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APPOINTMENT TO THE BISHOPRIC OF URGELL

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Pope Francis has appointed Msgr. Josep-Lluís Serrano Pentinat as Coadjutor Bishop of Urgell, with right to succession. This appointment was made public last Friday, July 12th and was communicated by the Apostolic Nunciature to the Spanish Episcopal Conference and the Government of Andorra, generating anticipation and interest in the ecclesiastical community. «It's a new stage for the Diocese, which will surely renew us and make us grow», said the Episcopal Coprincipal, Joan Enric Vives.

The figure of the Coadjutor Bishop is included in the Code of Canon Law, and this position involves assisting the diocesan Bishop in the government of the Diocese, and in the event that the diocesan Bishop, Joan Enric Vives, leaves the position, the Coadjutor it will happen automatically. A successi-



Appearance at the Bishopric of the Diocese of Urgell, with Joan-Enric Vives and Josep Lluís Serrano.



Joan-Enric Vives

EPISCOPAL CO-PRINCE

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Josep-Lluís Serrano

COADJUTOR BISHOP OF URGELL

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Josep-Lluís Serrano Pentinat is appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Urgell by Pope Francis

Vives will continue to be Bishop of Urgell and Copríncep until his resignation, which could end up happening this autumn.

on that, as the first indications seem to indicate, could end up happening this autumn, since Serrano stated that he will hold the new position for at least three months with the aim of fully knowing his duties and acquiring experience necessary «I

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come with respect and devotion. From today I will know your physiognomy to love you», indicated Serrano in turn, emphasizing that «we contribute when we open up and enrich ourselves from others». In this way, the new Coadjutor Bishop of

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Urgell highlighted the absolute intention on his part «to fill myself with reality and contribute what I am humanly». On the other hand, Vives emphasized that the choice of Serrano has been taking into account the idiosyncrasies of Andorra, since he is a «Catalan bishop and very prepared».

It should be noted that Archbishop Mons. Joan-Enric Vives will continue to be the diocesan Bishop of Urgell and the Episcopal Coprincipal of Andorra until the moment of his termination, which may be due to retirement or other reasons. Until then, Bishop Mons. Josep-Lluís Serrano will work with ordinary authority as Vicar General, actively participating in the pastoral tasks of the Diocese of Urgell.

This stage of collaboration will allow Msgr. Serrano to get to know the Diocese of Urgell, its people, institutions and entities in depth.

In addition, he will also have the opportunity to familiarize himself with the functioning of the institutions of the Principality of Andorra, since in the future he will assume the role of Prince. Vives considered that «we will work in communion, complementarily, we will live together and we will communicate things and criteria to better serve the Diocese and the Principality of Andorra». ●

the profile



Josep Lluís Serrano Pentinat

COADJUTOR BISHOP OF URGELL

Serrano was born on March 19th, 1977 in Tivissa, province of Tarragona and Diocese of Tortosa. In 1991 he entered the Minor Seminary of Tortosa studying at the diocesan College of the Immaculada, beginning in 1995 his time at the Major Seminary of Tortosa. There he received his philosophical and theological training, obtaining in 2001 the title of Bachelor of Theology from the Faculty of Theology of Catalonia based in Barcelona. That same year, he was ordained as a deacon beginning his pastoral experience in the Assumption Parish of Maria d'Amposta,

during the 2001-2002 academic year.

Already in 2005, he extended his studies in Rome, and there he lived with other priests who are sent there to improve their training. He studied Dogmatic Theology in the years 2005-2007, obtaining the License in Dogmatic Theology. On his return to the Diocese of Tortosa, and until 2009, he was entrusted to be Rector of the two parishes of Sant Andreu and Sant Pere in the municipality of Vandellòs-Hospitalet del infant, combining his pastoral work with teaching. In 2009, he began a new service to the universal Church at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome, where he expanded his studies and training between 2009-2012, obtaining a Diploma in Diplomatic Studies. Being in the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See, he was sent as Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature of Mozambique from 2012 to 2016, Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Nicaragua from 2016 to 2017, Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Brazil from 2017 to 2019 and, from 2019 to the present, he has served as Secretary in the General Affairs Section of the Secretary of State.

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