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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Vacaria, Brazil, and appointment of successor

Appointment of bishop of San Fernando de la Union, Philippines

Resignation of bishop of Vacaria, Brazil, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Vacaria, Brazil, presented by H.E. Msgr. Irineu Gassen, O.F.M.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of the diocese of Vacaria, Brazil, the Rev. Sílvio Guterres Dutra of the clergy of the archdiocese of Porto Alegre, currently rector of the *Nossa Senhora da Conceição* major seminary.

H.E. Msgr. Sílvio Guterres Dutra

Rev. Sílvio Guterres Dutra was born on 6 June 1966 in Encruzilhada do Sul, diocese of Santa Cruz do Sul, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. He completed his studies in philosophy and theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Porto Alegre. He then obtained a licentiate in pastoral theology from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (1999-2001).

He was ordained a priest on 18 December 1993, and was incardinated in the archdiocese of Porto Alegre, where he held the following offices: parish vicar in Camaquã (1994); parish priest in Porto Alegre, in the parishes of *Santa Ana* (1995-1997), *Nossa Senhora do Montserrat* (1998-1999), and *Madre Teresa de Calcutá* (2002); parish priest of *Nossa Senhora de Fátima* in Guaíba (2002-2012); pastoral coordinator of the Vicariate of Guaíba (2004-2011); vice rector of the *Nossa Senhora da Conceição* major seminary in Viamão (2012), and since 2013, rector of the same seminary.

Appointment of bishop of San Fernando de la Union, Philippines

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of San Fernando de la Union, Philippines, the Rev. Daniel O. Presto, of the clergy of the diocese of Iba, currently diocesan administrator in Iba.

H.E. Msgr. Daniel O. Presto

H.E. Msgr. Daniel O. Presto was born in Mangaldan, Pangasinan, in the diocese of Iba, on 7 April 1963. After high school he attended courses in philosophy and theology at the *San Carlos* Seminary in Makati City, and finally he obtained a master's degree in education from the *De La Salle* University of Manila.

He was ordained a priest for the diocese of Iba on 1 December 1990.

In the years 1991-1992 he served as vicar of the Saint Rita parish, Olongapo City, and the Saint Michael parish, in Santa Cruz. Between 1993 and 2005 he was president of the Columban Center of Olongapo City. From 2005 to 2012 he was vicar forane of the Saint Joseph Vicariate, director of the Saint Augustine School of Iba, and president of the Magsaysay Memorial College of *San Narciso*.

Since 2012 he has been parish priest of the Holy Infant parish of San Antonio, a member of the presbyteral council and various diocesan commissions.

Since 2012, following the death of H. E. Msgr. Rodolfo Beltran and until the recent appointment of the new bishop of Iba, he served as diocesan administrator during the *sede vacante* period.
