



POPE APPOINTS BISHOP BADEJO INTO VATICAN COMMUNICATIONSDICASTERY

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The Holy Father, Pope Francis has appointed the Catholic Bishop of Oyo Diocese, Most Rev. Emmanuel Adetoyese Badejo as a member of the Vatican's Dicastery for Communications.

According to a Press Release by the Director of Communications,

Oyo Diocese, Rev. Fr. John Irekiigbe, Bishop Badejo's appointment was contained in the News Release of the Vatican Bulletin of Thursday, December 2, 2021.

The Dicastery of Communications is the administrative department of the Holy See through which the Pope directs affairs that pertain to Social Communications in the Roman Catholic Church.

The Nigerian Prelate who is a communications scholar served as Communications Secretary to the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria between 1996 and 2004. He was appointed the Co-adjutor bishop of Oyo in August 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI and was ordained by Most Rev. Julius Babatunde Adedokun on October 20, 2007. He also served until recently for eight years as Bishop Chairman for the Social Communications Department of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria (CBCN). Bishop Badejo is currently the Vice Chairman for Social Communications department for the Regional Episcopal Conferences of West Africa (RECOWA) and is currently the Bishop President for CEPACS, which is the French acronym for the Pan African Episcopal Committee for Social Communications, that is the communications committee of Bishops for the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences for Africa and Madagascar (SECAM).

Born on July 13, 1961, and ordained a priest on January 4, 1986 at the age of 24, Bishop Emmanuel Adetoyese Badejo, became the substantive bishop of Oyo after Most Rev. Julius Babatunde Adedokun in the year 2009. He studied Social Communications at the Salesian University in Rome, where he got the university award for the best student in his class. He is a communicator par excellence and is well known for his musical prowess.

Other members appointed to the dicastery along with Bishop Badejo are, His Eminence Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, O.F.M. Conv, archpriest of the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican, Archbishop Jorge Eduardo Lozano of San Juan de Cuyo, Secretary General of the Latin American Episcopal Council (C.E.L.A.M.), Archbishop Borys Gudziak of Philadelphia of the Ukrainians, and Reverend Sr. Nathalie Becquart, X.M.C.J., undersecretary of the Synod of Bishops.

The entire Diocese of Oyo prayerfully wishes them the best in their service to God and the universal church.