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## Resignation of bishop of Fulda, Germany

The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Fulda, Germany, presented by H.E. Msgr. Heinz Josef Algermissen.

## Appointment of bishop of Nanterre, France

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Nanterre, France, the Rev. Matthieu Rougé of the clergy of Paris, currently dean and parish priest of *Saint-Ferdinand-des-Ternes*.

## Rev. Matthieu Rougé

The Rev. Matthieu Rougé was born on 7 January 1966 in Neuilly-sur-Seine in the then archdiocese of Paris, present-day diocese of Nanterre. In 1985 he entered the seminary in Paris. He attended the first cycle of philosophical studies at the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, and continued his ecclesiastical studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. During his studies in Rome he attended the Pontifical French Seminary.

He was ordained a priest on 25 June 1994 for the archdiocese of Paris. After ordination he continued his theological studies in Rome. In 1999 he received a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian

University.

He has held the following positions and ministries: study mission in Rome (1994-1996) and in Paris (1996-1998); parish vicar in Saint-Séverin-Saint-Nicolas (1998-2000); special secretary to the archbishop of Paris (2000-2003); pastor-rector of the Basilica Sainte-Clotilde (2003-2012), director of the *Service Pastoral d'Etudes Politiques* (2004-2012); and a sabbatical year in Madrid-San Dámaso University (2012-2013). Since 2013 he has served as parish priest of *Saint-Ferdinand-des-Ternes-Sainte-Thérèse* and dean of Ternes. From 2000 to 2006 he served as lecturer, and from 2006 as professor, at the Notre-Dame faculty in Paris, and since 2013 as lecturer at the *Ecole Cathédrale*. Since 2007 he has been honorary canon of the *Notre-Dame de Paris* Cathedral.