



**STATEMENT OF
THE MOST REVEREND ARMANDO X. OCHOA
ON THE APPOINTMENT OF
THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH V. BRENNAN
AS SIXTH BISHOP
OF THE DIOCESE OF FRESNO**



With Praise and Thanksgiving to All Mighty God, I am thrilled to inform you that today in Rome Our Holy Father Pope Francis announced the appointment of The Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan as my successor as Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno.

Over the years, I have come to know Bishop Brennan as a man of great faith, extraordinary talent, and love of his call to serve God's people with the heart of Christ. After seven wonderful years as Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno, I know that the clergy, religious men and women, and all God's people will welcome Bishop Brennan with open arms and open hearts.

Since his 2015 appointment as Auxiliary Bishop to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Bishop Brennan has served as the Episcopal Vicar of the San Fernando Pastoral Region, one of the five Pastoral Regions in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

He received a B.A. in Philosophy from St. John's Seminary College in 1976 and a Masters in Divinity from St. John's Seminary Theologate in 1980.

After his ordination to the priesthood, he served as associate pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Los Angeles, St. Linus in Norwalk and at the Cathedral of St. Vibiana in Los Angeles. Later on, he was a pastor at St. Linus in Norwalk and Holy Trinity in San Pedro. After becoming Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, he was in residence at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and at Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church.

He has been a Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus in California, a member of the Council of Priests and the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and sat on the Board of the Catholic Education Foundation, Williams Charitable Trust, and Together in Mission.

We look forward to officially receiving Bishop Brennan when he takes possession of the Diocese on May 1, 2019 and is installed as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno on May 2, 2019. Welcome Bishop Brennan!