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Resignation of the auxiliary of Brisbane, Australia, and appointment of new auxiliary

The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the office of auxiliary of the archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia, presented by His Excellency Msgr. Joseph John Oudeman, O.F.M. Cap.

The Pope has appointed as auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia, Rev. Kenneth Michael Howell, pastor of Burleigh Heads and president of the archdiocesan Commission for the Liturgy, assigning him the titular see of Tamugadi.

Rev. Kenneth Michael Howell

The Rev. Kenneth Michael Howell was born in Brisbane on 20 February 1958, and received his early education at St. James College in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. He then worked briefly in the Chief Engineer's Office of Queensland Rail, before entering the provincial seminary of Banyo, where he carried out his ecclesiastical studies.

He was ordained a priest of the clergy of Brisbane on 24 June 1983. After ten years of experience at deputy priest in the parishes of Tewanin, Burleigh Heads and at the Cathedral, he was sent to Rome where he obtained a licentiate in Sacred Liturgy from the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm. He returned to Brisbane, where he held the following offices: secretary to Archbishop John Bathersby (1998-2001); deputy administrator

of the Cathedral of Brisbane and of a parish (2002-2003); vice rector of the provincial seminary of the Holy Spirit (2002-2005); administrator of St. Stephen's Cathedral (2005-2013); dean of the deanery of Brisbane centre (2006-2013); administrator of St. Mary's parish, South Brisbane (2009-2012); parish priest of Burleigh Heads (since 2013).

In addition, Rev. Howell is president of the archdiocesan Commission for the Liturgy, member of the National Council for Liturgical Music, and president of the house for retired priests. Finally, from 2002 to 2004 he was magistral chaplain of the Sovereign Order of Malta in Queensland.

Appointment of bishop of Gualeguaychú, Argentina

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Gualeguaychú, Argentina, Rev. Fr. Héctor Luis Zordán, M.SS.CC., pastor of the *Nuestra Señora de los Dolores* parish in Buenos Aires.

Rev. Fr. Héctor Luis Zordán, M.SS.CC.

The Rev. Fr. Héctor Luis Zordán, M.SS.CC., was born in Calchaquí, diocese of Reconquista, on 30 November 1956. He entered the Congregation of the "Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary", and studied at the St. Charles Borromeo seminary in Rosario. He was ordained a priest on 17 November 1984.

He has served as head teacher of the P.G. Guerrico School in Capitán Bermúdez, pastor of the *San Roque* (1984-1987) and *Nuestra Señora de los Dolores* parishes in Buenos Aires (1993-1998), dean of the *Chacarita* deanery in the archdiocese of Buenos Aires, rector of the religious community of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary at Capitán Bermúdez, Master of Novices, formator and vocational promoter, vice president of *Caritas* in the archdiocese of Rosario and postulator of the cause of beatification of Fr. Pascual Pirozzi.

Since September 2016 he has served as pastor of the *Nuestra Señora de los Dolores* parish in Buenos Aires.

Appointment of Military Ordinary of Argentina

The Pope has appointed His Excellency Msgr. Santiago Olivera, bishop of the diocese of Cruz del Eje, Argentina, as Military Ordinary for Argentina.

His Excellency Msgr. Santiago Olivera

His Excellency Msgr. Santiago Olivera was born on 7 January 1959 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He carried out his secondary school studies at the "San José" Institute of the Marist Fathers in Morón before entering the seminary, where he undertook ecclesiastical courses at the "San José" Institute of Philosophy and Theology of the diocesan seminary of Morón.

In 1986 he obtained a Bachelor's degree in theology from the faculty of theology of the Catholic University of Argentina.

In 2007 he attended various courses on spirituality at the "Teresianum" and the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome.

He was ordained a priest on 18 September 1984 and incardinated in the diocese of Morón.

He has held various pastoral offices: pastor of the parish of St. Mary of God in Villa Tesei, spiritual director of the seminary, episcopal delegate for the Liturgy and for pastoral ministry of vocations; secretary and chancellor of the Curia, pro-vicar and subsequently vicar general of the diocese of Morón.

On 24 June 2008 he was appointed bishop of the diocese of Cruz del Eje, and received episcopal consecration the following 18 August.

As bishop of Cruz del Eje he initiated and promoted the cause of canonization of the priest José Gabriel del Rosario Brochero.

In November 2008, within the Argentine Episcopal Conference, he was appointed as Episcopal delegate for the Causes of Saints and member of the Episcopal Commission of Ministers, an office he held until 2014.

In 2013 he was appointed as vice postulator of the cause of canonization of the Servant of God María Antonia de Paz y Figueroa.

Since November 2014 he has served as president of the Episcopal Commission for Social Communication of the Argentine Episcopal Conference and member of the Permanent Commission of the same Conference.

His Excellency Msgr. Santiago Olivera is the author of several publications on spirituality and meditations.
