

**REMARKS OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF THE MOST REVEREND ANDRES “ANDY” LIGOT
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ
OUR LADY OF LAVANG CHURCH – SAN JOSÉ, CA
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this day of joy for the Diocese of San José, it is my privilege and honor to represent the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and to give you the assurance of his spiritual closeness and affection.

The Pope has blessed you with the choice of Fr. Andy Ligot to be your Auxiliary Bishop—assisting Bishop Cantú in the governance of this local Church and the care of its people.

Bishop-elect Ligot, you present to this local Church a vision in which the law of God is a living expression of love—so that obedience to the Gospel’s demands becomes the path to compassion, and disciplined governance is aligned with caring hearts. As Pope Leo, who himself is trained in canon law, observed in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*: “Love for the poor—whatever the form their poverty may take—is the evangelical hallmark of a Church faithful to the heart of God.” That same union of truth and charity, of law and love, gives credibility to the Church’s witness and coherence to her pastoral life.

In the exercise of your episcopal ministry, you will be called to transmit the word of God, administer the law of the Church, and promote the common good—yet always in the spirit that the law finds its full meaning when it is lived out in charity. We entrust you, confident in the grace of the Holy Spirit, to serve this Diocese with integrity and tenderness, that all the faithful may experience in you a shepherd after the Heart of Christ.

Now, I will read, in English, the letter of appointment from the Holy Father.