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Resignations and Appointments

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Appointment of metropolitan archbishop of Malanje, Angola

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Luzizila Kiala of the diocese of Sumbe as metropolitan archbishop of Malanje, Angola.

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Brooklyn, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Brooklyn, United States of America, presented by Bishop Nicholas A. DiMarzio.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Robert John Brennan of Columbus, United States of America, as bishop of Brooklyn.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Robert John Brennan was born on 7 June 1962 in the Bronx, New York, in the metropolitan archdiocese of the same name. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and computer science from Saint John's University in Queens, and later completed his ecclesiastical studies at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, New York.

He was ordained a priest on 27 May 1989 for the diocese of Rockville Centre.

Since ordination, he has held the following positions: parish vicar of *Saint Patrick* Parish in Smithtown (1989-1994), special secretary to the three bishops of Rockville Centre (1994-2002), vicar general and moderator of the Curia (2002-2019) and parish priest of *Saint Mary of the Isle* parish in Long Beach (2010-2012).

Appointed titular bishop of Erdonia and auxiliary bishop of Rockville Centre on 8 June 2012, he received episcopal consecration on 25 July 2012. He also retained the post of vicar general and moderator of the Curia.

On 31 January 2019, he was transferred to the see of Columbus, Ohio, where he office the following 29 March.

Appointment of secretary general and members of the International Theological Commission

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Msgr. **Piero Coda**, lecturer in systematic theology at the "Sophia" University Institute, Loppiano, Italy, as secretary general of the International Theological Commission.

In addition, the Supreme Pontiff has appointed as members of the same Commission: the Reverend **Edouard Adé**, dean of the Catholic University of West Africa in Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso; **Yury P. Avvakumov**, lecturer in theology and history of Christianity at the Department of Theology of the *University of Notre Dame* in South Bend, United States of America; **Alberto Cozzi**, dean of the Higher Institute of Religious Sciences in Milan, Italy;) **Marek Jagodziński**, lecturer in Orthodox theology at the Faculty of Theology of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland; **Víctor Ronald La Barrera Villarreal**, vice rector of the *Centro Bíblico Teológico Pastoral para América Latina y el Caribe* in Bogotá, Colombia; the Reverend Fathers: **Jorge José Ferrer**, S.J., director of the School of Theology of the *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico*; **Simon Francis Gainé**, O.P., Pinckaers Chair in theological anthropology and ethics of the Thomistic Institute of the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas – *Angelicum* in Rome, Italy; **Etienne Emmanuel Vetö**, I.C.N., lecturer in dogmatic theology in the Faculty of Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy; the Reverend Sr. **Josée Ngalula**, R.S.A., lecturer in dogmatic theology at the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of the Congo in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo; the distinguished Professors **Robin Darling Young**, lecturer in Church history at the *School of Theology and Religious Studies* of the Catholic University of America in Washington, United States of America; **Reinhard Huetter**, lecturer in theology at the *School of Theology and Religious Studies* of the Catholic University of America in Washington, United States of America; **Isabell Naumann**, of the Secular Institute Schönstatt Sisters of Mary, president of the *Catholic Institute of Sydney*, Australia.

Appointment of members of the Congregation for Catholic Education

The Holy Father has appointed the following members of the Congregation for Catholic Education: His Beatitude Cardinal **Louis Raphaël Sako**, Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans, Iraq; His Eminence Cardinal **Carlos Aguiar Retes**, archbishop of México, Mexico; His Eminence Cardinal **Jean-Claude Hollerich**, S.J., archbishop of Luxembourg, Luxembourg; His Eminence Cardinal **Antoine Kambanda**, archbishop of Kigali, Rwanda; His Eminence Cardinal **Celestino Aós Braco**, O.F.M., archbishop of Santiago de Chile, Chile; Archbishop **Stanisław Budzik** of Lublin, Poland; Bishop **Brendan Leahy** of Limerick, Ireland; and Bishop **Valerio Lazzeri** of Lugano, Switzerland.

