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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of bishop of Kavieng, Papua New Guinea

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Roland Vunuvung, of the clergy of Rabaul, until now parish priest of Vunadidir and dean of Kokopo, as bishop of the diocese of Kavieng, Papua New Guinea.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Roland Vunuvung was born on 11 August 1959 in Vunapope, in the province of East New Britain. After entering the Saint Peter Chanel Minor Seminary in Ulapia, he continued his philosophical and theological studies at the Holy Spirit Seminary in Bomana, Port Moresby, where he was awarded a degree in theology.

He was ordained a priest on 24 November 1985 for the archdiocese of Rabaul.

After ordination, he held the roles of deputy parish priest of the Cathedral of Rabaul (1985-1989), president of the Urban Youth provincial (1986-1989), parish priest of Valanguo, West New Britain (1989-1991), director of the pre-seminary programme of Lanuzell, and director of vocations for the archdiocese of Rabaul (1992-1998). He studied philosophy at the American College of Louvain in Belgium (1998-2003) and went on to serve as a seminary philosophy teacher (2004-2008), parish priest of Vunakanau (2008-2014), rector of the interdiocesan major seminary of Rapolo (2012-2015), dean of Rabaul (since 2009) and parish priest of Vunadidir and dean of Kokopo (since 2016).
