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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of coadjutor archbishop with special faculties of Conakry, Guinea

Appointment of coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Jhansi, India

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Verapoly, India

Appointment of coadjutor archbishop with special faculties of Conakry, Guinea

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend François Sylla, of the clergy of Conakry, Guinea, until now rector of the *Benoît XVI* Major Seminary of Kendoumayah, as coadjutor archbishop with special faculties of the same archdiocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. François Sylla was born on 9 April 1972 in Siboty, in the archdiocese of Conakry. He attended the minor seminary and the *Jean XXIII* Preparatory Seminary of Kindia, and studied philosophy and theology at the *Saint Augustin de Samaya* Major Seminary of Bamako, in Mali.

He was ordained a priest on 21 November 2004 in Conakry.

After ordination, he first held the role of parish vicar of Conakry Cathedral (2004-2007). He was awarded a master's degree in comparative law of religions at the Faculty of Theology of Lugano in Switzerland (2007-2010), and went on to provide pastoral service in the *San Giovanni Battista – Induno Olona* parish of the archdiocese of Milan (2007-2011). After receiving a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (2010-2013), he went on to serve as chancellor of the archdiocese of Conakry (since 2013), judicial vicar and president of the Metropolitan Tribunal of Conakry (since 2015), and president of the Union of

the Clergy in Guinea (2018-2022).

Since 2020 he has been rector of the *Benoit XVI* Major Seminary of Kendoumayah.

Appointment of coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Jhansi, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Wilfred Gregory Moras, of the clergy of Lucknow, until now rector of Saint Joseph's Regional Seminary in the diocese of Allahabad, as coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Jhansi, India.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Wilfred Gregory Moras was born on 13 February 1969 in Neerude, in the diocese of Mangalore, and studied philosophy and theology at Saint Joseph's Regional Seminary in the diocese of Allahabad.

He was ordained a priest on 27 April 1997 for the diocese of Lucknow.

After ordination, he first held the roles of formator at Saint Paul's Minor Seminary in Lucknow (1997-1999), secretary to the bishop (1999-2002), and deputy head of Saint Ann's School in Palia (2002-2003). After obtaining a licentiate in missiology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome (2003-2006), he served as head and director of Saint Francis School and Hostel in Nigohan (2007-2008) and head of Saint Anthony's School in Barabanki (2008-2013). He received a doctorate in missiology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome (2013-2016) and went on to serve as director of the Nav Sadhna Regional Pastoral Centre in Varanasi (2017-2021). Since 2021 he has been rector of Saint Joseph's Regional Seminary in Allahabad.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Verapoly, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Antony Valumkal, until now rector and parish priest of the National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Ransom in Vallarpadom, Kochi, as auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Verapoly, India, assigning him the titular see of Magarmel.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Antony Valumkal was born on 26 July 1969 in Eroor, in the archdiocese of Verapoly. He studied philosophy and theology at Saint Joseph's Pontifical Institute of Theology and Philosophy in Alwaye, Kerala.

He was ordained a priest on 11 April 1994 for the same archdiocese.

After ordination, he held the roles of deputy parish priest of *Little Flower* in Pottakuzhy (1994-1996), director of the archdiocesan minor seminary (1997-2004), parish priest of *Saint George* in Karthedom (2004-2007), and director of Saint John Paul Bhavan Minor Seminary in Kakkanad (2007-2010). After receiving a licentiate and doctorate in spiritual theology from Saint Peter's Pontifical Institute in Bangalore, India, he went on to serve as spiritual director of Saint Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Carmelgiri, Alwaye, and was in charge of two churches in Chowara and Parapuram of the parish of Thottakattukara (2013-2021). Since 2021 he has been rector and parish priest of the National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Ransom in Vallarpadom, Kochi.

