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Resignations and Appointments

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The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Tambacounda, Senegal, presented by H.E. Jean-Noel Diouf, and has appointed H.E. Msgr. Jean-Pierre Bassène, bishop of Kolda, as apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of Tambacounda.

Appointment of bishop of *Saint Mary Queen of Peace* of the Syro-Malankara faithful in the United States and Canada

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of *Saint Mary Queen of Peace* of the Syro-Malankara faithful of the United States and Canada H.E. Philipose Mar Stephanos Thottathil, currently auxiliary bishop of Tiruvalla, India, transferring him from the titular see of Sozopoli di Emimonto.

H.E. Msgr. Philipose Mar Stephanos Thottathil

Born on 9 May 1952 in Ranni, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala, H.E. Msgr. Thottathil completed his institutional studies in philosophy and theology at the Papal Seminary of Pune and was ordained a priest on 27 April 1979. After serving in several parishes he obtained a doctorate in moral theology at the Alphonsianum Academy, Rome.

He has since held the following offices: vice rector of the minor seminary; head of the Mission in Delhi; director of the hospital of Pushpagiri; professor of moral theology; dean of theology and rector of *St. Mary's Malankara Major Seminary*; and bursar and protosyncellus of Tiruvalla (2003-2005). He was consecrated as auxiliary bishop of Tiruvalla on 13 March 2010, and assigned the titular see of Sozopoli di Emimonto.

Appointment of apostolic visitor for Syro-Malankara faithful resident in Europe and in Oceania

The Holy Father has appointed as apostolic visitor for Syro-Malankara faithful resident in Europe and in Oceania H.E. Msgr. John Kochuthundil, bishop of the major archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malankara Church and titular bishop of Tuburbo Maggiore.

Appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life

The Pope has appointed as members of the Board of Directors of the Pontifical Academy for Life:

Msgr. **Alberto Germán Bochaty**, titular bishop of Monte di Mauritania, auxiliary of La Plata, professor of bioethics and vice chancellor of the Catholic University of La Plata (Argentina); Msgr. Mons. **Carlos Simón Vázquez**, delegate for the Family and Life Section of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life; Prof. **Adriano Pessina**, professor of moral philosophy and director of the Athenaeum Centre for Bioethics of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan (Italy); Dr. **Mónica López Barahona**, General Academic Director of the Biosciences Studies Centre, president of the Spanish Delegation of the *Jérôme Lejeune* Foundation and director of the Foundation's *Jérôme Lejeune* Chair of Bioethics, Madrid (Spain); Prof. **Etsuko Akiba**, professor of law at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Toyama (Japan).
