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Resignation and appointment of bishop of Chascomús, Argentina

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Chascomús, Argentina, presented by Bishop Carlos Humberto Malfa.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Juan Ignacio Liébana, of the clergy of the archdiocese of Buenos Aires, until now parish priest of *Nuestra Señora del Carmen* in Campo Gallo and rector of the *Virgen de Huachana* Shrine in the diocese of Añatuya, as bishop of Chascomús, Argentina.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Liébana was born on 6 June 1977 in Buenos Aires. He carried out his ecclesiastical studies in the Metropolitan Seminary of Buenos Aires.

He was ordained a priest on 27 November 2004, and incardinated in the archdiocese of Buenos Aires.

He has held the following offices: parish vicar in Buenos Aires; after voluntary transferal to the diocese of Añatuya, parish vicar and parish priest of *Santo Cristo* in Santos Lugares; spiritual director of the major seminary

of Santiago del Estero; member of the College of Consultors and director of the diocesan Missionary Office; until now, parish priest of *Nuestra Señora del Carmen* in Campo Gallo and rector of the *Virgen de Huachana* Shrine.

Appointment of bishop of São Tomé and Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend João de Ceita Nazaré, of the clergy of São Tomé and Príncipe, until now delegate of the apostolic administrator and parish priest of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Graces in São Tomé, as bishop of the same diocese of São Tomé and Príncipe, São Tomé and Príncipe.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. João de Ceita Nazaré was born on 22 August 1973 in Trindade, São Tomé. He attended the major seminary of Lisbon and was ordained a priest on 4 August 2006. He obtained a licentiate in theology from the *Universidade Católica Portuguesa* and a licentiate in teaching and Portuguese literature from the *Instituto Politécnico de Bragança*.

He has held the following offices: parish priest in Angolares and Ribeiro Afonso (2007-2016), head of diocesan Caritas and *Radio Jubilar*, lecturer at the *Universidade de São Tomé and Príncipe*, vicar general of the diocese of São Tomé and Príncipe (2010-2022), delegate of the apostolic administrator and, since 2016, parish priest of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Graces in São Tomé.

Appointment of bishop of Laval, France

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Matthieu Dupont, of the clergy of the diocese of Versailles, until now rector of the diocesan seminary, as bishop of Laval, France.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Matthieu Dupont was born on 11 December 1973 in Versailles. Before entering the seminary, he was awarded a doctorate in pharmacy from *Paris-Sud* University. He subsequently studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained a priest on 23 June 2003, and incardinated in the diocese of Versailles.

After ordination, he obtained a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical “John Paul II” Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome (2003-2005), and held the roles of vicar of the parishes of *Saint-Martin* and *Notre-Dame du Val* in Sartrouville (2004), member of the diocesan Vocations Service and lecturer at the *Pierre de Porcaro* diocesan seminary (2005), vicar of the parish group of Montigny-Voisins and referent for the Chaplaincy of public teaching of Saint-Quentin Est (2009), member of the Council of Superiors of the diocesan seminary and lecturer in moral theology (2011), assistant to the bishop’s delegate for the accompaniment of seminarians (2012) and, since 2014, rector of the diocesan seminary.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of the Patriarchal diocese of Jerusalem of the Latins

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Bruno Varriano, O.F.M., patriarchal vicar for Cyprus, as auxiliary bishop of the Patriarchal diocese of Jerusalem of the Latins, assigning him the titular see of Astigi.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Bruno Varriano, O.F.M., was born in Anápolis, Brazil, and was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Campobasso, Italy, on 30 August 1997. He entered the Custody of the Holy Land of the Franciscan Friars Minor, and gave his religious vows on 5 October 2003.

He was awarded a doctorate in psychology from the Salesian Pontifical University and a licentiate in spiritual theology from the Pontifical University “Antonianum” in Rome.

He has held various roles in the Custody of the Holy Land, including Guardian of the Convent of Nazareth, member of the Discretorio and the Commission for ongoing formation.

In August 2022 he was appointed vicar of the Patriarch of Jerusalem of the Latins for Cyprus.
