



# Diocese of Austin

## **Rev. Daniel E. Garcia appointed auxiliary bishop**

AUSTIN – Today we received great news from Holy Father Pope Francis: he has appointed Vicar General Daniel E. Garcia as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Austin. This is the first time in the 67-year history of the Diocese of Austin that an auxiliary bishop has been appointed to serve in the diocese.

An auxiliary bishop assists the bishop in carrying out his duties and responsibilities as the chief shepherd of the diocese.

Bishop Joe S. Vásquez will hold a press conference at 10 a.m. today at the diocesan Pastoral Center in Austin.

Bishop Vásquez appointed then-Father Danny Garcia as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia on March 3, 2014. (The Curia is the collective body of persons and offices assisting the diocesan bishop in governing the diocese.)

Bishop-elect Garcia was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Austin on May 28, 1988, by Bishop John E. McCarthy. He was born on Aug. 30, 1960 as the eldest of four children of Daniel Castilleja Garcia, Jr. and the late Sarah Muñoz Garcia. He grew up in Cameron. He is bilingual in Spanish and English.

He earned an associate of arts degree from Tyler Junior College in 1982. He earned a bachelor of arts in Philosophy from St. Mary's Seminary at the University of St. Thomas in Houston in 1984 and earned a master's of Divinity from the same university in 1988. He earned a master's of arts in Liturgical Studies in 2007 from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

Bishop-elect Garcia has served in a variety of roles in the Diocese of Austin. His first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Austin, followed by Cristo Rey Parish in Austin and St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin. He briefly served at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Humble in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. In 1995, he was named Founding Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin, leading the parish from its inception through multiple building projects until his appointment as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia in 2014.

Over the years, he has served as Vocation Director and Master of Ceremonies for the Bishop. He has served on various diocesan committees, was a member of the Diocesan Vocation Team, Liturgical Commission, Diaconal Advisory Committee, Presbyteral Council, College of Consultors and Priests' Personnel Board. He has also served as Chair of the Presbyteral Council and as Dean of the Austin North Deanery.

Bishop-elect Garcia will be ordained as auxiliary bishop on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

Please visit [www.austindiocese.org](http://www.austindiocese.org) for more information.

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*The Roman Catholic Diocese of Austin includes 127 parishes, or faith communities, in 25 counties in Central Texas. The diocese stretches over 21,000 square miles from West, Texas, (near Waco) in the north to San Marcos in the south to the Bryan/College Station area in the east to Mason in the west. Its largest metropolitan areas are Austin, Bryan/College Station, the Killeen/Temple/Belton area and Waco. More than 110,000 Catholic families live in the diocese, approximately 549,420 Catholics. There are 219 priests, 209 deacons, 36 brothers and 86 sisters serving in the diocese.*