

## Cardinal Sebastian Koto Khoarai, Sole Cardinal from Lesotho

Cardinal Sebastian Koto Khoarai, the first and only cardinal from Lesotho, died April 17 in Mazenod, Lesotho. He was 91.

For almost 40 years, he led the Diocese of Mohale's Hoek, submitting his resignation, as required by canon law, in 2006 when he reached age 75, but continuing to serve as apostolic administrator of the diocese until February 2014.

Born in the Diocese of Leribe, when it was part of the former British colony of Basutoland, now

Lesotho, he was baptized a Catholic at age 11.

After studying at local seminaries, he entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1950. He was ordained to the priesthood Dec. 21, 1956, two days after having baptized his father, according to his Vatican biography.

After holding various positions in seminaries in Lesotho, he was named pastor of the parish in Mount Royal Mission and then superior of the Oblates in Mazenod. He served as the Oblates' provincial as the country won its independence

from Britain in 1966.

In 1971, he was named vicar general of the Archdiocese of Maseru and pastor of the cathedral. In November 1977, St. Paul VI named him the first bishop of Mohale's Hoek and he was ordained the following April.

Pope Francis made him a cardinal in 2016 when Bishop Khoarai was already 87 and was unable to travel to Rome for the consistory. Celebrations were held in Mohale's Hoek and Lesotho King Letsie III was among those attending. —CNS

## Regis High School President Being Removed After Misconduct Allegations Involving Adults

The president of Regis High School in Manhattan is being removed after allegations he engaged in inappropriate and unwelcome verbal communications and physical conduct, all of a sexual nature, with adult members of the Regis community, including subordinates, according to a letter on the school's website.

Father Daniel Lahart, S.J., who has served as president of the all-boys school since 2016, was placed on administrative leave Feb. 28.

The board of trustees hired a third party in-

vestigator to investigate the matter, which determined the conduct was non-consensual and continued despite requests from the affected parties for it to cease, according to the April 11 letter addressed to the Regis community from Anthony DiNovi, chair of the school's board of trustees.

"Upon first learning of this conduct at the end of February, the Board immediately placed Fr. Lahart on administrative leave. Last week, the school notified Fr. Lahart that the Board—with the approval of the USA East Province of the So-

ciety of Jesus—intended to remove him for cause as President, which we expect will take effect on April 21..."

The letter said no further details about the investigation would be disclosed to protect the privacy of the individuals involved.

Christian Talbot, a 1993 alumnus of Regis, has been appointed interim president. Talbot served at the school from 2008 to 2012 in various roles, including as chair of the English department and English teacher.

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story of the Church's outreach around the world.

"Amazing things are being done," he said, noting the Church's mission work is not solely about humanitarian projects but also about communicating the faith.

A key focus, he added, is to help Catholics in developing nations or struggling areas to know "they are not alone: The whole Church is praying with them, walking with them."

Father Small has overseen the group's online curriculum in mission theology and its creation of the Missio USA "MassBot" which enabled users to request the offering of a Mass for their in-

tentions and receive messages from the missionary priest who celebrated the Mass and online updates of global missionary work.

During his tenure, Father Small said the Pontifical Mission Societies focused on new ways to communicate the Gospel message by hiring people with backgrounds in youth and young adult ministries and by providing more bilingual materials.

The Pontifical Mission Societies includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. —CNS

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ally disturbing, downright repulsive. Witness the dark night of the soul in individual saints. Right now the whole world seems to be going through a dark night of the soul."

That the journey to Easter always passes through Good Friday is an annual reminder that the divine love burning its way through history is harsh and dreadful as well as compassionate and merciful. Losing our grip on what Dorothy Day and Flannery O'Connor understood reduces Christianity to sentimentality. That is why all of us, sinners that we are, must pray daily, "Lord, have mercy."

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