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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Jalpaiguri, India

Appointment of metropolitan archbishop of Visakhapatnam, India

Appointment of coadjutor bishop of Neyyattinkara, India

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Shillong, India

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Jalpaiguri, India

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Jalpaiguri, India, presented by Bishop Clement Tirkey.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fabian Toppo, of the clergy of the same diocese, until now professor and spiritual director of the Morning Star Regional Seminary and College in Calcutta, as bishop of the diocese of Jalpaiguri, India.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend Fabian Toppo was born on 21 December 1960 in Darupisa in the diocese of Jashpur, Chhattisgarh. He studied philosophy at the Papal Seminary in Pune, and theology at the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome, and was awarded a master's degree in English from the University of North Bengal and a doctorate in biblical theology at the Pontifical Urbaniana University of Rome, as well as a diploma in administrative canon law.

He was ordained a priest on 3 December 1994 for the diocese of Jalpaiguri.

Since ordination, he has held the following roles: director of the Candidates' House and for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue in Jalpaiguri (1994-1998), parish priest of *Shanti Rani* in Mongradagni (1998-2001), and professor (2002-2007) and administrator (2020-2021) of the Morning Star Regional Seminary and College in Calcutta.

Since 2016 he has served as professor of biblical theology and spiritual director of the Morning Star Regional Seminary and College in Calcutta.

Appointment of metropolitan archbishop of Visakhapatnam, India

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Udumala Bala Showreddy of Warangal as archbishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Visakhapatnam, India.

Curriculum vitae

Archbishop-elect Udumala Bala Showreddy was born on 18 June 1954 in Gudur.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Warangal on 20 February 1979, and appointed bishop of the same diocese on 13 April 2013, receiving episcopal consecration the following 23 May.

From September 2022 to 9 April 2024 he served as apostolic administrator of Khammam.

Appointment of coadjutor bishop of Neyyattinkara, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Selvarajan Dasan, of the clergy of Neyyattinkara, India, until now judicial vicar and parish priest of *Saint Francis Xavier* in Thirupuram, as coadjutor bishop of the same diocese of Neyyattinkara, India.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Selvarajan Dasan was born on 27 January 1962 in Valiyavila, diocese of Neyyattinkara. He studied philosophy and theology at *Saint Joseph's Pontifical Seminary* in Alwaye and was awarded a licentiate and doctorate in canon law from the *Université Catholique de Louvain*.

He was ordained a priest on 23 December 1987 for the metropolitan archdiocese of Trivandrum of the Latins.

After priestly ordination, he held the offices of parish priest of *Saint Albert* in Muthiyavila (1988-1994), director of catechesis of the metropolitan archdiocese of Trivandrum of the Latins (1991-1995), parish priest of *Saint Jude* in Chinnathurai (1994-1995), parish priest of *Saint Theresa* in Manikkapuram (1995), defender of the bond of the Court of Trivandrum and pastoral director (2001-2003), parish priest of *Saint Paul* in Maranelloor and director of schools (2001-2008), defender of the bond in the Court of Neyyattinkara (2001-2011), member of the College of Consultors and the diocesan Council for Economic Affairs (since 2007), chancellor and parish priest of *Immaculate Conception Cathedral* (2008-2014), parish priest of *Sacred Heart* and director of the Logos Pastoral Centre (2014-2019).

Since 2011 he has served as judicial vicar of Neyyattinkara and, since 2019, parish priest of *Saint Francis Xavier* in Thirupuram.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Shillong, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Bernard Laloo, of the clergy of Shillong, India, until now chancellor and parish priest of the *Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians* in Laitumkhrah, as auxiliary bishop of the same metropolitan archdiocese of Shillong, India, assigning him the titular see of Trofimiana.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Bernard Laloo was born on 16 June 1976 in Laitlyngkot, Meghalaya, in the metropolitan archdiocese of Shillong. He studied philosophy at Christ College in Shillong and theology at the *Jnana Deepa* Institute of Philosophy and Theology in Pune.

He was ordained a priest on 30 April 2006 for the metropolitan archdiocese of Shillong.

Since priestly ordination, he has held the following offices: deputy parish priest of *Saint Paul* in Upper Shillong (2006-2007), administrator of Christ College in Shillong (2007-2009), dean, with responsibility for studies, at Saint Paul's Seminary in Shillong (2009-2015), head of the Divine Saviour Hr. Secondary School in Laitumkhrah (2015-2016), and director of the Social Service Centre in Shillong (2017-2021).

Since 2022 he has served as chancellor of the metropolitan archdiocese of Shillong and parish priest of the *Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians* in Laitumkhrah.
