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### **Resignation of apostolic administrator of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics resident in Greece, and appointment of new ordinary**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the office of apostolic administrator of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics resident in Greece, presented by the Reverend Archpriest Hovsep Bezazian, and has appointed the Reverend Archpriest Mikaël Bassalé, of the Institute of the Patriarchal Clergy of Bzommar, former apostolic administrator of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics of Eastern Europe, as ordinary of the Ordinariate for Armenian Catholics resident in Greece.

### **Resignation and succession of metropolitan archbishop of Bombay, India**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the metropolitan archdiocese of Bombay, India, presented by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias.

He is succeeded by Archbishop John Rodrigues, until now coadjutor archbishop of the same See.

### **Resignation and appointment of bishop of Nouna, Burkina Faso**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Nouna, Burkina Faso, presented by Bishop Joseph Sama.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Guy Mukasa Sanon, of the clergy of Bobo-Dioulasso, until now rector of the *Saint Pierre-Saint Paul* Seminary of Kossoghin, Ouagadougou, in Burkina Faso, as bishop of the diocese of Nouna, Burkina Faso.

#### ***Curriculum vitae***

Msgr. Guy Mukasa Sanon was born on 14 September 1968 in Toussiana. After studying philosophy at the *Saint Jean Baptiste de Wayalghin* Major Seminary, Ouagadougou, he attended the theology cycle at the *Saint Pierre Claver de Koumi* Major Seminary in Bobo-Dioulasso.

He was ordained a priest on 14 July 1996 and incardinated in the archdiocese of Bobo-Dioulasso.

After ordination, he held the roles of parish vicar of *Saint Vincent de Koko* in Bobo-Dioulasso (1996-1998); and formator and director of studies in the Minor Seminary of Nasso, Bobo-Dioulasso (2001-2005). He was awarded a doctorate in philosophy at the *Université catholique de Louvain* in Belgium (2005-2010), and went on to serve as parish vicar (2010-2011) and parish priest (2011-2016) of the Cathedral of Bobo-Dioulasso, visiting professor at the *Saint Pierre-Saint Paul* Major Seminary of Kossoghin a Ouagadougou (2011-2016); and permanent formator and professor of philosophy at the *Saint Pierre-Saint Paul* Major Seminary of Kossoghin a Ouagadougou (2016-2019). Since 2019 he has been rector of the same seminary.

### **Appointment of coadjutor archbishop of Morelia, Mexico**

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop José Armando Álvarez Cano of the diocese of Tampico, Mexico, as coadjutor archbishop of the metropolitan archdiocese of Morelia, Mexico.

#### ***Curriculum vitae***

Archbishop-elect José Armando Álvarez Cano was born in Jiquilpan, diocese of Zamora, on 30 January 1960. He was ordained a priest on 8 February 1986 and incardinated in the diocese of Zamora. He was awarded a licentiate in pastoral theology from the *Universidad Pontificia de México*.

After serving as vicar in various parishes of the diocese, he carried out a missionary experience as *fidei donum*, for a two-year period, in the diocese of Tacna y Moquegua, in Peru. Upon returning to Mexico, he served as parish priest and president of the diocesan Commission for the Formation of the Clergy of his diocese.

On 13 November 2011 was appointed bishop of the Territorial Prelature of Huautla and, on 20 January 2012, he received episcopal ordination. On 11 May 2019 he was transferred to the diocese of Tampico.

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#### **Appointment of bishop of Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico**

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Victor Melchor Quintana Quezada, of the clergy of the archdiocese of Chihuahua, until now parish priest of *Santa Maria Reina*, as bishop of the diocese of Nuevo Casas Grandes, Mexico.

#### ***Curriculum vitae***

Msgr. Quintana Quezada was born in Santa Ana, archdiocese of Chihuahua, on 29 July 1969. He carried out his studies in philosophy and theology at the Seminary of Chihuahua, receiving priestly ordination on 16 September 1996. He obtained a licentiate in pastoral theology from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

He has held the following offices: parish vicar, parish priest of various communities, prefect and bursar of the major seminary. Since 2019 he has been parish priest of *Santa Maria Reina*.

#### **Appointment of bishop of Laghouat, Algeria**

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Diego Ramón Sarrió Cucarella, M.Afr., former dean of the Pontifical Institute of Arabian and Islamic Studies (PISAI) in Rome, as bishop of Laghouat, Algeria.

#### ***Curriculum vitae***

Msgr. Diego Ramón Sarrió Cucarella was born on 20 July 1971 in Valencia, Spain. He studied philosophy at the Faculty of Theology of Madrid, and theology at *Tangaza University*, Nairobi, Kenya.

He was ordained a priest on 2 June 2001.

After ordination, he held the role of animator at the Cultural and Saharian Documentation Centre in Ghardaïa, diocese of Laghouat (2001-2003). He was awarded a licentiate at PISAI (2004-2006) and went on to serve as director of the diocesan library of Tunisi (2006-2009). He obtained a doctorate in Islamic studies from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. (2009-2013), and went on to serve as director (2014-2017) and president (2017-2024) of PISAI.

He teaches Islamic subjects at the Pontifical Lateran University of Rome, and is a consultant of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue.

#### **Erection of the diocese of Mindat, Myanmar, and appointment of first bishop**

The Holy Father has erected the new diocese of Mindat, Myanmar, with territory taken from the diocese of

Hakha, making it a suffragan of the metropolitan archdiocese of Mandalay.

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Augustine Thang Zawm Hung, of the clergy of Hakha, until now responsible for the translation of the Bible into local languages and parish vicar of *Sacred Heart* in Mindat, as first bishop of Mindat.

### ***Curriculum vitae***

Msgr. Augustine Thang Zawm Hung was born on 4 December 1973 in Mindat. He studied philosophy at the major seminary of Pyin Oo Lwin, and theology at *Saint Joseph's Catholic Major Seminary* of the archdiocese of Yangon.

He was ordained a priest on 17 November 2002 for the clergy of Hakha.

After ordination, he first served as parish priest of *Saint Michael's*, Kanpetlet, Mindat (2003-2005). He was awarded a licentiate in sacred scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (2005-2009), and went on to serve as secretary of the diocese of Kalay (2009-2010), secretary of the diocese of Hakha (2010-2012). He obtained a doctorate in sacred scripture from the *Universität Innsbruck* in Austria (2013-2018) and held the role of professor at the *Saint Joseph* Major Seminary in Yangon (2018-2022). Since 2022 he has been parish vicar of *Sacred Heart*, Mindat, and head of translation of the Bible into local languages.

### ***Statistical data***

The new diocese of Mindat [*Mindatin(us)*] in Myanmar is located in the district of Mindat, in the southern part of the Chin State, including the division of Magwem. The See of the diocese is the city of Mindat. The Cathedral Church of the new Ecclesiastical Circumscription is the current parish Church of *Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* in Mindat.

| Statistical data provided by the Apostolic Nunciature in Myanmar 2023 |                                     |                        |                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                       | Diocese of Hakha<br>before division | New diocese of Mindat  | Diocese of Hakha after<br>division |
| Area                                                                  | 27,513 km <sup>2</sup>              | 17,156 km <sup>2</sup> | 10,357 km <sup>2</sup>             |
| Population                                                            | 627,968                             | 358,866                | 269,102                            |
| Catholics                                                             | 35,467                              | 14,394                 | 21,073                             |
| Parishes                                                              | 52                                  | 23                     | 29                                 |
| Diocesan priests                                                      | 87                                  | 48                     | 39                                 |
| Men religious                                                         | 3                                   | 3                      | -                                  |
| Women religious                                                       | 83                                  | 21                     | 52                                 |
| Minor seminarians                                                     | 71                                  | 40                     | 31                                 |
| Major seminarians                                                     | 16                                  | 7                      | 9                                  |
| Religious congregations                                               | 5                                   | 3                      | 4                                  |
| Religious communities                                                 | 25                                  | 8                      | 17                                 |
| Catechists                                                            | 212                                 | 79                     | 133                                |
| Catechumenate                                                         | 281                                 | 281                    | -                                  |