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### **Resignation of bishop of Tandag, Philippines, and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Tandag, Philippines, presented by H.E. Msgr. Nereo P. Odchimar.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Tandag, Philippines, Rev. Raul B. Dael of the clergy of the archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, currently episcopal vicar for the clergy.

#### **H.E. Msgr. Raul B. Dael**

H.E. Bishop Raul B. Dael was born in Jasa-an, Misamis Oriental, in the archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, on 10 October 1966. After high school and courses in philosophy at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City, he studied theology at the Saint John Vianney Seminary of Theology in the same city. Subsequently, between 1997 and 2000, he obtained a licentiate in theology at the Loyola School of Theology of the *Ateneo de Manila* University. In the years 2003-2009 he studied spirituality at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro on 7 June 1993.

In the years 1993-1995 he was parish vicar at the Metropolitan Cathedral and, between 1995 and 1997, parish administrator of the parish of St. Peter the Apostle of Sugbongcon, Misamis Oriental. Between 1997 and 2000,

he completed his studies for the licentiate in theology. Between 2000 and 2003 he was professor and director for spiritual and pastoral formation at the Saint John Vianney Seminary of Theology in Cagayan de Oro.

Returning home after studies in Rome, he taught as a teacher of pastoral theology at the same seminar, also directing programs for spiritual and pastoral formation.

In 2016 he was appointed as vicar for the Clergy of the archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro.

### **Appointment of apostolic nuncio in South Korea and Mongolia**

The Holy Father has appointed Rev. Msgr. Alfred Xuereb, prelate secretary general of the Secretariat for Economic Affairs, as apostolic nuncio in South Korea and in Mongolia, assigning him the titular see of Amantea, with the dignity of archbishop.

#### **Rev. Msgr. Alfred Xuereb**

The Rev. Msgr. Alfred Xuereb was born in Gozo, Malta on 14 October 1958.

He was ordained a priest on 26 May 1984 and incardinated in Gozo.

After obtaining a degree in theology he began his administrative service at the Secretariat of the Rector of the Pontifical Lateran University in September 1991.

He was transferred to the General Affairs Section of the Secretariat of State on 1 September 1995; to the Prefecture of the Papal Household in November 2000 and to the General Affairs Section of the Secretariat of State (the Special Secretariat of Benedict XVI) on 11 September 2007 and to the Special Secretariat of Pope Francis on 15 March 2013.

He was appointed as delegate for the Pontifical Commission for Reference on the Institute for the Works of Religion and for the Pontifical Commission for study and guidance on the organization of the economic-administrative structure of the Holy See on 28 November 2013.

He was appointed as prelate secretary general of the Secretariat for Economic Affairs on 3 March 2014.

He knows Italian, English, German, Portuguese and French.

### **Appointment of apostolic nuncio Msgr José Avelino Bettencourt**

The Holy Father Francis has appointed the Rev. José Avelino Bettencourt, head of Protocol of the Secretariat of State, as titular archbishop of Cittanova, with the office of apostolic nuncio.

#### **Rev. Msgr. José Avelino Bettencourt**

The Rev. Msgr. José Avelino Bettencourt was born in the Azores, Portugal, on 23 May 1962.

He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1993.

He was incardinated in Ottawa, Canada.

He graduated in canon law.

He entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See on 1 July 1999; he worked for the apostolic nunciature of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in the Section for Relations with States of the Secretariat of State.

He was appointed as head of Protocol of the Secretariat of State, on 14 November 2012.

He knows English, French, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish.

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