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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and appointment of successor

Resignation of bishop of Santarém, Portugal, and appointment of successor

Appointment of the special envoy to the inauguration of the Dome dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity, in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, U.S.A.

Resignation of archbishop of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, presented by H.E. Msgr. Guire Poulard.

The Holy Father has appointed H.E. Msgr. Max Leroy Mésidor, currently archbishop of Cap-Haïtien, as archbishop of the archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

H.E. Msgr. Max Leroy Mésidor

H.E. Msgr. Max Leroy Mésidor was born on 6 January 1962 in Saint-Marc, in the diocese of Les Gonaïves. After his secondary studies in the “Collège de l’Immaculée Conception” in the city of Les Gonaïves, he entered the national major seminary of Port-au-Prince, where he obtained a bachelor’s degree in sacred theology in 1987. From September 1998 to September 2000, he studied pastoral theology and catechesis at the University of Leuven, Belgium, obtaining a licentiate.

He was ordained a priest on 10 January 1988 for the diocese of Les Gonaïves.

He has held the following ministerial offices: parish vicar in Petite-Rivière de l’Artibonite (1988-1989);

administrator of the same parish (1989-1992); vicar of the Cathedral of Les Gonaïves (1992-1993); pastor of the parish of the Visitation (1993-1998); pastor of the parish of Saint-Marc (2000-2008); vicar general of the diocese and pastor of the Cathedral of Les Gonaïves (2008-2012). Msgr. Mésidor was also head of the “Pastor Bonus” diocesan pastoral centre and chaired the diocesan commissions for catechesis and for the liturgy.

He was appointed as bishop of Fort-Liberté on 9 June 2012, and received episcopal ordination the following 28 July. He was promoted as coadjutor archbishop for the metropolitan see of Cap-Haïtien on 1 November 2013 and became metropolitan archbishop of the same see on 15 November 2014.

Resignation of bishop of Santarém, Portugal, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Santarém, Portugal, presented by H.E. Msgr. Manuel Pelino Domingues.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Santarém, Portugal, H.E. Msgr. José Augusto Traquina Maria, currently bishop of Lugura and auxiliary of the Latin Patriarchate of Lisbon.

H.E. Msgr. José Augusto Traquina Marian

H.E. Msgr. José Augusto Traquina Marian was born on 21 January 1954 in Alcobaça, in the Patriarchate of Lisbon. After finishing elementary and secondary school, he carried out commercial activity, and also performed his military service. He then attended the Seminary of St. Paul (*Almada*), currently in the diocese of Setúbal, but at the time in Lisbon; the major seminary of *Cristo Rei* (“*dos Olivais*”) of the Patriarchate of Lisbon and, simultaneously, the theological faculty of the Portuguese Catholic University, where he obtained his licentiate in theology (1985).

He was ordained a priest on 30 June 1985 for the Patriarchate of Lisbon, where he held the following positions: member of the formation team of the major seminary of Almada (1984-1992); religious assistant to the scouts in *Alcobaça* and of the Western Group of the National Scouting Body; pastor of the Most Holy Saviour church in *Bombarral* and of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at *Vale Côvo* (1992-2007); canon of the Cathedral of Lisbon (2003); pastor of the “*Nossa Senhora do Amparo*” church in Benfica, Lisbon (2007-2014); vicar forane of the deanery of Lisbon III (2011-2014); coordinator of the permanent secretariat of the diocesan presbyteral council (2011-2014); and spiritual director of the major seminary of *Cristo Rei* (“*dos Olivais*”) of the Patriarchate of Lisbon (2012-2014). Since 1 July 2014 he has served as auxiliary of the Latin Patriarchate of Lisbon.

Appointment of the special envoy to the inauguration of the Dome dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity, in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has appointed Cardinal Kevin Joseph Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, as his special envoy at the inauguration of the Dome dedicated to the Most Holy Trinity in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, National Shrine of the United States of America, scheduled to take place on 8 December 2017.
