



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Office of the Cardinal

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**Statement by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo on the announcement of
Bishop Joe S. Vaquez' appointment to be the fifth Bishop of Austin:**

I offer my deepest, heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Joe Vasquez on his appointment as Bishop of Austin. For eight years, he has blessed our Archdiocese with a clear vision for serving Christ's people. He has been a humble, joyful bishop and it as been a privilege to know him and to work with him as my chief collaborator in this local Church.

Though I take great pleasure in sharing the news of this episcopal appointment by our Holy Father, we will most certainly feel the loss of Bishop Vasquez in our Archdiocese. He has shown himself to be a generous and dedicated priest who brought a great sense of pastoral wisdom and administrative excellence to his ministry, most especially as Vicar General/Chancellor of our Archdiocese.

Our prayers are with you, Bishop Vasquez, as you begin this next phase of your journey with the Lord. Our love and respect go with you to Austin. May God bless you and may Our Lady of Guadalupe continue to guide and protect you as you love and lead the Church of Central Texas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

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