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Other Pontifical Acts

The Holy Father has appointed:

- Fr. Martin Waïngue Bani as bishop of Doba (area 10,816, population 424,228, Catholics 96,296, priests 23, religious 61), Chad. The bishop-elect was born in 1963 in Laï, Chad, and was ordained a priest in 1991. He studied philosophy at the St. Augustin Provincial Major Seminary of Maroua-Mokolo, Cameroon, and theology in the St. Luc National Major Seminary in Bakara, N'Djaména. He continued his studies at the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome, where he obtained a licentiate and doctorate in dogmatic theology. He has served as parish priest of Ngamongo, rector of the St. Augustin interdiocesan middle seminary in Bébédja, parish priest of the Cathedral of Laï and vicar forane for the Doba-Est region, and rector of the St. Luc National Major Seminary in Bakara, N'Djaména. He is currently vicar general of the diocese of Laï.

- Fr. Richard Appora, O.P., as coadjutor of the diocese of Bambari (area 173,000, population 450,700, Catholics 110,700, priests 24, religious 12), Central Africa. The bishop-elect was born in 1972 in Bangui, Central African Republic, gave his religious vows in 2001, and was ordained a priest in 2004. He studied at the Catholic University of Western Africa (UCAO) in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Catholic University of the Congo (UCC) in Cameroon, the Catholic University of Central Africa (UCAC) and in Congo-Brazzaville, at the Free University of the Congo. He holds an advanced diploma in civil law and a licentiate in moral theology and in philosophy. He has served as university chaplain and parish vicar, head of studies in the vicariate of the Dominican Fathers in Central Africa, lecturer in fundamental moral theology at the Ecole Cathédrale de Théologie in Douala; university chaplain and lecturer at the major seminary of Brazzaville and member of the team of formators for the inter-novitiate. He is currently superior of the community of Dominican Fathers in Bangui, spiritual director of the St. Marc Major Seminary of Bangui, and president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Central Africa.

- Yesterday, 9 December, the Holy Father accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Khartoum, Sudan, presented by Cardinal Gabriel Zubeir Wako. He is succeeded by Bishop Michael Didi Adgum Mangoria, co-adjutor of the same archdiocese.

