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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Nha Trang, Việt Nam

Appointment of bishop of Metz, France

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Nha Trang, Việt Nam, presented by Bishop Joseph Võ Đức Minh.

Appointment of bishop of Metz, France

The Holy Father has appointed Archbishop Philippe Ballot, archbishop of Chambéry and bishop of Saint-Jean-de-Maurienne et Tarentaise, as bishop of Metz, France, maintaining his title of archbishop *ad personam*.

Curriculum vitae

Archbishop Philippe Ballot was born on 2 October 1956 in Corbenay, Haute-Saône, in the metropolitan archdiocese of Besançon. He attended the minor seminaries of Luxeuil and Besançon, and carried out his studies in philosophy and theology at the interdiocesan seminary of Dijon. From 1976 to 1978 he provided international cooperation service as a teacher in the minor seminary of Bossangoa, in the Central African Republic, and subsequently studied civil law. In 1981 he began the second cycle of seminary studies in the interdiocesan seminary of Besançon, which he continued in the Pontifical French Seminary in Rome. He was awarded a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1986. From 1986 to 1988 he attended courses in canon law at the *Institut Catholique de Paris*.

He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1985 for the metropolitan archdiocese of Besançon, where he held the following roles: vicar of the parish of *Saint-Pie X* (1986-1991); chaplain of the *Saint-Joseph* and *Sainte-Ursule* colleges and the *Saint-Paul* high school (1988-1996); head of the *Foyer-Séminaire de Jeunes de la Maîtrise* (1991-1996); coordinator of the *Val de la Dame Blanche* pastoral complex in Châtillon (1996-2001); judge, adjunct judicial vicar (1988-1999) and judicial vicar (1999-2004) at the interdiocesan tribunal of Franche-Comté; adjunct leader of Catholic Teaching and head of pastoral animation (2001-2004); vicar general, diocesan delegate for religious life and ecclesial referent for the pastoral care of communication and the proclamation of the faith (2004-2009).

On 14 January 2009 he was appointed archbishop of Chambéry and bishop of Saint-Jean-de Maurienne et Tarentaise. Within the Bishops' Conference of France he is a member of the Council for Canonical Matters and the Episcopal Commission of the *Mission de France*.
