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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Palmerston North, New Zealand

Creation of the ecclesiastical province of Mercedes-Luján, Argentina

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The Holy Father Francis has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Palmerston North, New Zealand, presented by Bishop Charles Edward Drennan.

Creation of the ecclesiastical province of Mercedes-Luján, Argentina

The Holy Father has created the ecclesiastical province of Mercedes-Luján, Argentina, elevating to a metropolitan Church the archdiocese of Mercedes-Luján, previously directly subject to the Holy See, and assigning it as suffragans the diocese of Merlo-Moreno, currently belonging to the ecclesiastical province of Buenos Aires, and the dioceses of Nueve de Julio and Zarate Campana, currently belonging to the ecclesiastical province of La Plata.

The Pope has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Mercedes-Luján, Argentina, presented by Archbishop Agustín Roberto Radrizzani, S.D.B.

The Holy Father has appointed as metropolitan archbishop of Mercedes-Luján, Argentina, Msgr. **Jorge Eduardo Scheinig**, currently titular of Ita and auxiliary of the same archdiocese.

The archbishop-elect was born in Carapachay, diocese of San Isidro, on 5 July 1959, and was ordained a priest

for the same diocese in 1989. He has served as parish vicar, parish priest of various parishes, coordinator of the diocesan council for the pastoral care of the diocese, member of the presbyteral council and coordinator of urban pastoral ministry in the Buenos Aires region. He holds a licentiate in theology, with a thesis on urban pastoral ministry, and he attended a course in leadership in Bogotá.

On 10 May 2017 he was appointed as titular bishop of Ita and auxiliary of the archdiocese of Mercedes-Luján, receiving episcopal ordination the following 15 July.
