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Resignation of archbishop of Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Rabaul, Papua New Guinea, presented by Archbishop Francesco Panfilo, S.D.B.

The Pope has appointed Bishop Rochus Josef Tatamai of Kavieng as archbishop of the archdiocese of Rabaul, Papua New Guinea.

Appointment of bishop of Duluth, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Duluth, United States of America, the Reverend Michel Mulloy, of the clergy of the diocese of Rapid City, United States of America, currently diocesan administrator of the same see.

Reverend Michel Mulloy

The Reverend Michel Mulloy was born on 20 May 1954 in Mobridge, South Dakota, in the diocese of Sioux Falls. He attended the Beadle and Freeman Davis primary schools in Mobridge, and Mobridge High School and O’Gorman High School in Sioux Falls. He studied at Saint Mary’s University in Winona, Minnesota, and carried out his ecclesiastical studies at Saint Paul Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Sioux Falls on 8 June 1979.

As a priest in Sioux Falls he held the following offices: fide donum priest of the diocese of Rapid City, deputy parish priest of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (1979-1981), deputy parish priest of the Christ the King parish in Sioux Falls (1981-1983), and administrator of the Saint Joseph parish in Faith (1983).

After his incardination in the diocese of Rapid City he served as parish priest of the Saint Joseph parish in faith (1986-1989), of the Saint Francis of Assisi parish in Sturgis (1989-1992), the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral (2004-2016), the Saint Bernard parish in McLaughlin, the Assumption parish in Kenel, the Saint Aloysius parish in Bullhead and the Saint Bede parish in Wakpala (2016-2017).

He has served as director of the diocesan vocations office, the diocesan worship office, member of the college of consultors, vicar for the clergy and vicar general. Since 2019 he has served as diocesan administrator of Rapid City.

Appointment of bishop of Mandeville, Jamaica

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, the Reverend John Derek Persaud, of the clergy of Georgetown, currently vicar general, vicar for the clergy and administrator of the cathedral.

Reverend John Derek Persaud

The Reverend John Derek Persaud was born in Georgetown, Guyana, on 28 August 1956. He attended the Major Seminary of Saint John Vianney and Uganda Martyrs in Trinidad (1975-1984). He was awarded a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical Urban University (PUU) in Rome (1997-1999). He speaks English and Italian. He was ordained a priest on 14 July for the diocese of Georgetown.

Following ordination he served as assistant priest of the Cathedral of Georgetown (1985-1992) and parish priest of the Holy Rosary parish (1992-1997). He carried out his studies in canon law at the PUU from 1997-1999, and then went on to serve as chancellor of his diocese (1999-2001), parish priest of the Ascension parish (2000-2001), administrator of the Cathedral and vicar general (2001-2012), judicial vicar of the metropolitan tribunal (2012-2014); secretary general of the AEC (2014-2018), and since 2019, vicar general, vicar for the clergy of the diocese of Georgetown, administrator of the Cathedral and judge at the the East Antilles Tribunal.

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Appointments at the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts

The Holy Father has appointed the following as members of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts: Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples; Cardinal Luis Francisco Ladaria Ferrer, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; Cardinal Dominique Mamberti, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura; and Cardinal Joseph Kevin Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life.

