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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of Tanjore, India

Appointment of bishop of Nongstoin, India

Appointment of bishop of Buxar, India

Resignation of bishop of Tanjore, India

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Tanjore, India, presented by Bishop Devadass Ambrose Mariadoss.

Appointment of bishop of Nongstoin, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Wilbert Marwein, of the clergy of Nongstoin, India, hitherto vicar general and parish priest in Nonbah, as bishop of the diocese of Nongstoin.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Wilbert Marwein was born on 17 February 1970 in Rangblang-Sohsyniang, in the archdiocese of Shillong. After entering Saint Xavier's Minor Seminary in Shillong, he studied philosophy at Christ the King College and Theology at Oriens Theological College in Shillong.

He was ordained a priest on 27 April 2003, first for the archdiocese of Shillong and then incardinated in the new diocese of Nongstoin.

Following ordination, he served as deputy parish priest in Ummulong (2003-2005) and bursar of Oriens Theological College in Shillong (2005-2007). He then studied for a licentiate in missiology at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome (2007-2010) and held the roles of deputy parish priest of *Santa Maria* in Cosenza, Italy (2010-2015) and, since 2015, vicar general and parish priest in Nonbah, Nongstoin.

Appointment of bishop of Buxar, India

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend James Shekhar, of the clergy of Patna, until now deputy secretary of the Episcopal Council of Bihar, Jharkhand and Andaman, as bishop of the diocese of Buxar, India.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. James Shekhar was born on 23 September 1967 in Singampurai, Tamil Nadu, in the diocese of Palayamkottai. He attended the minor seminary of Muzaffarpur and then Saint Joseph's Major Seminary in Allahabad.

He was ordained a priest on 26 May 1996 and incardinated in the archdiocese of Patna.

After ordination, he first held the roles of parish vicar in Mokama (1996-1997) director of youth pastoral care for the archdiocese, and teacher at Saint Mary's Seminary (1998-2003). He then studied for a licentiate in biblical theology at the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome (2003-2005), and was awarded a doctorate in biblical theology at the University of Innsbruck in Austria (2005-2009). He went on to serve as secretary to the archbishop of Patna (2009-2015) and, since 2016, deputy secretary of the Episcopal Council of Bihar, Jharkhand and Andaman.
