

Public Address Regarding the Appointment as the Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Sacramento

Thank you, Bishop Soto, for this opportunity to express my appreciation for your warm reception, kind words, and prayerful support.

I would like to begin by thanking His Holiness, Pope Francis, for this appointment as Auxiliary Bishop to the Diocese of Sacramento. I also thank the Office of the Apostolic Nuncio for conveying Pope Francis' decision in regard to this appointment.

It is humbling to be called to this capacity of ministry of service to the Church; in particular, to the Diocese of Sacramento. As I prepare to leave the Diocese of Fresno, I thank God for the call to the Episcopacy and for the many blessings that I have experienced over 26 years of ordained priesthood among God's people. I thank God for the Bishops whom I have served under, along with the Clergy, Religious and Laity who have significantly contributed to my ongoing pastoral formation.

I now look forward to this transition to assist Bishop Soto and to work with the Pastoral Staff. As I anticipate my consecration as Auxiliary Bishop, I also look forward to meeting and sharing in the ministry that lies before us; working in union with the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Diocesan Church of Sacramento. Let us keep each other in prayer as we continue to seek God's will and build up the Kingdom of God.

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