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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Paderborn, Germany

The Holy Father has appointed as auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Paderborn, Germany, the Reverend Josef Holtkotte, of the clergy of the same archdiocese, until now national president of *Kolpingwerk* (the Kolping Association), assigning him the titular see of Simingi.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Josef Holtkotte was born on 29 March 1963 in Castrop-Rauxel, in the metropolitan archdiocese of Paderborn.

He carried out his studies in philosophy and theology at the *Theologische Fakultät Paderborn*.

He was ordained a priest on 2 June 1990, and incardinated in the clergy of Paderborn.

He then served as parish vicar of *St. Anna* in Verl (1990-1994) and *St. Bonifatius* in Paderborn (1994-1997).

He was subsequently diocesan president of *Kolpingwerk* and, from 2005, parish priest of *St. Jodokus* in Bielefeld.

From 2013 to the present he has served as national president of *Kolpingwerk*.