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Resignation of bishop of Vila Real, Portugal, and appointment of successor

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the diocese of Vila Real, Portugal, presented by H.E. Msgr. Amândio José Tomás.

The Pope has appointed as bishop of Vila Real, Portugal, H.E. Msgr. **António Augusto de Oliveira Azevedo**, currently titular bishop of Cemeriniano and auxiliary of Porto.

The bishop-elect was born in 1962 in São Pedro de Avioso, in the municipality of Maia, diocese of Porto. He studied in the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Porto, and also holds a licentiate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He received priestly ordination on 13 July 1986.

He has served in a number of pastoral roles, including parish vicar, military chaplain, parish priest, parish administrator, diocesan assistant for the pastoral care of workers, prefect and member of the formation team of the major seminary of *Nossa Senhora da Conceição*, chaplain of the Catholic University of Porto, and rector of the major seminary of *Nossa Senhora da Conceição*. He has also served as diocesan assistant at the Centre for Preparation for Marriage, professor of theology at the Catholic University of Porto, judge of the ecclesiastical tribunal of Porto, and secretary of the Presbyteral Council. He is currently auxiliary of Porto.

Appointment of bishop of Tampico, Mexico

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Tampico, Mexico, H.E. Msgr. **José Armando Álvarez Cano**, currently bishop prelate of Huautla.

The bishop-elect was born in Jiquilpan in the diocese of Zamora in 1960. He was ordained a priest on 8 February 1986. He holds a licentiate in pastoral theology from the Pontifical University of Mexico.

After pastoral service as vicar in various parishes in the diocese of Zamora, he served as a missionary *fidei donum* for two years in Tacna, Peru. Upon returning to Mexico he held the roles of parish priest and president of the diocesan Commission for the Formation of the Clergy in his diocese.

He was appointed bishop of the territorial prelature of Huautla in 2011, and received episcopal ordination on 20 January 2012.

Appointment of bishop of Gómez Palacio, Mexico

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Gómez Palacio, Mexico, H.E. Msgr. Jorge Estrada Solórzano, currently titular bishop of Pinhel and auxiliary of the archdiocese of Mexico.

The bishop-elect was born in Mexico City in 1961 and was ordained for the archdiocese of Mexico on 2 June 1995. He holds a licentiate in spiritual theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

He has served in a number of pastoral roles, including parish vicar, parish administrator, parish priest, head of the permanent formation of the clergy, and director of the Commission for the Presbytery of the archdiocese.

He was appointed as titular bishop of Pinhel and auxiliary of the archdiocese of Mexico in 2013.
