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## **Resignations and Appointments**

### **Resignation of the bishop of Jeonju, Korea, and appointment of successor**

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Jeonju, Korea, presented by Msgr. Vincent Ri Pyung-ho.

The Pope appointed as bishop of the diocese of Jeonju Rev. Fr. John Kim Son-Tae, parish priest of Samcheon-dong in Jeonju.

### **Rev. Fr. John Kim Son-Tae**

Rev. Fr. John Kim Son-Tae was born on 15 September 1961 in Yeosan-myeon, diocese of Jeonju.

He studied philosophy and theology in the major seminary of Gwangju, where he also obtained a Master's degree in the years 1988 to 1989. He was ordained a priest on 20 January 1989 in the diocese of Jeonju.

After priestly ordination he continued his studies and held the following offices: vicar of the parish of Jeon-dong (1989-1990) and of the parish of Donyul-dong (1992-1997); studies for the licentiate and doctorate in fundamental theology from the University of Fribourg, Switzerland (1997-2003); director of the diocesan Catechetical Institute (2003-2006); priest of the Solnae parish (2006-2009); pastor of the Hwasan parish (2009-2013); pastor of the Yunjy-dong parish; pastor of the Samcheon-dong parish (since 2016).