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From the Eastern Churches

Election of auxiliary bishop of the Patriarchate of Antioch of the Greek-Melkites and patriarchal vicar for Egypt, Sudan and South Sudan

The Holy Father has given his assent to the election by the Synod of Bishops of the Patriarchal Church of Antioch of the Greek-Melkites of the Reverend Fr. Jean-Marie Chami, of the clergy of the archeparchy of Beirut and superior for the Middle East of the Priests of Prado, as auxiliary of the Patriarchate and patriarchal vicar for Egypt, Sudan and South Sudan, assigning him the titular see of Tarsus of the Greek Melkites.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Jean-Marie Chami was born on 14 May 1962 in the city of Beirut, Lebanon. After his high school studies with *Les Frères des Écoles Chrétiennes*, he continued his studies at the Faculty of Fine Arts and Musicology. He also exercised the profession of architect for several years. He then began the process of preparation for the priesthood, carrying out his studies in philosophy at the Institute of the Paulist Fathers in Harissa, Lebanon, and in theology at the Seminary of the Prado in Lyon and in the Faculty of Theology of Freiburg.

Since his ordination, on 8 December 1996, he has held the following offices: parish priest and subsequently bursar of the archeparchy of Beirut, and syncellus, engaging in particular in the pastoral care of the differently abled. In 2003 he joined the Priests of Prado, of which he is currently superior for the Middle East.

He speaks French, English and Arabic, and understands Italian; he also knows sign language for the deaf-mute.