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Resignations and Appointments

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

Appointment of consultor of the Pontifical Council for Culture

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Viseu, Portugal, presented by H.E. Msgr. Ilídio Pinto Leandro.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Viseu, Portugal, the Rev. Can. António Luciano dos Santos Costa, of the clergy of the diocese of Guarda, and currently episcopal vicar for the clergy.

Rev. Can. António Luciano dos Santos Costa

The Rev. Can. António Luciano dos Santos Costa was born on 3 May 1952 in Corgas, municipality of Seia, in the diocese of Guarda. He attended the São Romão College in Seia and then the School of Nursing in Coimbra, obtaining a diploma in professional nursing. He then practised as a nurse in the University Hospital of Coimbra, at the same time attending the Institute for Theological Studies in Coimbra, and then entering the Major Seminary of Guarda (1981-1985). He obtained a licentiate in moral theology from the Alphonsianum Academy, Rome (1987-1990).

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Guarda on 29 June 1985. As a priest he has held the following offices: head of the Pre-Seminary and director of the Secretariat for Youth Education (1985-1987); professor of moral theology at the Viseu Institute of Theology (1995-2013); and professor of Ethics at the Guarda School of Nursing. At diocesan level he has served as: director of the Diocesan Service for Pastoral Care for Vocations; chaplain of the University of Beira, Covilhã; head of organizing the diocesan process for the beatification /

canonization of the Servant of God Msgr. João de Oliveira Matos; chaplain of the Sousa Martins Hospital of Guarda; head of Pastoral Care for Higher Education at the Polytechnic Institute of Guarda.

Appointment of consultor of the Pontifical Council for Culture

The Holy Father Francis has appointed as consultor of the Pontifical Council for Culture H.E. Msgr. Anton Stres, C.M., archbishop emeritus of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
