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Resignations and Appointments

Appointment of archbishop of Tanger, Morocco

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Emilio Rocha Grande, O.F.M., until now apostolic administrator *Sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the archdiocese of Tanger, Morocco, as archbishop of the same archdiocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Emilio Rocha Grande, O.F.M., was born on 8 May 1958 in Madrid, Spain.

He gave his solemn vows on 18 September 1982 in the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor and was ordained a priest on 16 February 1991.

He studied at the Pontifical University *Antonianum* and was awarded a diploma in theology and in vocational formation, and a licentiate in ecclesiastical studies.

He has held the following offices: teacher, guardian of the Conventi (1997-2000 and 2006-2011); master of postulants (2000-2003) and of the temporarily professed (2011-2015); provincial definitior (2000-2010, 2013-2015 and 2017-2020); formator, assistant of the Franciscan Family, provincial vicar (2010-2013); visitor general of the province of Cartagena, Murcia (2011) and of Santiago de Compostela (2018).

On 25 February 2022 he was appointed apostolic administrator *Sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the archdiocese of Tanger.
