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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Arras, France, presented by Bishop Jean-Paul Jaeger.

The Pope has appointed Bishop Olivier Leborgne, until now of Amiens, as bishop of Arras.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Olivier Leborgne was born on 13 November 1963 in Nantes, in the diocese of the same name. He carried out his secondary studies in Meulan and attended the Superior School of Commerce in Rouen. In 1984 he entered the *Saint-Sulpice* Seminary of Issy-les-Moulineaux, where he received his priestly formation. After ordination, he enrolled at the Faculty of Theology of the *Institut Catholique de Paris*, obtaining a licentiate in theology.

He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1991, for the diocese of Versailles. He has held the following offices: parish vicar in Elancourt-Maurepas (1991-1996); diocesan head for youth pastoral care (1996-1998); parish priest of the *Sainte-Bernardette* parish in Versailles (1998-2003); episcopal vicar, head of formation (2003-2004); and vicar general (2004-2014).

On 20 February 2014 he was appointed as bishop of Amiens and received episcopal consecration the following 6 April. Since 2019 he has served as vice president of the Conference of Bishops of France.

Appointment of ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

The Holy Father has appointed as ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences the Reverend Sr Helen Alford, O.P., vice rector of the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend Sr Helen Alford, O.P., was born in London on 1 May 1964. She graduated in manufacturing engineering from the University of Cambridge, where she was also awarded a PhD. She is a religious sister of the Dominican Sisters of Saint Catherine of Siena. She has taught subjects related to economic ethics and the history of Christian social thought in several universities. She has served as consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. She is currently vice rector of the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome. She is the author of numerous publications on management theory and corporate social responsibility.
