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## **From the Eastern Churches**

**Election of auxiliary bishop of the archeparchy of Ternopil-Zboriv, Ukraine**

**Election of auxiliary bishop of the eparchy of Kolomyia, Ukraine**

### **Election of auxiliary bishop of the archeparchy of Ternopil-Zboriv, Ukraine**

The Holy Father has given his assent to the election by the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church of the Reverend Volodymyr Firman as auxiliary bishop of the archeparchy of Ternopil-Zboriv, assigning him the titular see of Limisa.

#### ***Curriculum vitae***

The Reverend Volodymyr Firman was born on 8 May 1976 in Zarvanytsia, Ukraine.

After his priestly formation at the major seminary of Ternopil, he was ordained a deacon on 9 May 1999 for the archeparchy of Ternopil-Zboriv. On 8 October 2000 he received priestly ordination.

He subsequently studied religious sciences (Catholic University of Lublin, from 2004 to 2006), agronomy (Technical Agrarian University of Podilskiy, from 2011 to 2013), and administrative development (Catholic University of Lviv, in 2016).

He has held the following offices, among others: administrator (2000) and then rector (since 2016) of the "Zarvanytsia" Marian Spiritual Centre; vice rector of the major seminary of Ternopil (since 2004), and bursar of the archeparchy of Ternopil-Zboriv (since 2004). He periodically serves as voluntary military chaplain (since 2014).

Besides Ukrainian, he speaks German, Polish and Russian.

### **Election of auxiliary bishop of the eparchy of Kolomyia, Ukraine**

The Holy Father has given his assent to the election by the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church of the Reverend Petro Holiney as auxiliary bishop of the eparchy of Kolomyia, assigning him the titular see of Abrittum.

### ***Curriculum vitae***

The Reverend Petro Holiney was born on 12 July 1973 in Dobrotiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

From 1991 to 1996 he studied at the Theological Catechistic Institute of Ivano-Frankivsk, obtaining a diploma in theology and a qualification as a teacher of religion.

After diaconal ordination, on 9 April 1992, he was responsible for restoring the Greek-Catholic parishes in the region of Chemivsti and, from 1996 to 1998, he carried out his pastoral ministry in the parish of Deliatyn.

From 1997 to 2001 he studied at the State University of Precarpazia, obtaining a diploma in history.

Following priestly ordination, on 29 November 1998, he held the office of parish vicar of Deliatyn and was subsequently responsible for youth pastoral care of the diaconate of Yaremche (2000-2014), history teacher in the state school of Deliatyn (2003-2016), and vicar forane of the district of Yaremche (2014-2016).

From 2005 to 2007 he furthered his studies in theology at the Pontifical Institute of Theology in Warsaw, Poland, obtaining a master's degree in theology in 2010, and in 2016 he attended courses at the Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, where he was awarded a doctorate in Church history in 2020.

Since 3 December 2021 he has served as chancellor of the apostolic exarchate for Ukrainian Catholic faithful of Byzantine rite in Italy.

Besides Ukrainian, he speaks Polish, Italian and Russian.

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