

Erection of the Eritrean Metropolitan Church sui iuris and the appointment of the first Metropolitan in Asmara

The Holy Father erected the Metropolitan Church sui iuris of Eritrean making it independent from the Metropolitan Arch Eparchy of Addis Ababa. The headquarters of the new Metropolitan Church is Asmara that has been elevated to Metropolitan Archeparchy.

The Holy Father appointed first Metropolitan S.E. Mons. Menghsteab Tesfamariam, MCCJ hitherto eparchial bishop of Asmara.

The Metropolitan Church sui iuris

The Metropolitan Church sui iuris, is governed by the Civil Code. 155-173 CCEO and in its canonical form is distinguished by having an ecclesiastical province headed by a Metropolitan.

The Metropolitan sui iuris Church within the boundaries of the same Church exercises her authority over other bishops, the clergy and the faithful in accordance with the decrees mentioned above. In his task, the metropolitan bishop (eparch) is assisted by other bishops assembled in council of hierarchs. This collective body of government has the legislative power, to present the list of possible candidates for the episcopacy for the subsequent appointment by the Roman Pontiff, the management of the liturgical norms, and all the other powers necessary for the government of the Church sui iuris provided by law.