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Resignation of bishop of Getafe, Spain, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Getafe, Spain, presented by H.E. Msgr. Joaquín María López de Andújar y Cánovas del Castillo.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Getafe, Spain, H.E. Msgr. Ginés Ramón García Beltrán, transferring him from the see of Guadix.

H.E. Msgr. Ginés Ramón García Beltrán

H.E. Msgr. Ginés Ramón García Beltrán was born on 3 October 1961 in Lorca, diocese of Cartagena. He attended the seminary of Almería, then based in Granada, obtaining a bachelor's degree in theology from the faculty of theology of Granada in 1984. He graduated in canon law from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1986.

He was ordained a priest on 20 September 1985 and was incardinated in the diocese of Almería. He has held the offices of parish priest of *Santa María*, Mojácar (1987-1989), vice rector of the minor seminary (1989-1992), rector of the *San Indalecio* Theological Institute (1991-1994), spiritual director of the minor seminary (1992-1993), parish priest of *Santa María*, Rioja (1993-1994), parish priest of *Santa María de los Ángeles*, Almería, and archpriest of the zone (1994-1996), episcopal delegate of the diocesan Synod (1996-1999), vicar general (1996-

2005), canon of the cathedral (2003-2005), parish administrator and professor of the Centre of Theological Studies (2005-2009).

He was appointed as bishop of Guadix on 3 December 2009 and consecrated on 27 February 2010. In the Spanish Episcopal Conference he is a member of the Permanent Committee as President of the Episcopal Commission of Social Communications Media since 12 March 2014. He was previously a member of the same Commission, and also of the Heritage Commission (2010-2014). Since 2016 he has been a member of the Holy See Secretariat for Communication.

Appointment of bishop of Petrolina, Brazil

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Petrolina, Brazil, H.E. Msgr. Francisco Canindé Palhano, transferring him from the see of Bonfim.

H.E. Msgr. Francisco Canindé Palhano

H.E. Msgr. Francisco Canindé Palhano was born on 1 January 1949 in the city of São José de Mipibu, in the archdiocese of Natal, State of Rio Grande do Norte.

After his elementary studies in the “*São Pedro*” seminary in the diocese of Natal, he studied letters at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte. He was then transferred to São Paulo where he completed his studies in philosophy and in theology at the “*Nossa Senhora da Assunção*”. Faculty of Theology. He also holds a licentiate in moral theology from the Alphonsianum Academy in Rome.

He was ordained a priest on 2 February 1975 and was incardinated in the archdiocese of Natal in which he held the following pastoral roles: parish vicar of “*Sant’Ana*” in Santana do Matos (1975); parish vicar of “*Sant’Ana e São Joaquim*” in São José de Mipibu (1975-1984); parish vicar of “*Nossa Senhora do Ó*” in Nísia Floresta (1984-1987); parish priest of “*Santo Alfonso Maria de Ligório*” in Natal (1987-2006); rector and professor of moral theology and liturgy at the “*São Pedro*” seminary of Natal (1995-2006); master of liturgical celebrations and member of the Committee for the XII National Eucharistic Congress (1991); vicar episcopal for Family Pastoral Ministry and ecclesiastical assistant of the movement ECC – “*Encontro de Casais com Cristo*”; and chaplain of the Marist College.

On 26 July he was appointed as diocesan vicar of Bonfim, receiving episcopal ordination the following 21 October.

Appointment of bishop of Ossory, Ireland

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Ossory, Ireland, the Rev. Msgr. Dermot Pius Farrell, of the clergy of the diocese of Meath, currently vicar general and parish priest of Dunboyne.

H.E. Msgr. Dermot Pius Farrell

H.E. Msgr. Dermot Pius Farrell was born in Castletown-Geoghegan, in the county of Westmeath, on 22 November 1954. He carried out his studies in theology at Saint Patrick College in Maynooth, obtaining a licentiate in Sacred Theology.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Meath on 7 June 1980.

After ordination he served as deputy priest of the Cathedral Church (1981-1985). He was then sent to Rome, where he obtained a doctorate in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Upon returning to Ireland, he began to teach moral theology at Saint Patrick College in Maynooth, first becoming vice-president (1993-1996) and then president (1996-2007). On 6 June 2007 he was appointed as prelate of His Holiness.

From 2007 to the present, he has served as parish priest of Dunboyne, and since 2009, as vicar general of the diocese of Meath.
