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## **Resignations and Appointments**

**Resignation of bishop of Paterson, U.S.A., and appointment of successor**

**Resignation of the bishop of Ruy Barbosa, Brazil, and appointment of successor**

**Resignation of bishop of Callao, Peru, and appointment of apostolic administrator**

**Appointment of bishop of Erechim, Brazil**

### **Resignation of bishop of Paterson, U.S.A., and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Paterson, United States of America, presented by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of Paterson, United States of America, the Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, of the clergy of the diocese of Brooklyn, currently vicar forane of the Brooklyn 8 Deanery and parish priest of the Saint Michael parish in Brooklyn.

#### **Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney**

The Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney is born on 17 January 1970 in Elmhurst, Queens, in the diocese of Brooklyn, New York. He attended the Cathedral Preparatory Seminary High School and the Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston, and was awarded a bachelor's degree at Saint John's University in Queens. He carried out his ecclesiastical studies at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Brooklyn, New York, on 28 June 1997.

Since priestly ordination he has held the following roles: parish vicar of the Saint Nicholas of Tolentine parish in Jamaica (1997-2003) and of the Our Lady of Sorrows parish in Corona (2003-2004); coordinator of the Apostolate for Irish faithful (1999-2001); director of the Office for Vocational Pastoral Care (2004-2010); chaplain of the Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School in Brooklyn (2005); administrator, then parish priest, of the Saint Michael parish in Brooklyn (since 2010); spiritual director of *Jovenes de Valor* (2010-2013); member of the presbyteral council (2011-2016), of the Priest Personnel Assignment Board (since 2017) and of the Seminary Admissions Board (since 2010); vicar forane of the Brooklyn 8 Deanery (since 2013); and representative of the Office for Vocations (since 2014).

### **Resignation of the bishop of Ruy Barbosa, Brazil, and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation of the pastoral care of the diocese of Ruy Barbosa, Brazil, presented by Bishop André De Witte.

The Pope has appointed Bishop Estevam dos Santos Silva Filho as bishop of Ruy Barbosa, Brazil, transferring him from the titular see of Feradi Maius and the office of auxiliary of São Salvador da Bahia.

### **Bishop Estevam dos Santos Silva Filho**

Bishop Estevam dos Santos Silva Filho was born on 10 April 1968 in Vitória da Conquista, in the archdiocese of the same name in the State of Bahia. He attended the course in philosophy at the *Instituto Filosófico Nossa Senhora das Vitórias*, in Vitória da Conquista, and in theology at the *Instituto Coração Eucarístico de Jesus* in Belo Horizonte. In addition, he specialised in Communication at the *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana* in Bogotá, Colombia, and at the Service to the Pastoral Ministry of Communication (SEPAC) in São Paulo.

He received priestly ordination on 9 June 1995 and was incardinated in the archdiocese of Vitória da Conquista, where he held the office of pastor in the parishes of *Nossa Senhora do Perpétuo Socorro* in Iguai-BA, *Senhor do Bonfim* and *Santa Rita* in Planato-BA, *Divino Espírito Santo* in Poções-BA and *Nossa Senhora das Candeias* in Vitória da Conquista-BA. He was parish administrator of *Nossa Senhora da Conceição* in Nova Canaã-BA, spiritual director of the preparatory seminary and the major seminary of philosophy of the archdiocese of Vitória da Conquista, and the major seminary of theology in Ilhéus-BA. In addition, he was a member of the council of formators, the college of consultors and the presbyteral council; ecclesiastical counsellor for the pastoral care of communication and the youth sector; archdiocesan bursar and professor of social communication.

On January 29, 2014 he was appointed as titular bishop of Feradi Maius and auxiliary of São Salvador da Bahia, receiving episcopal ordination the following 30 March.

### **Resignation of bishop of Callao, Peru, and appointment of apostolic administrator**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Callao, Peru, presented by Bishop José Luis del Palacio y Pérez-Medel.

The Pope has appointed Bishop Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A., of Chiclayo, Peru, as apostolic administrator “sede vacante” of the diocese of Callao.

### **Appointment of bishop of Erexim, Brazil**

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Erechim, Brazil, the Reverend Adimir Antônio Mazali, of the clergy of the archdiocese of Cascavel, currently parish priest of the Cathedral of Nossa Senhora Aparecida.

### **Reverend Adimir Antônio Mazali**

The Reverend Adimir Antônio Mazali was born on 16 May 1966 in Corbélia, archdiocese of Cascavel, Paraná State. He studied philosophy at the Arnaldo Busato Faculty of Human Sciences in Toledo-PR (1986-1988) and theology at the *Studium Theologicum* in Curitiba-PR (1989-1992). He was awarded a licentiate in patristic theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome (1999-2001).

On 5 May 1992 he was ordained a priest and incardinated in the archdiocese of Cascavel, where he held the following offices: spiritual director of the *São José* minor seminary and promoter of vocations (1992-1999); parish vicar of *Imaculado Coração de Maria* in Cascavel-PR (1995-1996); parish administrator of *Nossa Senhora de Caravaggio* in Cascavel-PR (1996-1999); administrator of the diocesan Shrine of *Nossa Senhora da Salette* in Braganey-PR; rector of the major seminary of theology (2002-2009); professor at the Interdiocesan Centre of Theology of Cascavel-PR (2002-2004); spiritual director of the preparatory seminary (2005-2006); professor (2005-2019) and director (2009-2019) of the *Faculdade Missioneira do Paraná* (FAMIPAR) in Cascavel-PR; parish priest of *Nossa Senhora de Fátima* in Cascavel-PR (2009-2016); consultant for family pastoral care at archdiocesan and Regional Sul 2 level.

Since 2016 he has served as parish priest of the Cathedral of *Nossa Senhora Aparecida* in Cascavel.

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