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Minutes of 119th General Assembly of CET

The 119th Ordinary General Assembly of the CET was held in Istanbul on 9-10 January 2025. The President of the CET Mgr. Martin KMETEC expressed his congratulations and good wishes and goodwill in his opening speech for the new assignments entrusted to them Mgr. Antuan ILGIT and Mgr. Vartan Kirakos KAZANJIAN who is senior high priest, appointed as Patriarchal Administrator of the Armenian Catholic Archdiocese of Turkey.

A noteworthy part of the meeting was that of the changes made to the current Turkish liturgy by a commission chaired by Mgr. Massimiliano PALINURO, and new versions of the Our Father and Hail Mary prayers were approved. The draft of the Rite Order, which will serve as a test for some time, and the prayers mentioned will be shared with our communities through the CET Secretariat as soon as possible.

During the meeting, the possible visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to Turkey on the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea was discussed and evaluated, and several programs would be held in the dioceses in view of the anniversary of the Council and the Jubilee Year of 2025. Following the sharing of Father Jean-Marc BALHAN, who was present at the meeting on behalf of the URT, the bishops made changes in several commissions within the CET. In this regard, Mgr. KAZANCIYAN was appointed as president of the National Commission for Youth and Dedicated Life. This responsibility was charged by Mgr. ILGIT. The presidency of the National Commission for Interreligious Dialogue, which had been assumed by the emeritus Archbishop Mgr. ZEKIYAN, was delegated to Mgr. KAZANCIYAN. The presidency of the Commission of Pastoral Care for Prisoners, previously presided by the emeritus Bishop Mgr. BİZZETİ, has passed to Msgr. PALINURO. It has been decided that Msgr. ILGIT, who is the President of the National Commission for Catechesis, will also deal with Preventive Measures for Children, Youth, Vulnerable Persons and Institutional Employees, in addition to this duty.

The Annual Ordinary Meeting of the General Secretaries of the Episcopal Conferences Resident in Europe will be held in Istanbul from 15 to 18 June 2025.

It has been decided that the 120th Ordinary General Assembly of the CET will be held in Istanbul on 19 and 20 June.

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