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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of bishop of Iguatu, Brazil

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Geraldo Freire Soares, C.SS.R., as bishop of the diocese of Iguatu, Brazil. Until now he has served as deputy parish priest and formator in Arapiraca, diocese of Penedo, State of Alagoas.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Geraldo Freire Soares, C.SS.R., was born on 6 January 1967 in Sertânia, diocese of Pesqueira, Pernambuco). He studied philosophy at the *Instituto Salesiano de Filosofia* in Recife, Pernambuco, and theology at the *Instituto São Paulo de Estudos Superiores-ITESP* in São Paulo. He made his religious profession on 11 February 1996 in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer and was ordained to the priesthood on 1 July 2000.

Within the Redemptorist Vice-Province of Recife he was formator in Campina Grande, Paraíba, and Arapiraca, Alagoas, and bursar and superior for three mandates. In addition, he was parish vicar of *Nossa Senhora do Perpétuo Socorro* in Campina Grande and parish priest of *Sagrado Coração de Jesus* in Natal, Rio Grande do Norte, in the metropolitan archdiocese of the same name, in which he was also episcopal vicar for men and women religious.

Until now, he has served as deputy parish priest and formator in Arapiraca, in the diocese of Penedo, Alagoas.
