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Resignations and Audiences

Appointment of military ordinary for Poland

Appointment of office head of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

Appointment of military ordinary for Poland

The Holy Father has appointed Msgr. Wiesław Lechowicz as bishop military ordinary for Poland, transferring him from the titular see of Lambiridi and from the office of auxiliary of Tarnów.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Wiesław Lechowicz was born on 22 December 1962 in Dąbrova Tarnowska, diocse of Tarnów.

After completing his high school examinations, he entered the diocesan seminary, and on 24 May 1987 he was ordained a priest, and incardinated in the aforementioned diocese.

He exercised his pastoral ministry as parish vicar in Krościenko on the Dunajec (1987-1991), and in the parish of *Saint Jadwiga* in Dębica (1991-1992). He was sent to Rome to the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, where he was awarded a doctorate in pastoral theology (1996).

In 2002 he obtained a licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Kraków. From 1996 to 1998 he carried out his pastoral ministry in the parishes of *Saint Nicholas* in Bochnia and of the *Immaculate Conception of Mary* in Nowy Sacz. In 1997 he was a lecturer in homiletics and pastoral theology at the Theological Faculty of Tarnów, from 1999 to 2004 he was prefect of studies, and from 2004 to 2008, rector.

On 22 December 2007 he was appointed titular bishop of Lambiridi and auxiliary of Tarnów, and received

episcopal consecration on 16 February 2008.

From 28 November 2011 to 15 June 2012 he served as diocesan administrator.

Within the Polish Episcopal Conference, he is delegate for the pastoral care of Polish emigrants, president of the Committee for the Polish Diaspora and Polish abroad, and member of the Commission for the Clergy, Turism and Pilgrimages.

Appointment of office head in the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Pierre Paul, O.M.V., official in the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, as office head in the same Dicastery.