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The Holy Father has appointed His Eminence Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson as Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences.

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Inhambane, Mozambique

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Inhambane, Mozambique, presented by Bishop Adriano Langa, O.F.M.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Ernesto Maguengue, until now titular of Fornos minor and auxiliary of Nampula, as bishop of the diocese of Inhambane, Mozambique.

Appointment of bishop of Lodwar, Kenya

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. John Mbinda, C.S.Sp., former provincial superior of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in Kenya and South Sudan, as bishop of the diocese of Lodwar, Kenya.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. John Mbinda, C.S.Sp., was born on 5 May 1963 in Machakos, in the diocese of the same name. After attending the Pope Paul VI Junior Seminary in the diocese of Machakos (1989-1992), he entered the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, and gave his perpetual vows on 12 October 2001. He studied philosophy (1993-1996) at the *Spiritan Missionary Seminary* in Tanzania, and theology at *Tangaza University College*, Nairobi (1997-2002).

He was ordained a priest on 18 May 2002, and subsequently held the following offices: parish vicar of the Tangulbei Catholic Mission (2002-2004) and parish priest of the *Kositei Catholic Mission* in the diocese of Nakuru (2004-2008). He was awarded a master's degree in development studies at the *Kimmage Development Studies Centre*, Ireland (2008-2010). He then served as parish priest of *Saint Austi*n's parish in the metropolitan archdiocese of Nairobi, and head of the Development Office of his Congregation (2010-2015), and provincial superior of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit in Kenya and South Sudan. From August 2021 to the present, he has spent a sabbatical period in the archdiocese of Southwark, England, and was parish assistant in Saint Chad's parish, entrusted to the Spiritan Fathers.

In addition, he has served as professor at Tangaza University College (2014-2017), president of the *Union of the Circumscriptions of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost in East Africa – UCEAF* (2015-2016) and consultor for the metropolitan archdiocese of Nairobi (2016-2020).