

**IMPORTANT AND URGENT  
UNDER EMBARGO UNTIL 1:00 P.M., 25 APRIL 2020**

**TO CATHOLIC MEDIA OF UGANDA  
RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF MBARARA**

The Apostolic Nunciature has the joy to announce that the Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed Rt. Rev. Lambert Bainomugisha Auxiliary Bishop of Mbarara, as the new Archbishop of Mbarara, while accepting the resignation from the pastoral care of the Archdiocese presented by Most. Rev. Paul K. Bakyenga, upon reaching the canonical age limit.

The new Archbishop was born on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1961 at Kashumba. After the primary school at Buhungiro, Kyabahezi and Kinyeje, he completed his secondary school from Kitabi Minor Seminary, Bushenyi. He did his philosophical studies at St. Thomas Aquinas Major Seminary, Katigondo in Masaka. After having completed theological studies at St. Mary's National Major Seminary at Ggaba, he was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Mbarara on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1991.

He has a doctorate in Canon Law from St. Paul's University, Ottawa, Canada.

He has served as an Assistant at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Rubindi, Mbarara (1991-1994), Chaplain at Corpus Christi Chaplaincy of Mbarara University of Science and Technology (2002-2003), and as the Chancellor of Mbarara Archdiocese from 2000-2005.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005, he was nominated as the Auxiliary Bishop of Mbarara with the titular see of Tacina montana.

He received the Episcopal Ordination on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 was nominated as the Apostolic Administrator of the diocese of Hoima. He carried out this responsibility till 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

On this occasion, as we congratulate the new Archbishop, we express our gratitude to Most. Rev. Paul K. Bakyenga, for his generous service and leadership for more than three decades as Coadjutor, Bishop and the first Archbishop of Mbarara. He was also the Chairman of the Uganda Episcopal Conference. He will remain as the Apostolic Administrator of Mbarara until the day of the canonical possession by the new Archbishop.

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