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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of metropolitan archbishop of Florence, Italy

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the metropolitan archdiocese of Florence, Italy, presented by His Eminence Cardinal Giuseppe Betori.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Gherardo Gambelli, of the clergy of the metropolitan archdiocese of Florence, until now parish priest of *Madonna della Tosse* in Florence, as metropolitan archbishop of the same archdiocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Gherardo Gambelli was born on 23 June 1969 in Viareggio, in the province and archdiocese of Lucca, and was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Florence on 2 June 1996.

After ordination, he first held the role of parish vicar of *Santo Stefano in Pane* in Rifredi (1996-2007). He was awarded a licentiate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (2000) and went on to serve as administrator of the parish of *Sant'Andrea* in Cercina (2000-2006). He obtained a doctorate from the Theological Faculty of Central Italy (2007) and went on to serve as parish priest *in solidum*, moderator of the parish of the *Immacolata e San Martino* in Montughi (2007-2011).

From 2011 to 2022 he was a *fidei donum* priest in Chad, where he held the roles of parish priest of *Sainte Joséphine Bakhita* in the archdiocese of N'Djaména and head of vocational pastoral care, teacher in the *Saint Luc* National Minor Seminary of Bakara and chaplain of the N'Djaména prison (2011-2017), member of the College of Consultors in N'Djaména (2013-2016), parish priest of the *Saint Ignace* Cathedral, head of youth pastoral care, and chaplain of the prison of the Apostolic Vicariate of Mongo (2018-2022). From 2019 to 2022 he also held the office of vicar general.

Following his return to Florence, since 2023 he has served as parish priest of *Madonna della Tosse* in Florence.