

List of the 16 Assumptionist bishops
(in the order of their accession to the episcopate)

- 1) **Mgr Louis PETIT**, born in Viuz-la-Chiésaz (Haute-Savoie, France) on 21.02.1868, died in Menton (Alpes-Maritimes, France) on 05.11.1927. Latin archbishop of Athens (Greece) from 1912 to 1926 and apostolic delegate for Greece.
- 2) **Mgr Pie NEVEU**, born in Gien (Loiret, France) on 02.23.1877, died in Paris (France) on 10.17.1946. Apostolic Administrator of Moscow (USSR) from 1926 to his death (1946).
- 3) **Mgr Antonio VUCCINO**, born in Galissa (Greece) 08.05.1891, died in Néa-Smyrni (Greece) 23.04.1978. Bishop of Syros (1937), then Archbishop of Corfu from 1947 to 1952.
- 4) **Mgr Henri PIERARD**, born in Félenne (Belgium) on 06.21.1893, died in Louvain (Belgium) on 03.05.1975. Vicar Apostolic (1938) then Bishop of Beni (Belgian Congo) from 1959 to 1966.
- 5) **Mgr Andrew BECK**, born in Streatham (Great Britain) on 28.05.1904, died in Liverpool (Great Britain) on 13.09.1978. Coadjutor (1948) then Bishop (1951) of Brentwood, Bishop of Salford (1955), then Archbishop of Liverpool from 1964 to 1976.
- 6) **Mgr Michel CANONNE**, born in Câteau-Cambrésis (Nord, France) on 27.12.1911, died in Montfermeil (Seine-Saint-Denis, France) on 30.04.1991. Bishop of Tuléar (Madagascar) from 1959 to 1974.
- 7) **Mgr Arthur HORSTHUIS**, born in Diepenveen (Netherlands) on 17.07.1912, died in Boxtel (Netherlands) on 11.04.1979. Bishop of Jales (Brazil) from 1960 to 1968.
- 8) **Mgr Vasile CRISTEA**, born in Șomoștelnic (Romania) on 24.02.1906, died in Rome on 17.01.2000. Official bishop at the Congregation for Eastern Churches (Titular of Lebedo) from 1960 to 1987 and Apostolic Visitor of Romanian Greek Catholics in the Diaspora from 1963.
- 9) **Mgr Antónios VARTHALITIS**, born in Varis (Greece) on 01.01.1924, died in Athens (Greece) on 27.10.2007. Archbishop of Corfu from 1962 to 2003 and Apostolic Administrator of Thessalonica from 1992 to 2003.
- 10) **Mgr Méthodi STRATIEV**, born in Srem-Jambol (Bulgaria) on 11.01.1916, died in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 12.05.2006. Coadjutor (appointed in 1963 but ordained in 1965) then Apostolic Exarch of Sofia for Bulgarian Catholics of the Byzantine rite from 1971 to 1995.
- 11) **Mgr Samuel DJOUNDRINE**, born in Nicolaevo (Bulgaria) on 27.04.1920, died in Plovdiv (Bulgaria) on 19.03.1998. Bishop of Nicopoli from 1978 to 1994.
- 12) **Mgr Charles KAMBALE MBOGHA**, born in Kilubo (Belgian Congo) on 04.11.1942, died in Bukavu (R.D. Congo) on 09.10.2005. Bishop of Wamba (1990-1995), then Bishop of Isiro (1995-2001), then Archbishop of Bukavu from 2001 to his death (2005).
- 13) **Mgr Louis-Armel PELÂTRE**, born in Pancé (Ille-et-Vilaine, France) on 12.05.1940. Vicar Apostolic of Istanbul (Turkey) from 1992 to 2016.
- 14) **Mgr José Geraldo DA CRUZ**, born in Muriaé (Brazil) 08.08.1941, died in Muriaé 04.04.2022. Bishop of Juazeiro (Brazil) from 2003 to 2016.
- 15) **Mgr Benoît GSCHWIND**, born in Basel (Switzerland) on 30.09.1963. Bishop of Pamiers, Couserans and Mirepoix (France) since 2023.
- 16) **Mgr Fabien LEJEUSNE**, born in Tournai (Belgium) on October 28, 1973. Bishop of Namur (Belgium) since 2025.

Cross-sectional data :

Nationalities

- France = 5
- Bulgaria = 2
- Greece = 2
- Belgium = 2
- Brazil = 1
- Congo = 1
- Great Britain = 1
- Netherlands = 1
- Romania = 1

Country of episcopacy

- Greece = 3
- Belgium = 1
- Brazil = 2
- Bulgaria = 2
- Congo (D.R.) = 2
- France = 1
- Great Britain = 1
- Italy = 1
- Madagascar = 1
- Russia = 1
- Turkey = 1

Participation in Vatican II

- At all four sessions: NN.SS. Pierard, Vuccino, Beck, Cristea, Canonne and Varthalitis (as well as T.R.P. Wilfrid Dufault, Superior General).

- At the 1st and 2nd sessions: Mgr Horsthuis.

(Was prevented from coming to the Council: Mgr Stratiev)

Living = 3 (including 2 actives + 1 emeritus)