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## PRESS RELEASE

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop in Ordinary to Her Majesty's Forces, the Reverend Monsignor Charles Phillip Richard Moth, at present Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

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For the Attention of  
Rev. Mgr Andrew Summersgill  
General Secretary  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of  
England and Wales  
LONDON

Reverend Monsignor Charles Phillip Richard MOTH, MA, JCL, KCHS,  
VG.

Personal Data

- Born: 8 July 1958, in Chingola, Zambia. He came to England with his parents when he was two years old and lived in Edenbridge, Kent in the Diocese of Southwark.
- Education: 1963 – 1968: St Andrew’s Convent School, near Edenbridge, Kent.  
1969 – 1976: The Judd School (a Grammar School), in Tonbridge, Kent.
- Seminary: 1976 – 1982: St John’s Seminary, Wonersh, Nr Guildford, Surrey.
- Ordained Priest: 3 July 1982, at St John’s Seminary, Wonersh.
- 1982: Appointed Assistant Priest in the parish of Clapham Park, South London. In October 1982 he was also appointed a Judge for the Southwark Diocesan First Instance Metropolitan Tribunal.
- 1985 – 87: Further studies: Canon law at St Paul University, Ottawa, obtaining Licentiate in Canon Law, and subsequently an M.A. in Canon Law.
- 1987: Appointed Assistant Priest in the parish of Lewisham, South London. During his time in Lewisham he undertook a part-time appointment as Chaplain to the Royal Army Medical Corps Territorials. He also produced a “Handbook for Clergy on the 1983 Code of Canon Law”.
- 1992: Appointed Private Secretary to the Archbishop of Southwark, Vice-Chancellor, Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Diocesan Information Officer and Diocesan Vocations’ Director.
- 1994: Appointed President of the Interdiocesan Appeal Tribunal of Second Instance of Southwark.
- 1998: Appointed a Papal Chaplain to His Holiness.
- March 2001: Appointed Vicar General and Chancellor of Southwark.
21. June 2001: Appointed Prelate of Honour.
- 2003: Appointed Administrator of the parish of Holy Cross, Plumstead.
- 2006: Appointed Administrator of the parish of St Joseph and St Mary, Cray.