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Resignations and Appointments

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Appointment of auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Cochabamba, Bolivia

Resignation and appointment of bishop of the eparchy of Košice for Catholics of Byzantine rite, Slovakia

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the eparchy of Košice for Catholics of Byzantine rite, Slovakia, presented by Bishop Milan Chatur, C.S.S.R.

The Holy Father has appointed, as bishop of the eparchy of Košice for Catholics of Byzantine rite, Archbishop Cyril Vasil', S.J., until now apostolic administrator *sede plena* of the same circumscription, conserving his personal title of archbishop.

Curriculum vitae

Archbishop Cyril Vasil', S.J., was born on 10 April 1965 in Košice, Slovakia. From 1982 to 1987 he attended the Theological Faculty of Saints Cyril and Methodius, of the University of Bratislava, and was ordained a priest in 1987. After brief pastoral service he transferred to Rome to study canon law, and in 1990 he entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus, giving his religious vows in 2001.

After obtaining a doctorate, in 2000 he was appointed as dean of the Faculty of Oriental Canon Law at the Pontifical Oriental Institute, where he subsequently served as vice-rector (2004-2007) and rector until his appointment as secretary of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches on 7 May 2009, and his episcopal consecration on 14 September 2009.

He has edited numerous scientific publications and articles, especially in the field of Eastern Canon Law, holding lessons in various Pontifical Faculties and in Slovakia. In Rome for several years he was spiritual assistant to a group of Guides and Scouts of Europe, an association for which he was then Federal Counsellor.

On 20 January 2020 the Holy Father appointed him as apostolic administrator *sede plena* of the eparchy of Košice for Catholics of Byzantine rite.

He is a member of the College for the Examination of Appeals in matters of *delicta graviora* at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, and consultor of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts.

In addition to Slovak, he speaks Italian, English, Russian, Ukrainian and French.

Appointment of bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi, Ghana, the Reverend John Baptist Attakruh, of the clergy of Sekondi-Takoradi, until now apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the same diocese.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend John Baptist Attakruh was born on 13 October 1957 in Juabo (diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi). He entered Saint Teresa's Minor Seminary in Elmina (1972-1979). He carried out his formation as a novice in the Society of Jesus in Benin City (1980-1982). After becoming a seminarian in the diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi, he completed his philosophical studies at the *Institut Saint Pierre Canisius* in Kinshasa (1982-1985) and his theological studies at Saint Peter's Regional Seminary in Cape Coast (1985-1989). He obtained a licentiate in liturgy from the Pontifical Athenaeum *Sant'Anselmo* in Rome (1992-1995). He was ordained a priest on 30 July 1989.

Since ordination he has held the following positions: deputy pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Asankragwa (1989-1991); vice rector of Saint Mary's Minor Seminary, chaplain of Saint Mary's Boys Senior High School in Apowa and director of vocations of the diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi (1991-1992); director of Saint Kizito Pastoral and Catechetical Center in Apowa; director of the liturgical office; member of the College of Consultors; member of the Presbyteral Council; member of the Diocesan Pastoral Board; diocesan director of the Pontifical Mission Societies and member of the National Liturgical Commission (1996-1998); and formator and lecturer at Saint Peter's Regional Seminary in Cape Coast (1998-2004). From 2004 to 2014 he spent a sabbatical period in the United States of America, where he was awarded a Master of Science in Educational Administration from Saint John's University and served as chaplain of the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center and guest priest at the Saint John the Baptist Church, diocese of Rockville Center. Subsequently, besides holding a number of offices prior to the period spent in the United States, he was: coordinator of the first diocesan Synod of Sekondi-Takoradi (2015); diocesan coordinator of the Year of Mercy (2016); member of the National Catechetical Commission (2015-2020); and parish priest of the Saint Francis of Assisi Church, in Beahu (2016-2017). Since 2016 he has taught liturgy at Saint Peter's Regional Seminary, since 2017 he has served as parish priest of the Saint Ignatius Church at the Air Force base in Takoradi, and from 2020 to the present he has held the role of apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Cochabamba, Bolivia

The Holy Father has appointed as auxiliary bishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Cochabamba, Bolivia, the Reverend Víctor Iván Vargas Galarza of the clergy of the same archdiocese, until now parish priest of *San Idefonso* in Quillacollo and rector of the *Virgen María de Urkupiña* archdiocesan shrine, assigning him the titular see of Bladia.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend Víctor Iván Vargas Galarza was born on 14 December 1968 in Cochabamba. He was ordained a priest on 10 May 1997, for the same archdiocese.

He attended the preparatory year at the San Cristóbal Seminary in Sucre (1989), and studied philosophy and theology at the *San José* National Seminary in Cochabamba (1990-1995). He was awarded a licentiate in liturgical theology at the Faculty of Theology of Catalonia in Barcelona, Spain (2007).

He has held the following offices: parish vicar of *San Idefonso* in Quillacollo (1998-2000, 2007-2012); parish vicar of *San Juan Bautista* in Punata (2000-2001); formator at the *San José* National Seminary in Cochabamba (2001-2004); diocesan assistant of the Base Ecclesial Communities (2003-2008); deputy vicar forane of *Valle Bajo* (2008-2010); supervisor of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission (2009-2021) and parish priest of *San Miguel* in Tiquipaya (2012-2021). Until the present he has served as parish priest of *San Idefonso* in Quillacollo and rector of the *Virgen María de Urkupiña* archdiocesan shrine.
