

Statement of Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS, on the appointment of Bishop Edward Burns as bishop of the Diocese of Dallas

I, and all the faithful of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, welcome and congratulate Bishop Edward Burns on his appointment by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as shepherd of the Diocese of Dallas.

Bishop Burns most recently served as prelate of the Diocese of Juneau, Alaska, and I look forward to working closely with him as he joins the Province of San Antonio and comes to learn about and love the Church in Texas, as did his predecessor, Cardinal Kevin Farrell.

Bishop Burns, originally a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, brings to the Lone Star State a wealth of diverse ministry experience, previously serving as a seminary rector, leading a diocesan permanent diaconate program, and working extensively in priestly and clergy formation.

Nationally, he led the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Office for the Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations for nearly a decade prior to his episcopal appointment. He currently serves as chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People, and as a member of the Board of Directors for Catholic Relief Services.

I look forward to celebrating the Mass of installation for Bishop Burns in Dallas on February 9, and I will bring the prayers and best wishes of the people of San Antonio with me to that liturgy.