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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of the metropolitan archbishop of Dublin, Ireland

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the metropolitan archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland, presented by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Dermot Pius Farrell of Ossory as metropolitan archbishop of Dublin, Ireland.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Dermot Pius Farrell was born on 22 November 1954 in Castletown-Geoghegan, in the county of Westmeath. He carried out his studies in theology at Saint Patrick's College in Maynooth, obtaining a licentiate in sacred theology.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Meath on 7 June 1980. After ordination he served as deputy parish priest of the cathedral church (1981-1985). He was subsequently sent to Rome where he was awarded a doctorate in dogmatic theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

Upon returning to his homeland, he began to teach moral theology at Saint Patrick's College in Maynooth, where he became vice president (1993-1996) and president (1996-2007). On 6 June 2007 he was named Prelate of His Holiness.

Since 2007 he has served as parish priest of Dunboyne, and since 2009, vicar general of the diocese of Meath.

On 3 January 2018 he was elected as bishop of Ossory, receiving episcopal ordination the following 11 March.

Within the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference he holds the role of finance secretary, and he is a member of the Standing Committee.