

Curriculum Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi

His Eminence Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi was born in Rome on 11th October 1955. He entered the Seminary of Palestrina and attended preparatory courses for priesthood at the Pontifical Lateran University, where he obtained a Baccalaureate in Theology. He also graduated in literature and philosophy at the University of Rome, with a thesis on the History of Christianity.

He was ordained Priest for the diocese of Palestrina on 9th May 1981 and incardinated in the diocese of Rome on 15th November 1988 by Cardinal Ugo Poletti. In 2006 he was awarded the title of Chaplain to His Holiness.

He held the following positions: member of the Presbyteral Council from 1995 to 2012; deputy parish priest of Santa Maria in Trastevere from 1981 to 2000; and then parish priest of Santa Maria in Trastevere from 2000 to 2010. From 2005 to 2010 he was Prefect of the III Prefecture of Rome; from 2000 to 2012 General Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Community of Sant'Egidio. In 2012, he was transferred Torre Angela, a vast Roman suburb, in the parish of Saints Simon and Judas Thaddeus, one of the most populous parishes in the Pope's diocese. From 2011 to 2012, he was Prefect of the 17th Prefecture of Rome. He is also the author of several pastoral publications.

Appointed titular Bishop of Villanova and Auxiliary Bishop of Rome on 31st January 2012, he received episcopal consecration on 14th April of the same year. On 27 October 2015, he was appointed new Archbishop of Bologna by Pope Francis; the solemn entry took place on 12th December 2015.

He was appointed Cardinal by Pope Francis during the Angelus on Sunday 1st September 2019 and then Cardinal in St Peter's Basilica in the Consistory of 5th October 2019.

He is a Member of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development, the Dicastery for Evangelisation - Section for Fundamental Questions of Evangelisation in the World and the Office of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See.

Pope Francis appointed him President of the Italian Bishops' Conference on 24th May 2022.