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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Gliwice, Poland

Appointment of vicar apostolic of Northern Arabia

Resignation and appointment of bishop of Gliwice, Poland

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Gliwice, Poland, presented by Bishop Jan Kopiec.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Msgr. Sławomir Oder, of the clergy of the diocese of Toruń, head of ongoing formation of the clergy and judge of the diocesan Tribunal, as bishop of the diocese of Gliwice, Poland.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Sławomir Oder was born on 7 August 1960 in Chełmża in the then diocese of Pelplin. After obtaining a master's degree in economics from the State University of Gdańsk, he studied philosophy at the major seminary of Pelplin, and theology at the Pontifical Roman Seminary and the Pontifical Lateran University.

He received priestly ordination on 14 May 1989 for the diocese of Pelplin, and was incardinated in the diocese of Toruń in 1992, after its creation.

Following ordination, he went on to study for a doctorate in *utroque iure* (1989-1993) at the Pontifical Lateran University, and subsequently held the following offices: deputy director of the Legal Office of the vicariate of Rome (1992-1995); chancellor of the Court of Appeals of the vicariate of Rome (1995-1998); president of the Court of Appeals of the vicariate of Rome (2002-2013); postular of the causes for the beatification and

canonization of Saint John Paul II (2005-2014); and judicial vicar of the Ordinary Tribunal of the vicariate of Rome (2013-2019).

Upon return to his diocese, he was appointed as head of the ongoing formation of the clergy and judge at the diocesan Tribunal of Toruń.

Appointment of vicar apostolic of Northern Arabia

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Aldo Berardi, O.S.S.T., until now vicar general of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives, as vicar apostolic of Northern Arabia.

Curriculum vitae

The Reverend Fr. Aldo Berardi, O.S.S.T., was born on 30 September 1963 in Longeville-les-Metz, France. After completing the first cycle of studies in philosophy at the *Grand Séminaire di Villers-lès-Nancy*, and after a missionary experience in Madagascar, he entered the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives in Cerfroid, France.

He completed the second cycle of studies in theology at the *Grand Séminaire* of Montreal, Québec, Canada, and was subsequently awarded a licentiate in moral theology at the Alphonsianum Academy in Rome.

He gave his religious vows in Rome on 17 December 1990 and was ordained a priest in Ars-sur-Moselle, France, on 20 July 1991.

Following ordination, he first served at Caritas in Rome (1990-1992) and as director of a reception, formation and retreat centre in Cerfroid, France, parish vicar and chaplain for Scouts, Catholic Action and a psychiatric prison (1992-1998). He continued his formation in psychiatry with *Chrétiens en Santé Mentale* in Paris, France (1995-1997), and studied Arabic and Islamology at the *Dar Comboni* School in Cairo, Egypt (1998-2000). He went on to serve as director of the *Saint-Bakhita* Centre for Sudanese refugees in Cairo, Egypt (2000-2006); and chaplain for expatriate for the apostolic vicariate of Arabia in the *Sacred Heart* parish in Bahrain (2007-2010). In 2008 he was awarded a licentiate in language science from the *Open Arab University* in Manama, Bahrain. He was provincial counsellor from 2009 to 2012, and then continued his formation in practical theology at the *Université Laval de Québec*, Canada (2012-2020). He then held the offices of parish priest of *Saint Arethas et Compagnons Martyrs* in the apostolic vicariate of Northern Arabia (2011-2019), and since 2019, vicar general of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives, president of the general secretariat of formation and legal representative of the General Curia in Rome.
