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Other Pontifical Acts

Vatican City, 4 April 2016 – The Holy Father has appointed:

- Fr. Zdenko Križić O.C.D., as bishop of Gospić-Senj (area 8,200, population 78,740, Catholics 66,170, priests 49, religious 17), Croatia. The bishop-elect was born in Johovac, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 1953, gave his religious vows in 1970 and was ordained a priest in 1977. He holds a licentiate in spirituality from the Teresianum Pontifical Institute of Spirituality, Rome, and has served in a number of offices including prefect of the minor seminary of Carmelite Fathers in Zagabria, first counsellor of the Commissariat and prior of the community of Remete in Zagabria, provincial superior, provincial vicar, prior of the convents of Remete and Krk, master of novices and vicar general of the Order. He is currently rector of the Community of the International Teresianum College in Rome. He succeeds Bishop Mile Bogović, whose resignation from the pastoral care of the same diocese upon reaching the age limit was accepted by the Holy Father.
- Msgr. Désinord Jean as bishop of Hinche (area 3,000, population 595,000, Catholics 396,500, priests 67, religious 101), Haiti. The bishop-elect was born in Furcy, Haiti, in 1967 and was ordained a priest in 1994. He studied social communications at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, and has served in a number of roles including parish vicar, professor at the Catechetic Office of Port-au-Prince, and teacher of philosophy at the major seminary. He is currently director general of "Radio Télé Soleil", teacher of theology in the major seminary, executive secretary for social communication and coordinator of the national "Etoile Radio Catholique" network, and spokesman for the archdiocese of Port-au-Prince.
- Archbishop Luigi Benigno Papa, O.F.M. Cap., emeritus of Taranto, Italy, as apostolic administrator sede vacante of the metropolitan archdiocese of Messina-Lipari-Santa Lucia del Mela, Italy.
- Archbishop Basile Mvé Engone, S.D.B., of Libreville, Gabon, as apostolic administrator sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis of the diocese of Franceville, Gabon.