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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Yangon, Myanmar

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Bogotá, Colombia

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The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Francis Than Htun, until now parish priest of Saint John's Catholic Church, as auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Yangon, Myanmar, assigning him the titular see of Strongoli.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Francis Than Htun was born on 14 March 1974 in Nyaung Oo, in the archdiocese of Mandalay. He attended the Saint John Minor Seminary in Bago, studied philosophy in the Saint Joseph Minor Seminary in Pyin Oo Lwin, and then theology in the Saint Joseph Major Seminary in Yangon, obtaining a bachelor's degree in philosophy at the University of Yangon. He was ordained a priest on 19 March 2002 for the archdiocese of Yangon.

After ordination, he first held the roles of parish vicar of *Saint Joseph's* in Thingangyun, Yangon, and of *Saint Michael's Catholic Church*, Gyobingauk (2002-2003). He studied for a diploma in human development in the Philippines (2003) and went on to serve as parish vicar of *Saint John*, Cantonment (2003-2004), parish vicar of *Saint Mary's Cathedral*, Yangon (2004-2005), and director of *Karuna Myanmar Social Service* (Caritas) (2005-2011), followed by higher studies in clinical pastoral education and missionary experience in the United States of America (2011-2021). Since 2021 he has been parish priest of *Saint John's* parish, Cantonment, Yangon.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Bogotá, Colombia

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Alejandro Díaz García, of the clergy of the archdiocese of Bogotá, Colombia, until now episcopal vicar of the territorial zone of San Pablo, as auxiliary bishop of the same archdiocese, assigning him the titular see of Iomnium.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Alejandro Díaz García was born in Bogotá on 1 June 1974. He carried out his studies in philosophy and theology at the Bogotá Major Seminary and was ordained a priest for the same archdiocese on 4 December 1999.

He was awarded a licentiate in moral theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and a doctorate in moral theology from the Pontifical Alphonsian Academy of Rome.

He has held the following offices: parish vicar of *San Juan Bautista* (1999), parish priest of *Cristo Misionero* (2000-2001), formator in the Bogotá Major Seminary (2004-2009 and 2019-2021), and official of the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization (2012-2019). Since 2021, he has served as animator of the archdiocesan team for the ongoing formation of the clergy and, since 2022, territorial episcopal vicar of the vicariate of San Pablo of the archdiocese of Bogotá.
