

Vives affirms that the succession with Serrano Pentinat is on the right track

The co-prince highlights the essential role of the municipalities as institutions closest to the citizens



The co-prince Joan-Enric Vives greeting the Consul Major of Sant Julià de Lòria, Cerni Cairat, during the pastoral visit to the parish.

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The episcopal co-prince Joan-Enric Vives visited the Casa Comuna of Sant Julià de Lòria last Thursday morning, where he was received by the consuls Cerni Cairat and Sofia Cortesao, in addition to other members of the municipal corporation. During the meeting, Cairat recalled that this could be the last official visit of Vives to the parish, since last September he was appointed coadjutor

bishop Josep-Lluís Serrano, appointed successor of Vives. In relation to this fact, Vives explained: «We wanted my succession to be ready, taking care of the needs of Andorra, and it is being achieved».

Vives, who is already 75 years old, wanted to reassure the population by assuring that, should something happen to him, the coadjutor bishop is appointed to guarantee continuity. However, he emphasized that the succession will take place «when the Holy Father



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considers it appropriate» and has suggested that this process could last «a few months or a year and a half». Although these decisions depend on the pope, Vives remarked that «I have not been notified yet», so he estimates that the relief could have the aforementioned duration. In addition, he denied the rumors that placed October as the deadline for his withdrawal, stating: «For now, I'm still here and, apparently, I'm not leaving yet.»

The municipalities, a fundamental part of the country / During his speech, Vives valued the work of the municipalities, underlining the great responsibility they have as institutions closest to the population. Along these lines, the episcopal co-prince pointed out that «we often forget the dimension that the municipalities have» and recalled that these corporations are fundamental for participative democracy, in which people feel active. «The municipalities are closest to the citizens and they do us a great good», he assured.

Vives concluded by emphasizing that in politics «there must be room for love», especially for the most vulnerable, who must be a «priority». In this sense, Cairat emphasized that «the municipalities are the first line of care for the citizen through our competences and we will work to respond to the needs of basic services and lack of housing. ●

Collaboration to raise funds for the victims of Valencia

Vives and Chisvert send a message of condolence to the families

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SANT JULIÀ DELÒRIA

The episcopal co-prince of Andorra Joan Enric Vives announced that the Diocese of Urgell

has started a solidarity campaign to support those affected by DANA (Isolated Depression of High Levels) in the Valencian Country. Vives emphasized that «an extraordinary collection has been started to show our solidarity», adding that «Càritas Andorrana will certainly also be added». Along these lines, Reverend Pere Chisvert explained that «Caritas Andorrana

has called a meeting for Monday with the diocesan Caritas to coordinate our collaboration in both material and financial resources».

In addition, the Prince conveyed his condolences to the victims and explained that on Tuesday night he contacted the Archbishop of Valencia to know first-hand the situation: «On Tuesday night he informed me how

things were, but the magnitude of the tragedy that was seen the next day was still not appreciated.» In this sense, Vives sent «a sense of condolence to all the families affected by this great tragedy». For his part, Chisvert, of Valencian origin, shared his personal concern, adding that «fortunately, my whole family is fine, although my brother-in-law was stuck in the car in Silla and could not return home until the next day». Vives and Chisvert also recalled the floods of 1982, which caused great floods and serious consequences, stressing that Andorra also knows the suffering in the face of disasters of this kind. ●

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