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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation and appointment of archbishop of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Resignation of bishop of Montego Bay, Jamaica

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Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Puebla de los Ángeles, Mexico

Resignation and appointment of archbishop of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the archdiocese of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, presented by His Eminence Cardinal Philippe Nakellentuba Ouédraogo.

The Holy Father has appointed Bishop Prosper Kontiebo, M.I., of Tendodogo, as metropolitan archbishop of Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Curriculum vitae

Bishop Prosper Kontiebo, M.I., was born on 25 September 1960 in Boassa, archdiocese of Ouagadougou. He gave his perpetual vows in 1988 in the Congregation of Clerics Regular, Ministers to the Sick (Camillians) and was ordained a priest on 7 July 1990.

He has held the following offices: various tasks with the *Saint Camille* Scholastic, superior vice-provincial of the Congregation of Clerics Regular, Ministers to the Sick in Burkina Faso; member of the College of Consultors; member of the Episcopal Council; member of the Congregation of the Ministers to the Sick.

He was appointed first bishop of Tenkodogo on 11 February 2012, and was consecrated on the following 2 June.

From 2012 to the present, he has served as bishop of Tenkodogo.

Resignation of bishop of Montego Bay, Jamaica

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Montego Bay, Jamaica, presented by Bishop Burchell Alexander McPherson.

Erection of the diocese of Katsina, Nigeria, and appointment of the first bishop

The Holy Father has erected the new diocese of Katsina, Nigeria, by dismembering the diocese of Sokoto, making it a suffragan of the metropolitan See of Kaduna.

At the same time, the Holy Father appointed the Reverend Gerald Mamman Musa, of the clergy of the diocese of Sokoto, lecturer and director of the Center for Study of African Cultures and Communication (CESACC) of the “Catholic Institute of West Africa” (CIWA), Port Harcourt, Nigeria, as first bishop of the newly-erected diocese.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Gerald Mamman Musa was born on 16 January 1971 in Gusau, in the State of Zamfara. After attending Saint Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary in Makurdi and Saint Augustine’s Major Seminary in Jos, he was ordained a priest on 1 June 1996 for the clergy of the diocese of Sokoto. He was awarded a master’s degree in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas “Angelicum”, a licentiate in social sciences, specializing in communication, from the Pontifical Gregorian University, and a doctorate in communications studies from the School of Journalism and Communication of the University of Queensland in Santa Lucia, Brisbane, Australia.

He has held the following offices: vicar of the administrator of the *Holy Family Cathedral*, Sokoto, and diocesan secretary at the diocesan chancery of Sokoto (1996-2000); secretary of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) at the level of the State of Sokoto (1998-2000); member *Exco* of the Nigeria Interreligious Council and parish priest of *Saint Patrick’s* in Illela, in the State of Sokoto (2001-2003); parish priest of *Saint Vincent Ferrer* in Malumfashi, in the State of Katsina (2007-2008); resident priest at *Saint Bernard*, in Upper Mount Gravatt, archdiocese of Brisbane (2008-2011); resident priest in the *Jubilee Catholic* parish, and assistant chaplain at *Mater Misericordiae* Hospital, archdiocese of Brisbane (2011-2012); and administrator of the parish of *Upper Mount Gravatt-Wishart*, archdiocese of Brisbane (2012-2013). From 2013 to the present he has served as lecturer and director of the Center for Study of African Cultures and Communication (CESACC) of the “Catholic Institute of West Africa” (CIWA), Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

Statistical data

The newly-erected diocese of Katsina [Latin name *Katsinensis*] was dismembered from the diocese of Sokoto and made a suffragan of the metropolitan See of Kaduna. The see of the diocese is in the city of Katsina. The Cathedral Church of the new ecclesiastical circumscription will be the current *Saint Martin de Porres*, in Katsina.

	Sokoto <i>before</i> division	New diocese of Katsina	Sokoto <i>after</i> division
Area	109,000km ^{2*}	29,000km ²	80,000km ²

Municipalities	80	38	42
Population	25,600,000	9,669,439	15,930,561
Catholics	40,000	19,000	21,000
Parishes	27 + 93 <i>branches</i>	10 + 72 <i>branches</i>	17 +21 <i>branches</i>
Diocesan priests	49 +4 <i>fidei donum</i>	11 + 3 <i>fidei donum</i>	38 + 1 <i>fidei donum</i>
Religious priests	4	1	3
Women religious	70	5	65
Catechists	176	48	128
Major seminarians	41	-	41
Minor seminarians	-	-	-
Houses of religious formation	6	-	6
Elementary schools	16 (<i>pre-school and primary</i>)	13	3
High schools	6	3	3
Charitable institutions	3 (1 <i>clinic</i> , 1 <i>hospital</i> , 1 <i>maternity</i>)	1 (1 <i>clinic</i>)	2 (1 <i>hospital</i> and 1 <i>maternity</i>)

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of Puebla de los Ángeles, Mexico

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Francisco Javier Martínez Castillo, of the clergy of Puebla de los Ángeles, Mexico, until now parish priest of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, as auxiliary bishop of the same archdiocese, assigning him the titular see of Nepte.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Martínez Castillo was born on 2 November 1974. He was ordained a priest on 25 June 2004, and incardinated in the archdiocese of Puebla de los Ángeles. He obtained a licentiate in moral theology from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

He has held the following offices: parish vicar, vice rector of the Cathedral Church, professor in the diocesan seminary, director of the Centre for the Divine Mercy Diffusion Centre.

He is currently parish priest of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*, official spokesperson of the archdiocese of Puebla, and spiritual assistant of the *Cursillos de Cristiandad*.
