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Resignation of bishop of Nova Iguaçu, Brazil, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Nova Iguaçu, Brazil, presented by H.E. Msgr. Luciano Bergamin, C.R.L. He is succeeded by H.E. Msgr. Gilson Andrade da Silva, currently coadjutor bishop of the same diocese.

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

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Prato, Italy, presented by H.E. Msgr. Franco Agostinelli.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Prato, Italy, the Rev. Don Giovanni Nerbini, of the clergy of the diocese of Fiesole, currently parish priest and vicar general of the same diocese.

The bishop-elect was born in 1954 in Figline Valdarno, province of Florence and diocese of Fiesole. After graduating in school supervision, he exercised the profession of teaching from 1973 to 1989.

In 1989 he entered the diocesan seminary of Fiesole, and attended courses in philosophy and theology in the Theological Faculty of Central Italy in Florence. He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Fiesole on 22 April 1995.

He has served as parish vicar, parish priest, administrator, and moderator of the pastoral units of Diacceto and Rignano sull'Arno. He has been vicar general of the diocese of Fiesole since 2015.

Appointment of metropolitan archbishop of Campinas, Brazil

The Holy Father has appointed as metropolitan archbishop of Campinas, Brazil, H.E. Msgr. **João Inácio Müller, O.F.M.** transferring him from the episcopal see of Lorena.

The bishop-elect was born in 1960 in Santa Clara do Sul, in the diocese of Santa Cruz do Sul, State of Rio Grande do Sul. He studied philosophy at the “*Imaculada Conceição*” Faculty of Philosophy of Viamão-RS, in the archdiocese of Porto Alegre, and theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul and in the *Studium Theologicum* in Jerusalem. He then obtained a licentiate in spiritual theology from the Pontifical *Antonianum* University in Rome.

He gave his vows in the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor on 14 April 1985 and was ordained a priest on 3 December 1988.

He has held a number of roles within his Order, including vocational promoter, formator in the *São Francisco de Assis* Seminary in Taquari-RS, archdiocese of Porto Alegre; member of the council of Formation and of the Fraternity of the Minor Seminary of Arroio do Meio-RS, diocese of Santa Cruz do Sul; guardian of the *São Boaventura* Convent; parish vicar; master of novices; provincial secretary of formation; provincial defensor; vicar of the fraternity; provincial of the *São Francisco de Assis* of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. On 25 September 2013 he was appointed as bishop of Lorena and received episcopal ordination the following 15 December.

Appointment of bishop of Ipameri, Brazil

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Ipameri, Brazil, the Rev. **José Francisco Rodrigues do Rêgo**, of the clergy of the diocese of Uruaçu, currently vicar general and parish priest of the Cathedral.

The bishop-elect was born in 1966 in Barras, in the State of Piauí. He carried out his studies in philosophy at the “*Faculdade João Paulo II*” in the archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro and in theology at the “*Nossa Senhora de Fátima*” major seminary in Brazil. His qualification in philosophy was recognized in the “*Faculdade Católica de Anápolis*” in the State of Goiás, and in theology at the “*Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás*”.

He was ordained a priest on 13 December 1992. Since ordination, he has held a number of pastoral roles, including parish priest, rector of the “*São José*” minor seminary in Uruaçu, president of the “*São João Maria Vianney*” Clergy Association in the diocese of Uruaçu, member of the council of presbyters, coordinator of presbyteral pastoral care, and member of the college of consultors. He is currently vicar general and parish priest of the Cathedral.

Appointment of bishop of Las Cruces, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Las Cruces, United States of America, H.E. Msgr. **Peter Baldacchino**, currently titular bishop of Vatarba and auxiliary of Miami.

The bishop-elect was born in 1960 in Sliema, Malta.

He is a member of the Neocatechumenal Way, and carried out his ecclesiastical studies at Seaton Hall University. He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Newark on 25 May 1996.

Since ordination he has served in a number of pastoral roles, including deputy priest, chancellor of the *mission sui iuris* of the Turks and Caicos Islands, and parish priest. In 2009 he was named Chaplain of His Holiness.

In 2014 he was appointed as titular bishop of Vatarba and auxiliary of Miami. Within the Episcopal Conference he is a member of the *Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People* and of the *Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations' working group for the revision of the Program of Priestly Formation*.
