

14 April 2020

Appointment of a New Bishop of Fukuoka

Dear brothers and sisters in Diocese of Fukuoka,

Happy Easter to you all. We are very happy to announce the appointment of a new bishop to the Diocese of Fukuoka.

Pope Francis has appointed Bp. Josep Maria Abella, C.M.F., as a bishop of Fukuoka on 14th April, 2020. The below is a profile of Bp. Abella.

The Most Reverend Bp. Josep Maria Abella, C. M.F. (Claretian Missionaries)

November 3, 1949	Born in Lleida, Spain
July 12, 1975	Ordained Priest
June 2, 2018	Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Osaka
July 16, 2018	Ordained Bishop
April 14, 2020	Appointed Bishop of Fukuoka

We are also happy to present you a message from Bp. Abella on occasion of this appointment. You can find the message on our website.

Peter Satoru Aoki,
Chancellor, Diocese of Fukuoka

* To the priests in the diocese:

Bishop's name will be included into Eucharistic Prayer only after an installation ceremony of Bishop. Until then, please continue the current way of reciting Eucharistic Prayer without Bishop's name. (cf. *Pontificale* n.1147)