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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Buffalo, U.S.A., and appointment of apostolic administrator *sede vacante* of the same diocese

Appointment of auxiliary of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Buffalo, United States of America, presented by Bishop Richard J. Malone, and has appointed Bishop **Edward B. Scharfenberger** of Albany as apostolic administrator of the same diocese.

Appointment of auxiliary of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Holy Father has appointed as auxiliary of the archdiocese of São Sebastião do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Reverend Zdzisław Stanisław Błaszczyk of the clergy of the archdiocese of Krakow, Poland, currently parish priest of São Pedro do Mar in Rio de Janeiro, assigning him the titular see of Aulona.

The Reverend **Zdzisław Stanisław Błaszczyk** was born on 8 August 1969 in Gdów, Poland. He studied philosophy (1988-1990) and theology (1990-1994) at the *Papieska Akademia Teologiczna* in Krakow.

He was ordained a priest on 14 May 1994 for the archdiocese of Krakow, where he exercised his ministry as parish vicar until 2000, when he went to Brazil as a priest *Fidei donum* in the archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro, where he held the following positions: parish vicar of *Nossa Senhora da Paz* in Ipanema; and parish vicar and

then parish priest of *São Judas Tadeu* in Bangu.

He is currently parish priest of *São Pedro do Mar* (since 2013) and episcopal vicar of the Region of Jacarepaguá.
