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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Asti, Italy, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Asti, Italy, presented by H.E. Msgr. Francesco Ravinale.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Asti, Italy, the Rev. Don Marco Prastaro, of the clergy of the archdiocese of Turin, currently parish priest of Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, in Turin, episcopal vicar for the same city and moderator of the Archiepiscopal Curia.

Rev. Don Marco Prastaro

The Rev. Don Marco Prastaro Rev. was born in Pisa on 8 December 1962. After completing high school he entered the seminary of Turin, the archdiocese where he was incardinated following his priestly ordination on 22 May 1988.

After a few years of presbyteral ministry as deputy parish priest in the parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Carmagnola from 1988 to 1994, in the parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Turin from 1994 to 1996, and of the parish of Jesus the Worker in Turin from 1996 to 1999, he offered himself as a *fidei donum* priest in Kenya, where he served as parish priest in Lodokejek and vicar general of the diocese of Maralal from 2006 to 2010.

Upon returning to his diocese in 2012, he took over the pastoral guidance of the city parish of Sant'Ignazio di Loyola, and became director of the Diocesan Missionary Office and delegate for foreign priests.

He is a member of the college of consultors, of the presbyteral council, and of the presidency of the *Missio* Foundation. Since 1 September 2016 he has served as territorial episcopal vicar for the city district of Turin, and moderator of the archiepiscopal Curia.

