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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of archbishop of Tōkyō, Japan, and appointment of successor

Resignation of bishop of Propriá, Brazil, and appointment of successor

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Tōkyō, Japan, presented by H.E. Msgr. Peter Takeo Okada.

The Pope has appointed as archbishop of Tōkyō, Japan, S.E. Msgr. Tarcisius Isao Kikuchi, S.V.D., currently bishop of the diocese of Niigata.

Resignation of bishop of Propriá, Brazil, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Propriá, Brazil, presented by H.E. Msgr, Mário Rino Sivieri.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Propriá, Brazil, the Rev. Vítor Agnaldo de Menezes, of the clergy of the diocese of Jequié, currently parish priest of *Nossa Senhora das Graças* in Maracás.

Rev. Vítor Agnaldo de Menezes

The Rev. Vítor Agnaldo de Menezes was born on 16 June 1968, in Curaçá, diocese of Juazeiro, in the State of Bahia. He carried out his studies in philosophy in the Sapientiae Institute of Anápolis, and in theology at the

Catholic University of Salvador. He then attended a course in priestly and missionary spirituality in Rome.

He received priestly ordination on 18 April 1998, and was incardinated in the diocese of Jequié, where he held the following offices: pastor of the parishes of *São Roque* in Lafaiete Coutinho, of *Nossa Senhora Aparecida* in Jequié and of the Cathedral of *Santo Antônio*; rector of the major seminary; diocesan supervisor for the missionary dimension; representative of the clergy; member of the presbyteral council and the college of Consultors; diocesan pastoral coordinator. In addition, he has served as Coordinator of Missionary Childhood of the North East Region of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops. From 2005 to 2009 he was National Secretary of the Pontifical Mission Societies, with offices in Brasília, where he also collaborated in the pastoral life of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

He is currently parish priest of *Nossa Senhora das Graças* in Maracás.
