

Statement from Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron on Bishop Flores

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“The years of Bishop Flores’ ministry here in the Archdiocese have been a great blessing. In particular he has placed the ministry to Hispanic Catholics here on a solid foundation. All of us have come to love him, and I know that he loves us. We are very sad to lose him, but we understand that his being sent to Brownsville is God’s will, for him, for the priests and people there, and for us. And so we rejoice! Bishop Flores has a remarkable grace of Christian fraternity, of being a brother. He has shared that gift with me personally, and I thank God and him for this blessing. He goes with the love and prayers of all us, his family in Detroit – where he will always find a ready welcome ‘back home.’”