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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of bishop of Morogoro, Tanzania

Appointment of bishop of Salem, India

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The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Morogoro, Tanzania, the Reverend Fr. Lazarus Vitalis Msimbe, S.D.S., until now apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the same diocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Lazarus Vitalis Msimbe, S.D.S., was born on 27 December 1963 in Morogoro and was ordained a priest on 21 June 1998.

He studied philosophy at Our Lady of the Angels Major Seminary in Kibosho, diocese of Moshi (1990-1993) and theology at Saint Charles Lwanga Senior Seminary in Segerea, in the metropolitan archdiocese of Dar es Salaam (1993-1998).

He belongs to the Society of the Divine Saviour (Salvatorians) and gave his perpetual vows on 8 December 1994.

He served in the parish of *Lukuledi*, diocese of Tunduru-Masasi (1998) and was director of Seminaries and Vocations for the province of the Salvatorian Fathers in Tanzania (1998-2002), He went on to serve as master of Salvatorian novices in Nakapanya, Tunduru-Masasi (2002-2005), and provincial superior of the Institute in Tanzania (2005-2011). He studied civil and canon law, obtaining a doctorate in England at Heythrop College

in London, while also providing pastoral service in a number of parishes (2012-2016). He returned to Tanzania in 2016 as a formator of Salvatorian seminarians at Jordan University College in Morogoro, served as bursar of the community and from 2017 to February 2019 as vice-superior provincial of the Salvatorians in Tanzania.

On 13 February 2019 he was appointed apostolic administrator *sede plena* and on 30 December 2020 apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the diocese of Morogoro.

Appointment of bishop of Salem, India

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Salem, India, the Reverend Arulselvam Rayappan, of the clergy of Pondicherry and Cuddalore, until now director of the Centre for Canon Law Studies at Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute/Seminary in Bangalore and judge of the Tribunal of the metropolitan archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Arulselvam Rayappan was born on 18 November 1960 at Sathipattu in the metropolitan archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore. He was a student at Saint Agnes Minor Seminary in Cuddalore (1974-1978). He studied philosophy at Christ Hall Seminary in Madurai (1978-1981) and theology at Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute/Seminary in Bangalore (1982-1986).

He was ordained a priest on 20 May 1986 and incardinated in the metropolitan archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore. He holds a master's degree in canon law from Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute/Seminary (1990-1992) and a doctorate from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome (1992-1994).

Since priestly ordination he has held the following positions: vice-rector of the minor seminary in Cuddalore (1986-1988); parish vicar in Viriyur and Karaikal (1988-1989); and parish priest in Kurumbagaram (1989-1990). At Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute/Seminary in Bangalore he was: lecturer from 1994, director of the Centre for Canon Law Studies from 1996 to 2001, vice-rector from 2000 to 2006 and president from 2010 to 2017. He also served as: secretary of the Commission for Canon Law and Legislative Texts of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (2010-2018); president of the Canon Law Society of Tamil Nadu, and general secretary and president of the Canon Law Society of India (2013-2017). From 2017 to date he has again been the director of the Centre for Canon Law Studies at Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute/Seminary in Bangalore and a judge of the Tribunal of the metropolitan archdiocese of Pondicherry and Cuddalore.
