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## Other Pontifical Acts

Vatican City, 8 April 2016 – The Holy Father has appointed:

- Fr. Scott McCaig, C.C., as military ordinary for Canada. The bishop-elect was born in Duncan, Canada in 1965, gave his religious vows in 1990 and was ordained a priest in 1995. He holds a degree in history and a Master in Divinity, and has served in a number of roles within his congregation, of which he is currently superior general. He succeeds Bishop Donald Thériault, whose resignation was accepted by the Holy Father in accordance with canon 401 paragraph 2 of the Code of Canon Law.

- Bishop Gerardo Melgar Viciosa of Osma – Soria, Spain, as bishop of Ciudad Real (area 19,813, population 519,613, Catholics 514,301, priests 237, religious 567), Spain. He succeeds Bishop Antonio Angel Algora Hernando, whose resignation from the pastoral care of the same diocese upon reaching the age limit was accepted by the Holy Father.

- Msgr. Polito Rodríguez Méndez as bishop of San Carlos de Venezuela (area 14,800, population 339,000, Catholics 329,000, priests 27, permanent deacons 10, religious 37), Venezuela. The bishop-elect was born in Santa Bárbara, Venezuela in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1999. He holds a degree in theology from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, and a Masters in university teaching and a doctorate in educational science from the "Fermín Toro" University of Venezuela. He has served in a number of pastoral roles, including parish vicar, parish priest, diocesan director for youth pastoral ministry, diocesan vicar for pastoral ministry, and professor and rector of the diocesan seminary. He is currently under-secretary for the Episcopal Conference of Venezuela.

- Msgr. Gianrico Ruzza as auxiliary of Rome (area 849, population 2,872,086, Catholics 2,355,100, priests 4,672, permanent deacons 127, religious 27,525), Italy. The bishop-elect was born in Rome, Italy in 1963 and was ordained a priest in 1987. He holds a degree in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University and has served in a number of pastoral and administrative roles, including director of the clergy office of the Vicariate of Rome, rector of the Church of San Lorenzo de' Speziali in Miranda, and pastor of the parish of St. Roberto Bellarmino. He is currently president of the administrative council of the Interdiocesan Institute for the Support of the Clergy, and prefect of the VI Prefectura.

- Fr. Raúl Alfonso Carrillo Martínez as apostolic vicar of Puerto Gaitán (area 50,500, population 129,500, Catholics 82,700, priests 27, religious 3), Colombia. The bishop-elect was born in Ubaté, Colombia in 1964 and was ordained a priest in 1990. He holds a degree in pastoral theology from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, and has served in a number of roles including parish vicar, missionary, parish priest, and teacher and bursar at the major seminary of San José de Zipaquirá. He is currently parish priest, member of the diocesan council for economic affairs and vicar forane. He succeeds Bishop Luis Horacio Gómez Gonzáles, whose resignation from the pastoral care of the same apostolic vicariate in accordance with canon 401 paragraph 2 of the Code of Canon Law was accepted by the Holy Father.

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