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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Winona-Rochester, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Winona-Rochester, United States of America, presented by Bishop John Michael Quinn.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Robert Emmet Barron, until now titular bishop of Macriana in Mauretania, and auxiliary of Los Angeles, as bishop of Winona Rochester, United States of America.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Robert Emmet Barron was born on 19 November 1959 in Chicago, in the metropolitan archdiocese of the same name. He was awarded a master's degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of America in Washington (1982), a licentiate in theology from the University of Saint Mary of the Lake in Chicago (1986), and a doctorate from the *Institut Catholique de Paris* (1992).

He was ordained a priest for the metropolitan archdiocese of Chicago on 24 May 1986.

Since priestly ordination he has held the following offices: parish vicar of the Saint Paul of the Cross parish in Park Ridge (1986-1989), professor of systematic theology at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake (since 1992), founder and executive director of the Word on Fire Catholic Ministries (since 1999), visiting professor at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana (2002) and at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas – *Angelicum* in Rome (2007), scholar in residence at the Pontifical North American College in Rome (2007, 2010-2011), *Francis Cardinal George* Professor of Faith and Culture at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary (2008-2012), where in 2012 he also served as rector-president. He has also assisted in various parishes in the metropolitan archdiocese of Chicago.

In 2015 he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles.

Until now he has served as episcopal vicar for the Santa Barbara region of the metropolitan archdiocese of Los Angeles. Within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, he chairs the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.