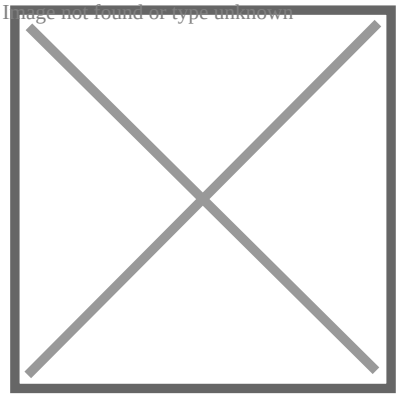


Bishop Vann Congratulates L.a. Archdiocese on Appointments

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In the name of the Diocese of Orange, I wish to offer the prayers, good wishes and congratulations to Archbishop Gomez and all of our good neighbors and friends in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles upon the announcement that Pope Francis has appointed Bishops Elect Joseph Brennan, David O'Connell and Robert Barron as the new auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Many of the priests and faithful here in the Diocese of Orange will already know Bishops elect Brennan and O'Connell through St. John's Seminary in Camarillo and other pastoral endeavors in the Archdiocese that we have participated in. Bishop elect Barron is certainly well known through his column which we publish in the Orange County Catholic and his many contemporary evangelization endeavors such as "Word on Fire." I have known him from my home Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the Province of Chicago. He also gave a very well received workshop for the priests in Fort Worth a number of years ago. Thanks to Auxiliary Bishop Gerald Wilkerson whose retirement is announced today as well. His kindness and care is known to many, and I am particularly grateful for his encouragement these past years to me. Certainly we pray for the new Bishops elect today, especially that Our Lady of the Angels may pray for them and all of us in this joyful time for the Church in Southern California and the Province of Los Angeles. May the Lord bless us all. +*The Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange*

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