greek.
