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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of apostolic nuncio in Azerbaijan

Appointment of bishop of Goroka, Papua New Guinea

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The Holy Father has appointed Archbishop Marek Solczyński, titular of Caesarea in Mauretania, apostolic nuncio in Turkey, as apostolic nuncio in Azerbaijan.

Appointment of bishop of Goroka, Papua New Guinea

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Walenty Gryk, S.V.D., until now coordinator of formation and secretary for the missions of the Verbitas in Papua New Guinea, as bishop of the diocese of Goroka, Papua New Guinea.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Walenty Gryk, S.V.D., was born on 23 February 1957 in Uzbierz, Poland. He attended the major seminary of Pieniezno and was awarded a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of Lublin.

He gave his religious vows in the Society of the Divine Word on 8 September 1983, and was ordained a priest on 28 April 1984.

Since 1984 he has served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, where he held the following offices: parish

priest of Namta, diocese of Goroka (1985-1988); parish priest in Drekikier, diocese of Wewak (1988-1989; 1990-1994); director of Verbite postulants in Poland (1990-1994); chaplain of the University of Goroka (1994-1999); district superior of the Verbites in Simgo, diocese of Kundiawa (1999-2005); national coordinator of biblical pastoral care (2004-2010); director of the diocesan pastoral centre of Goroka (2005-2016); national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (2009-2019); vicar general of the diocese of Goroka (2011-2016); and district superior of the Verbites in Mt. Hagen and vocational director (2017-2019). From 2020 to the present, he has served as member of the Provincial Council, coordinator of formation and secretary for the missions of the Verbites in Papua New Guinea.
