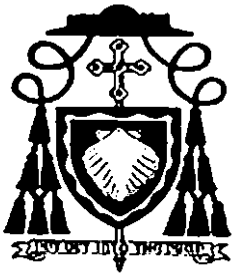


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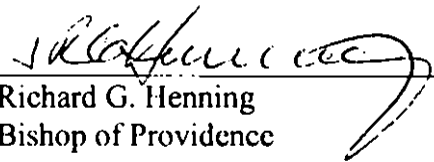
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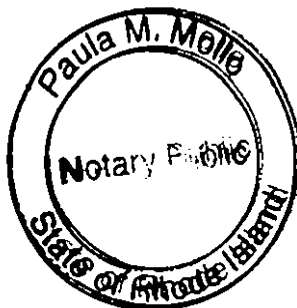
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I, Richard G. Henning, being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States.
2. At the time of the making of this statement, I am the lawfully and regularly appointed Bishop of Providence, and I have accepted the said office of Bishop of Providence and have commenced the duties thereof.
3. Annexed to this statement is an authenticated copy of announcement (posted electronically) of the Holy See appointing me as Bishop of Providence.
4. I further accept and commence upon the duties of the sole member of Roman Catholic Bishop of Providence, a corporation sole.


Richard G. Henning
Bishop of Providence

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, to me known and by me known to be the person executing the foregoing statement under oath, on May 4, 2023.




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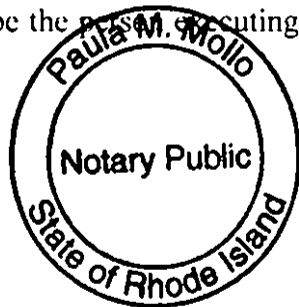
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I, Rev. Nathan J. Ricci, J.C.L., being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am the duly appointed and qualified Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Providence.
2. As Vice Chancellor, I am an Ecclesiastical Notary and assist the Chancellor as the keeper of records of the Roman Catholic Church within and for the Diocese of Providence.
3. Annexed hereto is a true copy of announcement (posted electronically) of the Holy See appointing Most Reverend Richard G. Henning as Bishop of Providence.
4. The Most Reverend Richard G. Henning did undertake and commence the duties of the office of Bishop of Providence on May 1, 2023.

Rev. Nathan J. Ricci
Rev. Nathan J. Ricci, J.C.L.

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Rev. Nathan J. Ricci, J.C.L., to me known and by me known to be the person executing the foregoing statement under oath, on May 4, 2023.



Paula M. Mollo
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 1/4/2025

Pope Francis Accepts Resignation of Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence; Succeeded by Coadjutor Bishop Richard Henning

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, 75, from the Office of Bishop of Providence. Bishop Richard G. Henning, up until now coadjutor bishop of the same diocese, will succeed him as bishop of Providence.

May 1, 2023

WASHINGTON – Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, 75, from the Office of Bishop of Providence. Bishop Richard G. Henning, up until now coadjutor bishop of the same diocese, will succeed him as bishop of Providence.

The resignation and appointment were publicized in Washington, D.C. on May 1, 2023, by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Henning's biography may be found [here](#).

The Diocese of Providence is comprised of 1,085 square miles in the State of Rhode Island and has a total population of 1,097,379 of which 603,558 are Catholic.

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Resignations and Appointments

Resignation of bishop of the diocese of Kottapuram, India

Resignation and succession of bishop of Providence, U.S.A.

Appointment of bishop of Nha Trang, Viêt Nam

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Calabar, Nigeria

Resignation of bishop of the diocese of Kottapuram, India

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Kottapuram, India, presented by Bishop Joseph Karikkassery.

Resignation and succession of bishop of Providence, U.S.A.

The Holy Father has accepted the resignation from the pastoral care of the diocese of Providence, United States of America, presented by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin.

He is succeeded by Bishop Richard G. Henning, until now coadjutor bishop of the same diocese.

Appointment of bishop of Nha Trang, Viêt Nam

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Joseph Huynh Van Sy, of the clergy of Quy Nhon, until now judicial vicar and rector of the *Saint Joseph* Seminary of Quy Nhon, as bishop of the diocese of Nha Trang, Việt Nam.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Joseph Huynh Van Sy was born on 10 January in Go Thi, Binh Dinh, in the diocese of Quy Nhon. He studied philosophy and theology at the *Stella Maris (Sao Bien)* Major Seminary of Nha Trang and was ordained a priest on 12 May 1999, for the diocese of Quy Nhon.

After ordination, he first served in the bishopric of Quy Nhon (1999-2001). He was awarded a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome (2001-2006) and went on to hold the offices of secretary to the bishop of Quy Nhon (2006-2009); since 2009, judicial vicar and rector of Saint Joseph's Seminary in the diocese of Quy Nhon, member of the Presbyteral Council, the Council of Consultors and the Committee for the ongoing formation of priests, and teacher in the major seminary of Nha Trang.

Appointment of auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese of Calabar, Nigeria

The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Christopher Naseri Naseri, of the clergy of Calabar, Nigeria, until now deputy parish priest of *Saint Bernard* in Marian Hill and professor of the University of Calabar, as auxiliary bishop of the same archdiocese, assigning him the titular see of Gurza.

Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Christopher Naseri Naseri was born on 5 April 1970 in Calabar. He attended the Immaculate Conception Minor Seminary in Mfamosing and the Marianum Spiritual Year Seminary in Calabar, and studied philosophy at Saint Joseph Major Seminary in Ikot Ekpene and theology in the *Seat of Wisdom* Seminary of Owerri. He was ordained a priest on 5 July 1997 for the clergy of Calabar.

He has held the following offices: deputy parish priest of *Saint John*, Akamkpa and teacher in the *Mary Immaculate Juniorate*, Iwuru (1997-1998); deputy parish priest of *Saint Bernard* (1998-2000); secretary to the archbishop of Calabar (1998-2003); parish administrator of *Saint Vincent*, Mbukpa, and chaplain of the *Federal Girls' College Chaplaincy*, Calabar (1999-2000); member and secretary of the Council of Consultors (1999-2003); parish priest of *Saint Bernard* and vice chancellor of the archdiocese of Calabar (2000-2003); and president of the archdiocesan Commission for the Seminary (2001-2003). After obtaining a licentiate and a doctorate from the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome (2003-2009), he went on to serve as formator of the *Saint Joseph* Major Seminary (2009-2020); vicar for the clergy of the archdiocese of Calabar and member of the College of Consultors (2013-2018); and to date, parish vicar of *Saint Bernard* and professor in the University of Calabar and in the *Saint Joseph* Major Seminary.
