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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop prelate of Tromsø, Norway, and appointment of apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis*

Appointment of bishop of the eparchy of Parma of the Ruthenians, U.S.A.

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the territorial prelatore of Tromsø, Norway, presented by Bishop Berislav Grgić, at the same time appointing Bishop Erik-Varden, O.C.S.O., bishop prelate of Trondheim, as apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the same territorial prelatore of Tromsø.

Appointment of bishop of the eparchy of Parma of the Ruthenians, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Robert Mark Pipta, of the clergy of the eparchy of *Holy Protection of Mary* of Phoenix of the Ruthenians, until now rector of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, as bishop of Parma of the Ruthenians, United States of America.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Robert Mark Pipta was born on 7 April 1967 in Anaheim, California, United States of America.

He was awarded a diploma by the University of California in Irvine, specializing in art and music (1985-1990). He

entered the Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, where he completed his theological studies (1990-1994), and he was ordained a priest on 21 April 1994 for the eparchy of *Holy Protection of Mary* of Phoenix of the Ruthenians.

He has held the following offices: deputy parish priest in various parishes; parish priest of the parish of *Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church* in San Diego (2004-2014); member of the Intereparchial Music and Liturgy Commission; consultor of the Eparchial College; director of vocations and of *Alive in Christ* (annual youth camp); and ecclesiastical notary of the eparchy of Phoenix (1994-1997). In 2014 he was appointed rector of the Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh.
