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Announcement of Consistory on 8 December for the creation of new Cardinals

During today's Angelus, the Holy Father Francis announced a consistory for the creation of new Cardinals:

Words of the Holy Father

And now, I am pleased to announce that on December 8th, I will hold a consistory for the appointment of new cardinals. Their origin reflects the universality of the Church, that continues to announce God's merciful love to all people. Here are the names of the new cardinals:

- His Excellency **Archbishop Angelo Acerbi**, Apostolic Nuncio
- His Excellency **Archbishop Carlos Gustavo Castillo Mattasoglio** of Lima, Peru
- His Excellency **Archbishop Vicente Bokalic Iglic** of Santiago del Estero, Primate of Argentina
- His Excellency **Archbishop Gerardo Cabrera Herrera** of Guayaquil, Ecuador
- His Excellency **Archbishop Natalio Chomali Garib** of Santiago de Chile, Chile
- His Excellency **Archbishop Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi** of Tokyo, Japan
- His Excellency **Bishop Pablo Virgilio Siongco David** of Kalookan, Philippines
- His Excellency **Archbishop Ladislav Nemet** of Belgrade, Serbia
- His Excellency **Archbishop Jaime Spengler** of Porto Alegre, Brasil
- His Excellency **Archbishop Ignace Bessi Dogbo** of Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- His Excellency **Archbishop Jean-Paul Vesco** of Algiers, Algeria
- His Excellency **Bishop Paskalis Bruno Syukur** of Bogor, Indonesia
- His Excellency **Archbishop Joseph Mathieu** of Tehran-Ispahan of the Latins, Iran
- His Excellency **Archbishop Roberto Repole** of Turin, Italy
- His Excellency **Bishop Baldassare Reina**, who will be, from today on, Vicar General for the Diocese of Rome
- His Excellency **Archbishop Francis Leo** of Toronto, Canada
- His Excellency **Archbishop Rolandas Makrickas**, Co-adjutor Archpriest of the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major
- His Excellency **Bishop Mykola Bychok** of the Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul of Melbourne for Ukrainians,

Australia

- Reverend **Father Timothy Peter Joseph Radcliffe**, Theologian
- Reverend **Father Fabio Baggio**, Under-Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development
- Reverend **Msgr. George Jacob Koovakad**, Official of the Secretariat of State, responsible for Papal Travels

Let us pray for the new Cardinals, that in confirming their commitment to Christ, the merciful and faithful High Priest, they may assist me in my ministry as the Bishop of Rome for the good of the holy people of God.
