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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and succession of bishop of Taungngu, Myanmar

Appointment of vicar apostolic of Benghazi, Libya

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The Holy Father accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Taungngu, Myanmar, presented by Bishop Isaac Danu.

He is succeeded by Bishop John Saw Gawdy, until now coadjutor bishop of the same diocese.

Appointment of vicar apostolic of Benghazi, Libya

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Fr. Sandro Overend Rigilio, O.F.M., apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the vicariate of Benghazi, Libya, as vicar apostolic of the same vicariate.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Sandro Overend Rigilio, O.F.M., was born on 31 May 1959 in Sliema, in the archdiocese of Malta. He entered the novitiate of the Franciscan Friars Minor of the province of Malta, and gave his religious vows on 12 September 1982. He carried out his studies in philosophy and theology at the National Institute of Ecclesiastical and Religious Studies of Malta and the *Antonianum* Theological Institute of Bologna. He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1984.

Following ordination, he first held the office of deputy parish priest of the parish of *Our Lady of Sacred Heart* of Sliema and spiritual director in Maltese state schools (1984-1993). He then studied for a licentiate in theology and patristic sciences at the *Augustinianum*, Rome (1993-1996). He went on to serve as vice rector and then rector of the International College for Franciscan Students of the *Antonianum* of Rome (1996-2003); secretary general of the Order of Friars Minor (2003-2006); deputy parish priest of *Lady of Sacred Heart* in Sliema and visiting professor of patristics at the University of Malta (2006-2008); minister of the Maltese Province of the Friars Minor (2008-2014); confessor at the Shrine of Gethsemane, Jerusalem (2014-2015); since 2015, visitator general of the Franciscan Province of Saint Casimir in Lithuania; guardian of the Curia General O.F.M. and delegate of the minister general O.F.M. for Franciscan missions in Libya (2015-2018); apostolic administrator *sede vacante et ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the apostolic vicariate of Benghazi.
