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Resignation of bishop of Mysore, India

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Mysore, India, presented by Bishop Kannikadass Antony William.

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti, presented by Bishop Giorgio Bertin, O.F.M.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Jamal Boulos Sleiman Daibes, until now titular of Patara and auxiliary of the Patriarchal diocese of Jerusalem of the Latins, as bishop of Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Jamal Boulos Sleiman Daibes was born on 3 July 1964 in Zababdeh, Palestine. He attended the seminary of Beit Jala, obtained his bachelor's degree and was ordained a priest on 8 July 1988.

After ordination, he served as vicar of the parish of *Christ the King* in Amman; professor in the Beit Jala and parish priest of the parish of *Saint Elijah* at Al-Wahadneh, Jordan. He was awarded a doctorate in dogmatic theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University of Rome (1988) and went on to serve as professor and then rector of the diocesan seminary (2013-2017); head of the Department of Religious Studies at Bethlehem University and dean of the Faculty of Arts; parish priest of the Holy Family parish in Ramallah; director of the Schools of the Latin Patriarchate in Palestine and Patriarchal vicar in Jordan (2021-2022).

On 11 March 2022 he was appointed titular bishop of Patara and auxiliary of the Patriarchal diocese of Jerusalem of the Latins, receiving episcopal consecration the following 6 May.

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Jabalpur, India

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Jabalpur, India, presented by Bishop Gerald Almeida.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Valan Arasu, of the clergy of the diocese of Jabalpur, India, until now head of *Saint Aloysius College*, as bishop of the same diocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Valan Arasu was born on 13 June 1967 in Enayam, in the diocese of Kottar. After attending the *Xavier Mission Home* minor seminary, he studied philosophy and theology at Saint Charles' Seminary in Nagpur. He was awarded a master's degree in Business Administration at Annamalai University and subsequently a master's degree in philosophy and economics and a doctorate in economics from Rani Durgavati University.

He was ordained a priest on 12 May 1996 for the clergy of the diocese of Jabalpur.

He has held the following offices: deputy parish priest in the Kurela Mission (1996-1997); deputy parish priest of the Cathedral (1997-1999); professor at Saint Aloysius College (1999-2005); deputy parish priest in Napier Town (2005-2008); adjunct secretary of the Council of Priests, master of ceremonies and member of the Commission for Vocations, secretary of the Commission for Higher and Professional Studies and secretary for the Commission for Dialogue among Religions (2008-2012); and from 2012 to the present, head of Saint Aloysius College.

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Kumbakonam, India

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Kumbakonam, India, presented by Bishop Antonisamy Francis.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Jeevanandam Amalanathan, until now vicar general of the diocese of Kumbakonam, India, as bishop of the same diocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Jeevanandam Amalanathan was born on 2 April 1963 in Michaelpatti. He studied at the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary in Kumbakonam, and the Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Poonamallee, Chennai. He was awarded a doctorate in pastoral theology from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

He was ordained a priest on 6 May 1990 for the clergy of Kumbakonam.

He has held the following offices: deputy parish priest on Ammanpet (1990-1991); prefect of the minor seminary (1991-1992); parish priest in Fatimapuram (1992-1993) and Kabistharam (1993-1998); professor at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Chennai (1998-2002 and 2008-2014); rector and parish priest of the Basilica of Poondi (2015-2016); since 2016, he has served as vicar general of Kumbakonam.

Appointment of bishop of Kuzhithurai, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Albert George Alexander Anastas, of the clergy of the diocese of Kottar, until now professor at Saint Paul's Seminary, diocese of Tiruchirappalli, as bishop of Kuzhithurai, India.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Albert George Alexander Anastas was born on 16 December 1966 in Manavilai, in the diocese of Kottar, Tamil Nadu. He studied philosophy at Christ Hall Seminary, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai, and theology at Saint Paul's Seminary, Tiruchirappalli.

He was ordained a priest on 26 April 1992 for the diocese of Kottar.

After ordination, he held the roles of parish coadjutor in Mulagumoodu (1992-1993); parish administrator of K.P.Thurai (1993-1994); prefect of studies at Saint Aloysius Minor Seminary, Nagercoil (1994-1995); animator of the Christ Hall Seminary, Karumatur, Madurai (1995-1998); and parish priest of Saint Michael Shrine, Rajavoor (1998-2000). He was awarded a licentiate and a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium (2000-2007) and went on to serve as parish coadjutor, Kurusady (2007-2008); secretary of the Christian Life Commission (Commissions for Catechism, Liturgy and Bible) (2007-2012); parish priest of Punnainagar (2008-2014); director of the Rural Motivation Programme (Diocesan Social Service Society) of Kottar (2013-2016); vicar forane of the vicariate of Kottar (2014-2016); member of the College of Consultors (2014-2016); since 2016, professor at Saint Paul's Seminary, Tiruchirappalli; since 2017, seminary librarian.

Appointment of bishop of Meerut, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Bhaskar Jesuraj, of the clergy of the archdiocese of Agra, until now deputy secretary of the Agra Regional Bishops' Council and head of Saint Clare's Senior Secondary School in Agra, as bishop of Meerut, India.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Bhaskar Jesuraj was born on 11 April 1966 in the diocese of Tanjore, Tamil Nadu. After attending the minor seminary, he continued his philosophical and theological formation at Saint Joseph's Regional Seminary in Allahabad, choosing to become a missionary in northern India.

He was ordained a priest on 21 April 1993 for the archdiocese of Agra.

After ordination, he held the following offices: deputy parish priest of *Nishkalanka Mata* in Jaith (1993-1995); deputy parish priest of *Saint Theresa* in Kosikalan (1995-1996); deputy parish priest (1996-1997) and then parish priest of *Saint Patrick* (1997-1999); deputy head and then head of Saint Clare's Senior School in Agra (1997-1999); and secretary to the archbishop and bursar (1999-2006). He was awarded a licentiate in pastoral management from the Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology in Pune (2006-2008) and went on to serve as parish priest of Saint Fidelis in Aligarh (2008-2009); chancellor of the archdiocese of Agra (since 2009), secretary to the archbishop, and head of Saint Felix Nursery School in Agra (2009-2013); director of Saint Peter's College in Agra (2013-2019); from 2011 to date, deputy secretary of the Agra Regional Bishops' Council and, since 2019, head of Saint Clare's Senior Secondary School in Agra.

Appointment of bishop of Karwar, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Duming Dias, of the clergy of the diocese of Shimoga, until now director of the Sannidhi Pastoral Renewal Centre of Shimoga, as bishop of Karwar, India.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Duming Dias was born on 13 September 1969 in Honavar, in the diocese of Karwar. He studied philosophy and theology at Saint Peter's Pontifical Seminary in Bangalore. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts from Bangalore University, Bachelor of Education from Kuvempu University in Shimoga, a Master of Education and a Master in Business Administration from the Karnataka State Open University.

He was ordained a priest on 6 My 1997 for the clergy of Shimoga.

He has held the following offices: deputy parish priest of the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Shimoga (1997-1998); deputy parish priest of Saint Thomas in Davanagere (1998-1999); parish priest of *Saint Francis Xavier* in Kable (1999-2001); director of the Biblical, Catechesis and Liturgy Commission (2001-2012); lecturer and head of the Sacred Heart College in Shimoga (2002-2012); parish priest of *Mary Immaculate* in New Town Bhadravathi (2002-2007); director of Lourdes Boys School in Davanagere (2012-2014); director of the SCC Commission and coordinator of the diocesan commissions of Shimoga (2012-2014); adjunct director of Saint John's Medical College in Bangalore (2014-2021); coordinator of the diocesan commissions and director of the Commission for the Family (since 2012) and, from 2021 to date, director of the *Sannidhi Pastoral Renewal Centre* in Shimoga.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Vijayapuram, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Justin Alexander Madathiparambil, until now vicar general of the diocese of Vijayapuram, India, as auxiliary bishop of the same diocese, assigning him the titular see of Lysinia.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Justin Alexander Madathiparambil was born on 6 April 1972 in Pambanar, in the diocese of Vijayapuram. He attended the Infant Jesus Minor Seminary in Kottayam, and was awarded a diploma in philosophy from the University of Kerala. He studied philosophy and theology at Saint Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Carmelgiri, Alwaye. He subsequently obtained a licentiate in liturgy from the Pontifical Saint Anselm Athenaeum and a doctorate in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University of Rome.

He was ordained a priest on 27 December 1996 for the diocese of Vijayapuram.

He has held the following offices: deputy parish priest of *Mount Carmelo*, Munnar (1997-1998); parish priest of *Saint Joseph*, Guderale (1998-2003); parish priest and director of the *Mini Industrial Estate*, Idukki (2003-2005); pastoral ministry in the diocese of Prato, Italy (2006-2017); and vicar general of Vijayapuram.

In addition, he has served as president of the *Vijayapuram Social Service Society* and the diocesan *Corporate Educational Agency*; diocesan director of the Pontifical Mission Societies; director of the Commission for the Clergy and Seminarians, and president of the *Assisi Institute of Nursing*.

Appointment of general rapporteur of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Angelo Romano, general head of the Missionary Priestly Fraternity of Sant'Egidio, as general rapporteur of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints.
