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SPECIAL CIRCULAR

Dear Reverend Fathers, Religious and My Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Peace be with you!

There are three ways by which a see becomes vacant. By retirement, transfer or death of the Diocesan Bishop (Canon 416). When any of this happens, an Apostolic or Diocesan Administrator is usually appointed by the Holy See.

Following the death of our Bishop, Most Rev. Paul Adegboyega OLAWOORE, the College of Consultors have met, the *acta* has been drawn and forwarded to the Holy See through the Metropolitan of the See of Ibadan, His Grace, The Most Rev. Gabriel 'Leke Abegunrin. With that done, I am pleased to inform you all that **The Very Reverend Father Anselm Pendo Lawani** has been elected and approved as the Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Ilorin.

The Diocesan Administrator has the powers and obligations of a diocesan Bishop except in cases where the law explicitly restricts him or when the nature of the case itself reserved the action to the Diocesan Bishop (Canon 427 § 1).

To this effect, all priests are to note the following:

1. During the Canon of Mass, right after the Holy Father's name have been mentioned, we say, "**and ANSELM our administrator**"
2. All priests are required to compulsorily be at the Cathedral for a very important meeting which will begin with the Holy Mass by 10:00am tomorrow, Thursday, **6th January, 2022.**
3. The Mass to be celebrated is; Mass for the Dead. We are all required to join in this prayer for the repose soul of our dear Bishop.

4. The Color of vestment is White.
5. The lay faithful are invited to join at this Mass for the Dead for the repose soul of our dear Bishop.
6. The Funeral Ceremonies have been scheduled to hold on 20th & 21st January, 2022.

Finally, we request your prayers for **Very Father Anselm Pendo Lawani** for the grace to carry on this ecclesial responsibility, and also, for the eternal repose of the soul of our Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Paul Adegboyega OLAWOORE.

With sentiments of profound esteem,
I remain,
Yours Sincerely in Christ,



Very Rev. Fr. Daniel ILETGBE
Chancellor

