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Resignations and Appointments

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Appointment of coadjutor of Alleppey, India

Resignation of archbishop of México, Mexico, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of México, Mexico, presented by His Eminence Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera.

The Pope has appointed as metropolitan archbishop of the archdiocese of México, Mexico, His Eminence Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes, currently archbishop of Tlalnepantla.

His Eminence Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes

Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes was born on 9 January 1950 in Tepic, in the diocese of the same name. He attended the seminary in Tepic, and continued his studies at the Seminaries of Montezuma and Tula. He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Tepic on 22 April 1973.

He subsequently obtained a licentiate in sacred scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute of Rome (1977) and a doctorate in biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University (1997).

As a priest he served as parish vicar, rector of the seminary of Tepic and simultaneously president of the Organization of Mexican Seminaries (OSMEX) and member of the Executive Council of Latin American Seminars. He was then rector of the Juan XXIII residence for priests of the Pontifical University of Mexico and

professor of Sacred Scripture in the same university.

On 28 May 1997 he was elected bishop of Texcoco and received episcopal ordination on 29 June. On 5 February 2009 he was transferred to the archdiocese of Tlalnepantla as metropolitan archbishop.

From 2006 to 2012 he was president of the Episcopal Conference of Mexico, after having been secretary general from 2004 to 2006.

He has held various positions in CELAM (Latin American Episcopal Council): secretary general from 2000 to 2003; first vice-president from 2003 to 2007 and finally president from 2011 to 2015.

In October 2014 and then also in October 2015 he participated in the two respective Assemblies of the Synod of Bishops on the family.

He was created a Cardinal in the Consistory of 19 November 2016, assuming the Title of *Santi Fabiano e Venanzio a Villa Fiorelli*.

He is a member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Resignation of archbishop of Paris, France, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Paris, France, presented by His Eminence Cardinal André Vingt-Trois.

The Pope has appointed H.E. Msgr. Michel Aupetit, currently bishop of Nanterre, as metropolitan archbishop of Paris.

H.E. Msgr. Michel Aupetit

H.E. Msgr. Michel Aupetit was born on 23 March 1951 in Versailles, in the diocese of the same name. After his secondary studies he enrolled at the faculty of medicine in Créteil, graduating in 1978. He exercised the medical profession in Colombes, in the northern outskirts of France, for twelve years. He specialized in medical bioethics and taught this subject in the *Henri Mondor* Hospital of Créteil. In 1990 he entered the seminary for his priestly formation, concluding with a bachelor's degree in theology.

He was ordained a priest on 24 June 1995 for the archdiocese of Paris.

After ordination, he held the following ministerial posts: vicar of the parish of *Saint-Paul-Saint-Louis* and chaplain of the lycéums of the Marais district: *François Couperin*, *Charlemagne et Saint-Germain*, *Victor Hugo* (1995-2001); parish priest of *Notre-Dame de l'Arche d'Alliance* (2001-2006); dean of the *Pasteur-Vaugirard* deanery (2004-2006); vicar general of Paris and member of the presbyteral council (2006-2013).

He was appointed as titular bishop of Massita and auxiliary of Paris on 2 February 2013, and consecrated on the following 19 April. On 4 April 2014 he was transferred to the episcopal see of Nanterre. Within the French Episcopal Conference he is president of the "Family and Society" Council. He is also a member of the "Bioethics" working group.

Appointment of coadjutor of Alleppey, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Rev. Msgr. James Raphael Anaparambil, of the clergy of Alleppey, as coadjutor of the diocese of Alleppey, India.

Rev. Msgr. James Raphael Anaparambil

The Rev. Msgr. James Raphael Anaparambil was born on 7 March 1962 in Kandakadavu, diocese of Alleppey, and studied at the major seminary of Alwaye. He was ordained a priest on 17 December 1986 for the clergy of the diocese of Alleppey.

Since priestly ordination he has held the following offices: chaplain of the *Saint Thomas* parish in Thumply (1986-1987); chaplain in the Mount Carmel Cathedral in Alleppey (1987-1988); prefect and procurator of Sacred Heart Minor Seminary in Maithara, Cherthala, Allappuzha (1989-1993); studies for doctorate in biblical theology and Hebrew language at the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome (1993-1998); lecturer in biblical theology and Hebrew language at the Pontifical Saint Joseph Seminary, Carmelgiri, Aluva, and diocesan director of the Vocational Centre of Kerala (1998-2009); rector of the Pontifical Saint Joseph Seminary, Carmelgiri, Aluva (2009-2011); lecturer at Saint Joseph Seminary, Carmelgiri, Aluva; adjunct vicar general for the clergy, religious and seminarians of Alleppey (2014-2016), and director of the revision of the Bible in Malayalam at the Centre for Pastoral Guidance in Ernakulam, and seminary lecturer.
