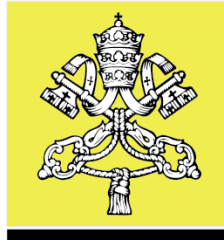


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Resignation of bishop of Krishnagar, India

The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Krishnagar, India, presented by H.E. Msgr. Joseph Suren Gomes, S.D.B.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Montpellier, France

The Pope has appointed the Rev. Alain Guellec, vicar general of the diocese of Quimper, France, as auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Montpellier, France, assigning him the titular see of Senez.

The bishop-elect was born on 16 January 1961 in Saint Guénole, Finisterra, in the diocese of Quimper, and was ordained a priest on 17 June 1990 for the diocese of Quimper.

He holds a licentiate in English philology from the Faculty of Letters, Brest, and carried out his ecclesiastical studies in the Seminary of Vannes. He completed his formation at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, where he obtained a licentiate in patristic theology.

Since priestly ordination he has served in a number of pastoral roles, including parish vicar, diocesan delegate

for catechesis, diocesan delegate for the new beliefs and sects, delegate of the apostolic administrator (sede vacante), parish priest, professor of patrology in the interdiocesan seminary of Rennes, vicar general and moderator of the episcopal Curia of Quimper.

Appointment of advisors to Vatican City State

The Holy Father has appointed as advisors to Vatican City State the Rev. Sr. **Alessandra Smerilli**, F.M.A., professor of political economy at the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium", and the distinguished **Antonio Rizzi**, professor of private law at the University of Rome "Tor Vergata".
