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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Beaumont, U.S.A., and appointment of successor

Resignation of bishop of San Luis, Argentina, and appointment of successor

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Beaumont, United States of America, presented by Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of Beaumont, United States of America, Msgr. David L. Toups, of the clergy of the diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida, currently rector of the Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boyton Beach, Florida.

Msgr. David L. Toups

Bishop-elect David L. Toups was born on 26 March 1971 in Seattle, Washington, in the archdiocese of the same name, and grew up in South Louisiana, before moving to Florida. He attended Clearwater Central Catholic High School in Clearwater. After two years at Florida Southern College in Lakeland (1988-1990), he entered the seminary. He obtained a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology at the Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Miami (1990-1993). He then attended the Pontifical North American College in Rome (1993-1997), receiving a licentiate in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was subsequently awarded a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Saint Thomas Aquinas University (*Angelicum*) (2002-2004), publishing a thesis on "The Sacerdotal Character as the Foundation of the Priestly Life Including the Contribution of Blessed Columba Marmion".

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Saint Petersburg (Florida) on 14 June 1997.

Since priestly ordination, he has held the following offices: parish vicar of the *Saint Frances Cabrini* parish in Spring Hill (1997-2001); professor of sacramental and liturgical theology, assistant dean and then dean of students (2004-2006); president/rector (since 2012) of the Saint Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida; associate director of the Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations within the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2007-2010); and parish priest of the *Christ the King* parish in Tampa (2010-2012). He has served as a member of the presbyteral council (1997-2001), the National Federation of Priests' Councils (1997-2001) and observer for the Region of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2000-2002).

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Resignation of bishop of San Luis, Argentina, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of San Luis, Argentina, presented by Bishop Pedro Daniel Martínez Perea.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of San Luis, Argentina, Bishop Gabriel Bernardo Barba of Gregorio de Laferrere.

Bishop Gabriel Bernardo Barba

Bishop Gabriel Bernardo Barba was born in Morón, Buenos Aires, on 24 April 1964. He carried out his primary studies at the San José Marist College of Morón. In 1984 he entered the San José Seminary of Morón, the diocese for which he was ordained a priest on 12 August 1989. After the erection of the diocese of Merlo-Moreno in 1997 he was incardinated there, and held the following offices: parish vicar of the *San Judas Tadeo* (1989) and *San Francisco de Asís* (1990) parishes; parish administrator (1991-1992) and then parish priest (1995) of *Cristo del Perdón* (1991-1992); secretary of the Episcopal Vicariate for Youth (1993-1996); chancellor of the diocesan Curia (1997-2005); member of the college of consultors and the presbyteral council (since 2001); prosecutor for the diocesan Judicial Commission (since 1999) and priestly causes (since 2001); director of the Diaconal School and head of formation of permanent deacons (since 2008); vice-president of diocesan Caritas (2004-2009); pro-vicar general (2006); and vicar general and moderator of the Curia (2007-20130).

He has a degree in canon law from the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina.

On 19 December 2013 he was appointed bishop of Gregorio de Laferrere, receiving episcopal ordination on 1 March 2014.

Within the Episcopal Conference of Argentina he is a member of the Permanent Commission and president of the Episcopal Commission of Social Communications.
