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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Mont-Laurier, Canada

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Appointment of member of the Academy of Social Sciences

Resignation of bishop of Mont-Laurier, Canada

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Mont-Laurier, Canada, presented by H.E. Msgr. Paul Lortie.

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

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Caruaru, Brazil, presented by H.E. Msgr. Bernardino Marchiò.

The Pope has appointed H.E. Msgr. **José Ruy Gonçalves Lopes, O.F.M. Cap.**, as bishop of the diocese of Caruaru, Brazil, transferring him from the diocese of Jequié.

Elevation to diocese of the territorial prelature of Cristalândia, Brazil, and appointment of first bishop

The Holy Father has elevated to the grade of diocese the territorial prelature of Cristalândia, Brazil, and has appointed H.E. Msgr. Wellington de Queiroz Veira, currently bishop prelate, as the first bishop of the new diocese. At the same time he has modified the boundaries of the new diocese of Cristalândia and the diocese of Miracema do Tocantins.

The bishop-elect was born in 1968 in Tocantinópolis, Brazil, and was ordained a priest in 1996 and a bishop in 2017.

Statistical data: Subsequent to the border changes, the data of the new diocese of Cristalândia and the diocese of Miracema do Tocantins are the following:

Diocese of Cristalândia

Civil municipalities: *Araguaçu-TO, Caseara-TO, Chapada de Areia-TO, Cristalândia-TO, Divinópolis-TO, Dorilândia-TO, Dueré-TO, Formoso do Araguaia-TO, Lagoa da Confusão-TO, Marianópolis-TO, Monte Santo do Tocantins-TO, Nova Roslândia-TO, Paraíso do Tocantins-TO, Pium-TO, Pugmil-TO, Sandolândia-TO, Bonópolis-GO, Mutunópolis-GO, Novo Planalto-GO, Porangatu-GO, São Miguel do Araguaia-GO.*

Area:	62.691km ²
Population:	245.020
Catholics:	138.750
Parishes:	17
Diocesan priests:	19
Religious priests:	2
Permanent deacons:	0
Seminarians:	10
Professed religious:	2
Women religious:	23

Diocese of Miracema do Tocantins

Civil municipalities: *Abreulândia-TO, Araguacema-TO, Barra do Ouro-TO, Barrolândia-TO, Bernardo Sayão-TO, Bom Jesus do Tocantins-TO, Brasilândia-TO, Campos Lindos-TO, Centenário-TO, Colmeia-TO, Colinas do Tocantins-TO, Couto Magalhães-TO, Dois Irmãos-TO, Fortaleza do Tabocão-TO, Goiatins-TO, Goianorte-TO, Guaraí-TO, Itacajá-TO, Itapiratins-TO, Itaporã-TO, Juarina-TO, Miracema do Tocantins-TO, Miranorte-TO, Pedro Afonso-TO, Pequizeiro-TO, Presidente Kennedy-TO, Recursolândia-TO, Rio dos Bois-TO, Santa Maria do Tocantins-TO, Tupirama-TO, Tupiratins-TO.*

Area:	47.816km ²
Population:	224.620
Catholics:	153.760
Parishes:	22
Diocesan priests:	19
Religious priests:	2

Permanent deacons:	10
Seminarians:	7
Professed religious:	4
Women religious:	27

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Appointment of bishop of Catanduva, Brazil

The Holy Father has appointed as bishop of Catanduva, Brazil, H.E. Msgr. Valdir Mamede, transferring him from the episcopal see of Naisso and the office of auxiliary bishop of Brasilia.

Appointment of member of the Academy of Social Sciences

The Pope has appointed as member of the Academy of Social Sciences the Distinguished Professor Christoph Engel, professor of media and communications law at the University of Osnabrück, Germany.
