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Resignations and Appointments

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Resignation of bishop of Cefalù, Italy, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Cefalù, Italy, presented by H.E. Msgr. Vincenzo Manzella.

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Cefalù, Italy, H.E. Msgr. Giuseppe Marciante, transferring him from the titular see of Tagora and from the office of auxiliary bishop of Rome.

H.E. Msgr. Giuseppe Marciante

H.E. Msgr. Giuseppe Marciante was born in Catania on 16 July 1951. He completed his philosophical and theological studies at the "San Paolo" Theological Studium of Catania. He obtained a licentiate in missiology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.

He received priestly ordination on 5 October 1980, and was incardinated in the archdiocese of Catania. On 1 July 1993 he was incardinated in the diocese of Rome.

In the archdiocese of Catania he served as vicar in the parish of *Santa Maria in Ognina* (1980-1986) and of *Santa Maria in Cibali* (1986-1987). He was then parish priest of *San Giuseppe* in the diocese of Albano (1987-1989). Finally, in the diocese of Rome, he served as parish priest of *San Romano Martire* (1989-2009), prefect

of the 12th prefecture of Rome (1995-2009), and member of the college of consultors and of the diocesan presbyteral council (2008- 2009). From 1998 to 2009 he was national ecclesiastical assistant of the *Fratres* Blood Donors' Association.

In 2001 he was appointed Chaplain of His Holiness. He was appointed as titular bishop of Tagora and auxiliary of Rome on 1 June 2009, and received episcopal consecration on 11 July. In the diocese of Rome he is responsible for pastoral care of the Eastern Sector.

Resignation of archbishop of Pannonhalma, Hungary, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the office of Ordinary Archabbot of Pannonhalma, Hungary, presented by H.E. Msgr. Imre Asztrik Várszegi, O.S.B.

The Holy Father has appointed as Archabbot of Pannonhalma, Hungary, the Rev. Fr. Cirill Tamás Hortobágyi, O.S.B., currently prior of the same Archabbey.

Fr. Cirill Tamás Hortobágyi, O.S.B.

The Rev. Fr. Cirill Tamás Hortobágyi, O.S.B., was born in Nagytálya on 22 February 1959. He entered the Benedictine order and assumed the religious habit on 21 August 1977. He carried out his philosophical and theological studies at the "Saint Gerard Sagredo" Theological School of the archabbey of Pannonhalma. He made his first profession on 6 August 1981 and his solemn profession on 14 August 1985. On 15 August 1984 he was ordained a deacon and on 15 August 1985 he received priestly ordination.

From 1983 to 1988 he studied at the "Eötvös Lóránd" University of Budapest, obtaining a degree in biology and geography. He held the following offices: rector of the "Saint Benedict" House of Studies of Budapest and of the Church of Saint Sabine (1988-1989), master of novices (1989-1992); prior of the Benedictine Community of Pannonhalma (1991-1994); director of the Benedictine Lyceum of Pannonhalma (1994-1996), and master of novices (1996-1998).

Since 1998 he has served as prior of the archabbey of Pannonhalma. In addition, he is a professor at the Benedictine Lyceum and at the "Saint Gerard Sagredo" Theological School in Pannonhalma, as well as at the "Sapientiana" Theological School in Budapest.

Appointment of bishop of Würzburg, Germany

The Holy Father has appointed Msgr. Franz Jung, vicar general of the diocese of Speyer, as bishop of Würzburg, Germany.

Msgr. Franz Jung

Msgr. Franz Jung was born on 4 June 1966 in Ludwigshafen, in the diocese of Speyer.

He completed his philosophical and theological studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, obtaining a licentiate in sacred scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in 1993.

He was ordained a priest on 10 October 1992 in Rome, and was incardinated in the diocese of Speyer.

He continued his studies at the Theological Faculty of the University of München.

In 1998 he became vicar of the parish of Pirmasens.

In 2001 he obtained a Ph.D. in theology (New Testament exegesis) in München.

In the same year he was named special secretary to the bishop of Speyer and pastor of the Cathedral.

In 2003 he was appointed as head of the Vicariate for Pastoral Care and in 2007 he became a member of the Episcopal Council, as well as episcopal vicar for Religious Life. Since 2008 he has served as canon of the Speyer Cathedral Chapter.

Finally, in 2009 he was appointed as vicar general.