

HOLY SEE

Appointments

The Holy Father John Paul II **has raised the Apostolic Prefecture of Tierradentro to the rank of Apostolic Vicariate**, with the same denomination and territorial configuration. Moreover, His Holiness has named **Fr. Jorge García Isaza, C.M.** as the **first Apostolic Vicar of Tierradentro** (Colombia), assigning him the Episcopal See of Budua. Until now, Fr. García was Apostolic Prefect of the same Ecclesiastical Circumscription.

(L'Osservatore Romano, February 27, 2000, p. 1)

The Holy Father John Paul II has named **Fr. Cristoforo Palmieri, C.M. Apostolic Administrator of Rrëshen** (Albania). Up to the present, he was Diocesan Administrator of this same diocese.

(L'Osservatore Romano, March 6-7, 2000, p. 1)

The Holy Father John Paul II has named **Fr. Anton Stres, C.M. Auxiliary Bishop of Maribor** in Slovenia, assigning to him the titular episcopal see of Ptuj. Up to the present, Fr. Stres has been dean of the Theology Faculty of Ljubljana.

(L'Osservatore Romano, May 14, 2000, p. 2)

Decree

On 1 July 2000, in the presence of the Holy Father, was promulgated the decree regarding the **heroic virtues** of the **Servant of God, Marco Antonio Durando**, priest of the Congregation of the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul and Founder of the Institute of the Sisters of Jesus of Nazareth, born on 22 May 1801 at Mondovì (Italy) and died on 10 December 1880 at Turin (Italy).

(L'Osservatore Romano, July 2, 2000, p. 1)

Letter

The Holy Father John Paul II wrote to **His Excellency Gaston Poulain**, Bishop of Périgueux and Sarlat, **a letter** dated September 8, on the occasion of the **fourth centenary of the priestly ordination of St. Vincent De Paul**.

(L'Osservatore Romano, September 20, 2000, p. 6)