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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation from the office of auxiliary of the archdiocese of New York, U.S.A. and appointment of auxiliary bishops

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the office of auxiliary of the archdiocese of New York, United States of America, presented by Bishop John J. Jenik.

The Pope has appointed as auxiliaries of the archdiocese of New York, U.S.A.:

Msgr. **Edmund J. Whalen** of the clergy of the same archdiocese, vicar for the clergy, assigning him the titular see of Cemeriniano;

Msgr. **Gerardo G. Colacicco**, of the clergy of the same archdiocese, currently parish priest of the *Saint Joseph-Immaculate Conception Parish* in Millbrook, assigning him the titular see of Erdonia.

Bishop-elect **Edmund J. Whalen** was born on 6 July 1958 on Staten Island in the archdiocese of New York, where he attended the Blessed Sacrament School (1972) and Monsignor Farrell High School (1972-1976). He entered the seminary and obtained his Baccalaureate at Cathedral College in Douglaston, New York (1976-1980). He then carried out his ecclesiastical studies at the Pontifical North American College and at the Pontifical Gregorian University (1980-1983). He obtained a licentiate (1983-1985) in moral theology from the Higher Institute of Moral Theology, the Alphonsian Academy, and subsequently a doctorate (1992-1995).

He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of New York on 23 June 1984.

Since ordination he has held the following positions: parish vicar of the Resurrection parish in Rye (1985-1987), teacher at the Monsignor Farrell High School in Staten Island (1987-1990), personal secretary to the archbishop of New York, Cardinal John J. O'Connor (1990-1992), professor and vice-rector of Saint Joseph's Major

Seminary in Yonkers (1995-1998), rector of the minor seminary of the Saint John Neumann Residence in the Bronx (1998-2001), parish priest of the Saint Benedict parish in the Bronx (2001-2007) and of the Saint Joseph - Saint Thomas parish at Staten Island (2007-2010), and dean of the Monsignor Farrell High School in Staten Island (2010-2018). Since January 2019 he has served as vicar for the clergy of the archdiocese of New York.

In 1999 he was appointed as Prelate of Honour.

In addition to English, he speaks Italian, Spanish and French.

Bishop-elect **Gerardo J. Colacicco** was born on 19 September 1955 in Poughkeepsie in the archdiocese of New York. He obtained his baccalaureate at the Marist College in Poughkeepsie (1974-1978). He completed his ecclesiastical studies at Saint Joseph's Major Seminary in Yonkers (1978-1982). Subsequently, he obtained a licentiate in canon law from the University of Saint Thomas (Angelicum) in Rome (1990-1992).

He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of New York on 6 November 1982.

Since ordination he has held the following positions: parish vicar of the Good Shepherd parish in Rhinebeck (1982-1984), the Our Lady of Fatima parish in Scarsdale (1984-1987), and the Saint Denis-Saint Columba parish in Hopewell Junction (1987-1989); personal secretary to the archbishop of New York, Cardinal John J. O'Connor (1989-1990); member of the Faculty and director of pastoral formation at Saint Joseph's Archdiocesan Seminary in Yonkers (1992-1996), pastor of the Sacred Heart parish in Newburgh (1996-2002) and of the Saint Columba parish in Hopewell Junction (2002-2014); administrator of the Saint Joseph parish in Millbrook (2014); defender of the bond (1992-1996) and judge of the Metropolitan Court (1992-1996 and 2007-2010). Since 2015, he has served as parish priest of the Saint Joseph-Immaculate Conception parish in Millbrook.

In 1999 he was appointed Prelate of Honour.

In addition to English, he knows Italian and Spanish.
