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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Guanhões, Brazil

Resignation of eparchial bishop of *Saint Gregory of Narek in Buenos Aires of the Armenians, Argentina, and of the exarch for Latin America and Mexico of the Armenians, Brazil*

Appointment of apostolic nuncio in Hungary

Resignation of bishop of Guanhões, Brazil

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Guanhões, Brazil, presented by H.E. Msgr. Jeremias Antônio de Jesus.

Resignation of eparchial bishop of Saint Gregory of Narek in Buenos Aires of the Armenians, Argentina, and of the exarch for Latin America and Mexico of the Armenians

The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the eparchy of Saint Gregory of Narek en Buenos Aires of the Armenians, Argentina, and of the exarchate for Latin America and Mexico of the Armenians, Brazil, presented by H.E. Msgr. Vartan Waldir Boghossian, S.D.B.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the eparchy of Saint Gregory of Narek in Buenos Aires of the Armenians, Argentina, and exarch for Latin America and Mexico of the Armenians, Brazil, the Rev. Paul Hakimian, of the clergy of the same eparchy, currently parish priest of the Cathedral of Buenos Aires of the Armenians.

Rev. Paul Hakimian

The Rev. Paul Hakimian was born in Cairo, Egypt, on 11 November 1953. He studied philosophy and theology in Rome, at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, as a student of the Pontifical Armenian Leonine College. He obtained his specialization in pastoral theology. He was ordained a priest on 14 August 1981. In the following years he served in various pastoral roles: deputy parish priest of Buenos Aires (1981-1984), parish priest of San Pablo (1984-1987), and again parish priest of Buenos Aires (1987-2002). In the years 2002-2003, he was patriarchal administrator of Iskanderiya of the Armenians, Egypt. From 2003 until the present, he is again pastor of the parish church of Saint Gregory of Narek in Buenos Aires. As well as Armenian, he speaks Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French and Arabic.

Appointment of apostolic nuncio in Hungary

The Pope has appointed as apostolic nuncio in Hungary H.E. Msgr. Michael A. Blume, S.V.D., titular archbishop of Alessano, currently apostolic nuncio in Uganda.
