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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Reverend John Bonaventure KWOFIE, C.S.Sp. as the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Accra.

The news is released from the Apostolic Nunciature by Rev. Msgr. Pavol Talapka, the Chargè d'Affaires a.i. 

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CURRICULUM VITAE OF MOST REV. JOHN BONAVENTURE KWOFIE, CSSp

Most Rev. John Bonaventure Kwofie is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (C.S.Sp.). He was born in Apowa, Western Region of Ghana, in the Diocese of Sekondi-Takoradi on 26th April 1958 from a very religious Catholic family. His father is Mr. John Kogyam Kwofie who died some years ago and his mother is Mrs. Agnes Tokwah Kwofie.

Bishop Kwofie had his elementary education at Apowa Catholic School from 1964 to 1972. He obtained his secondary education at St. Theresa's Minor Seminary, Amisano, Elmina from 1972-1979. He entered the Spiritan Congregation in 1979. He had his postulancy in Ebolowa, Cameroun and his novitiate at Bwiam, The Gambia. He studied Philosophy at the Spiritan Institute of Philosophy in Isieniu, Nigeria from 1981-1983 and studied Theology at St. Paul's Seminary, Gbarnga, Liberia, (affiliated with the Urban University in Rome) from 1984-1988. He obtained Licentiate in Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome (1991-1995).

He had his First Religious Profession in the Spiritan Congregation (CSSp) on 15 August 1981 at Banjul, The Gambia and Final Religious Profession on 2 August 1987 at Kumasi, Ghana. He was ordained to the priesthood on 23 July 1988 at the Holy Spirit Church in Bantama, Kumasi, Ghana. After his ordination he was assigned as an Associate Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in the Diocese of Banjul from 1988-1989 and Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish in Banjul, The Gambia.

As a Religious, some of his major assignments are the following: President of the Conference of Major Superiors of Religious Men in Ghana from 1998-2004 and Coordinator of the Continental Conference of Major Superiors in Africa 2003-2005. From 1995-2004 he was the Superior of the CSSp West African Foundation (later West African Province) with the Provincial House in Ghana. He was the First Assistant General of the Holy Spirit Congregation, 2004-2012. Fr. Kwofie is also a Retreat Master and Lecturer in Sacred Scripture. He was a lecturer in Sacred Scripture at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, U.S.A. He was appointed Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi Diocese on 3rd July 2014. Until his appointment as the Metropolitan Archbishop-Elect of Accra, he is the Bishop of Sekondi-Takoradi

