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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Toruń, Poland, and appointment of successor

Appointment of adjunct secretary of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts

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The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Toruń, Poland, presented by H.E. Msgr. Andrzej Wojciech Suski.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Toruń, Poland, H.E. Msgr. Wiesław Śmigiel, transferring him from the titular see of Beatia and from the office of auxiliary of Pelplin.

H.E. Msgr. Wiesław Śmigiel

H.E. Msgr. Wiesław Śmigiel was born on 3 January 1969 in Święc nad Wisłą, on the Vistula. After passing his high school examination, he entered the major seminary of Pelplin and was ordained a priest on 29 May 1994 for the same diocese. He was elected to the titular see of Beatia and appointed auxiliary of Pelplin on 24 March 2012, received episcopal ordination on the following 21 April.

Since priestly ordination he has held the following offices: 1994-1996: parish vicar of the parish of the Most Holy Trinity in Kościerzyna; 1996-1998: secretary and chaplain of the bishop of Pelplin; 1998-2003: student at the Catholic "John Paul II" University in Lublin; 2000-2002: student house chaplain for girls; 2001-2012: professor of pastoral theology at the seminary of Pelplin; 2006-2011: associate professor in pastoral theology at the Catholic University of Lublin; 2011-2012: chair in pastoral theology at the aforementioned University; 2011-2012: consultor of the Pastoral Commission of the Polish Bishops' Conference.

Msgr. Śmigiel is currently auxiliary bishop of Pelplin and, within the Polish Bishops' Conference, member of the Permanent Council, the Commission for the Pastoral Care of Poles Abroad, the Family Council and chairman of the Committee for Dialogue with Non-Believers.

Appointment of adjunct secretary of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts

The Holy Father has appointed as adjunct secretary of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts H.E. Msgr. Filippo Iannone, O. Carm, archbishop-bishop Emeritus of Sora-Aquino-Pontecorvo, currently vicegerent of Rome.
