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## **Resignations and Appointments**

## Appointment of ordinary of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics of Eastern Europe

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Archpriest Kevork Noradounguian, of the Institute of the Patriarchal Clergy of Bzommar, until now patriarchal vicar of the same Institute and Superior of the Convent of Our Lady of Bzommar, as ordinary of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics of Eastern Europe, assigning him the archepiscopal see of Sebaste of the Armenians, with the title of Archbishop.

## Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Kevork Noradounguian was born in Aleppo, Syria, on 16 November 1968. In 1997 he was awarded a licentiate in science of education from the Salesian Pontifical University.

On 20 August 1995 he was ordained a priest in Aleppo for the Institute of the Patriarchal Clergy of Bzommar.

He has held the following offices: vice-rector of the minor seminary (1997-1998), deputy parish priest in Bourj Hammoud (1998-1999), rector of the minor seminary (1999-2001), rector of the minor and major seminary (2001-2007), administrator and bursar general of the Institute (2003-2007), parish priest of the Armenian Catholic community in Moscow (2007-2010), rector of the Church of San Nicola da Tolentino and rector of the Pontifical Armenian College in Rome (2010-2015), apostolic administrator *ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the Armenian Catholic Patriarchal Exarchate of Jerusalem and Amman (2013-2015), and parish priest of Armenian Catholics in Lyon, France (2015-2023). In August 2023 he was transferred from France to Lebanon, where he is currently patriarchal vicar of the Institute of the Patriarchal Clergy of Bzommar and superior of the Convent of Our Lady of Bzommar.