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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of metropolitan archbishop of Catania, Italy

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the metropolitan archdiocese of Catania, Italy, presented by Archbishop Salvatore Gristina.

The Pope has appointed Bishop Luigi Renna as metropolitan archbishop of Catania, Italy, transferring him from the episcopal see of Cerignola-Ascoli Satriano.

Curriculum vitae

Archbishop-elect Luigi Renna was born on 23 January 1966 in Corato, in the province of Bari and archdiocese of Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie. He studied for his ministerial priesthood at the Pius XI Pontifical Regional Seminary of Apulia in Molfetta. He was awarded a licentiate in moral theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University (1993), and a doctorate at the Pontifical Lateran University (2003).

He was ordained a priest on 7 September 1991, for the diocese of Andria, where he held the following positions: parish vicar of the *Blessed Sacrament* in Andria; vice-rector and then rector of the Episcopal Seminary in Andria and teacher of Catholic religion at the Classical Lyceum; director of the diocesan Vocations Centre; director of the diocesan Training School for socio-political commitment; editor of the diocesan monthly magazine *Insieme*; vice-postulator in the cause of beatification of the Venerable Giuseppe Di Donna; canon of the Chapter of the Cathedral of Andria; director of the diocesan Library of Saint Thomas Aquinas; director of the diocesan Archive of Saint Luke the Evangelist; director of the School of Formation for Pastoral Workers; rector of the Pius XI Pontifical Regional Seminary of Molfetta.

On 1 October 2015 he was appointed bishop of Cerignola-Ascoli Satriano, and received episcopal consecration on 2 January 2016.

Since 2018 he has served as secretary of the Apulian Episcopal Conference. Within the Italian Episcopal Conference he is president of the Commission for social problems, employment, justice and peace.