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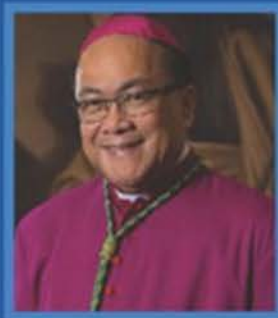
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LETTER FROM BISHOP OSCAR CANTÚ

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Diocese of San José is blessed. We are most blessed to have been given an auxiliary bishop to help in pastoring our diverse and gifted diocese. We give thanks to God today for the election of Bishop Andy Ligot to serve the Diocese of San José as Auxiliary Bishop. We are most grateful to Pope Leo XVI for appointing Bishop Andy to continue to serve among us, in a new and expanded capacity.

This is indeed a time of celebration among us. Over the past four or five years our diocese has embarked on a synodal journey, convoking our first ever diocesan synod, creating a pastoral plan to guide our pastoral and administrative efforts over the next several years, and have begun in earnest to implement the plan and raise seed funding for this increased, focused activity in our Church.

In 2031 the Diocese of San José celebrates its 50th anniversary. This coincides with the 500th anniversary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness (together with Saint Joseph) that we have adopted to help guide our pastoral plan. Two years later, in 2033, the universal Church will celebrate the 2000 years since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

La Diócesis de San José es bendecida. Nos sentimos muy bendecidos por haber recibido un obispo auxiliar para ayudarnos a pastorear nuestra diversa y talentosa diócesis. Hoy damos gracias a Dios por la elección del Obispo Andy Ligot para servir a la Diócesis de San José como Obispo Auxiliar. Estamos muy agradecidos al Papa León XVI por nombrar al Obispo Andy para que continúe sirviendo entre nosotros, en una nueva y amplia función.

Este es, sin duda, un momento de celebración entre nosotros. Durante los últimos cuatro o cinco años, nuestra diócesis ha emprendido un camino sinodal, convocando nuestro primer sínodo diocesano, creando un plan pastoral para guiar nuestros esfuerzos pastorales y administrativos durante los próximos años, y hemos comenzado seriamente a implementar el plan y a recaudar fondos iniciales para esta actividad más intensa y enfocada en nuestra Iglesia.

En 2031, la Diócesis de San José celebra su 50^º aniversario. Esto coincide con el 500^º aniversario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona (junto con San José) que hemos adoptado para guiar nuestro plan pastoral. Dos años después, en 2033, la Iglesia universal celebrará los 2000 años de la muerte y resurrección de Jesucristo.

Kính gửi quý Anh Chị Em trong Chúa Ki-tô,

Giáo Phận San José thật sự được Thiên Chúa chúc phúc. Chúng ta thật may mắn khi được ban cho một giám mục phụ tá để giúp dẫn dắt giáo phận đa dạng và tài năng của chúng ta. Hôm nay, chúng con xin tạ ơn Thiên Chúa vì đã chọn Giám Mục Andy Ligot làm Giám Mục Phụ Tá cho Giáo Phận San José của chúng con. Chúng con cũng xin gửi lời cảm ơn sâu sắc nhất đến Đức Thánh Cha Lêô XVI vì đã bổ nhiệm Giám Mục Andy để tiếp tục phục vụ trong cộng đoàn chúng con, trong vai trò mới với nhiều trách nhiệm hơn.

Đây chính là thời điểm đặc biệt để chúng ta cùng nhau kỷ niệm. Trong suốt bốn, năm năm qua, giáo phận chúng ta đã bắt đầu tiến trình công nghị, triệu tập tiến trình công nghị giáo phận đầu tiên, tạo kế hoạch mục vụ để dẫn dắt những nỗ lực mục vụ và hành chánh của chúng ta trong nhiều năm tới, và đã bắt đầu một cách nghiêm túc để thực hiện kế hoạch và gây quỹ cho hoạt động trọng điểm, tăng cường này trong Giáo Hội của chúng ta.

Trong năm 2031, Giáo Phận San José sẽ kỷ niệm 50 năm thành lập. Sự kiện này trùng với lễ kỷ niệm 500 năm Đức Mẹ Guadalupe hiện ra. Chúng ta đã chọn Đức Mẹ Guadalupe, thánh bảo trợ (cùng với Thánh Giuse) để giúp hướng dẫn kế hoạch mục vụ của chúng ta. Hai năm sau, vào năm 2033, Giáo Hội hoàn vũ sẽ kỷ niệm 2000 năm kể từ ngày Chúa Giê-su Ki-tô chịu chết và phục sinh.

Thus, we have much to prepare our hearts, lives, and diocese for; much to celebrate in the coming years. It is in this light that we especially give thanks to God and to Pope Leo for the gift of Bishop Andy Ligot!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

St. Clare, pray for us!

Así pues, tenemos muchas razones para preparar nuestros corazones, vidas y diócesis; mucho que celebrar en los próximos años. ¡Es en este contexto que damos gracias especialmente a Dios y al Papa León por el don del Obispo Andy Ligot!

¡San José, ruega por nosotros!

¡Santa Clara, ruega por nosotros!

Vì vậy, chúng ta còn nhiều điều phải chuẩn bị, từ trái tim, cuộc sống đến giáo phận của chúng ta, để đón chào sự kiện trọng đại này; có rất nhiều điều để cùng nhau kỷ niệm trong những năm sắp tới. Trong bối cảnh này, chúng con đặc biệt tạ ơn Thiên Chúa và Đức Thánh Cha Lêô vì đã ban cho chúng con món quà là Giám Mục Andy Ligot!

Xin Thánh Giuse cầu nguyện cho chúng con!

Xin Thánh Clare cầu nguyện cho chúng con!

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MOST REV. ANDRÉS C. LIGOT, JCD, DD

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Most Reverend Andrés Ligot, JCD, DD

Second Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José

May the Lord Bless Your New Ministry to the People of God of the Diocese of San José





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Most Reverend Andrés C. Ligot, J.C.D., D.D.
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THE SYMBOLS A BISHOP WEARS AND WHY



SPANISH



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Ordination day looks beautiful from the pews: the vestments, the music, prayers and the ritual. Look closer and you'll notice a handful of simple things the Church places on a new bishop. They're not props. They hint at how a bishop lives his ministry among us here in Santa Clara Valley.

Miter



The tall, two-peaked headdress is worn when a bishop presides and set aside for prayer in humility. The two “shields” and trailing fabric strips (lappets) are traditionally linked to the Old and New Testaments. A reminder that the bishop teaches with the light of God’s Word and the fire of the Holy Spirit. In the liturgy, the miter quietly signals responsibility under the Word he proclaims.

Episcopal Ring



Given during the rite, the ring signifies a covenant bond with the local Church, enduring fidelity to the Gospel and a lifelong “yes” to the people entrusted to the bishop’s care. Like a wedding band, it points to steadfast love and responsibility to guard the Church’s faith. Many bishops wear the ring daily as a quiet, tangible promise kept.

Zucchetto (skullcap)



The purple zucchetto signifies episcopal consecration and communion with the college of bishops. It is removed at moments of solemn prayer, especially during the Eucharistic Prayer, to express reverence before the Lord’s presence. Color denotes rank in the Church’s family: white for the pope, red for cardinals, purple for bishops.

Put together, these five signs sketch a picture of a bishop: teacher under the Word, shepherd with others, faithful to his people, anchored at the Cross, prayerful before the Lord.

Crozier (pastoral staff)

Curved like a shepherd’s crook, the crozier proclaims vigilant care: seeking the lost, protecting the weak, guiding the flock and going after the one who’s missing. Presented at ordination, it signifies pastoral responsibility within a particular Church. For an auxiliary bishop, the crozier expresses shared shepherding in communion with the diocesan bishop of the people of the local Church.



Pectoral Cross



Worn close to the heart, the pectoral cross keeps the Paschal Mystery at the center of episcopal life. Traditionally suspended from a silk cord at liturgy (and a chain with clerical dress), some crosses include an amethyst long associated with bishops. The message is simple and demanding: leadership in the Church flows from the Cross, not from privilege.



Congratulations

Most Reverend Andrés C. Ligot

on your ordination as a
bishop and appointment
by the Holy Father Pope
Leo XIV as

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*Greetings from the Philippines and from our Family Around the World
to our dearest brother, Bishop-Elect Andy Ligot*

With hearts overflowing with joy and pride, we—your sisters Bernadette and Maria Regina, together with our families—send you our warmest love and heartfelt congratulations on your Episcopal Ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose and Titular Bishop of Croae.

Though we cannot be physically present on this blessed day, please know that we are united with you in prayer and thanksgiving, following every moment of the celebration through the livestream from the Philippines. From across the miles, we share your joy and lift up our hearts in gratitude to God for His wondrous work in your life.

From Singapore, Australia, Canada, and the United States, our many nephews and their families will join you in your episcopal ordination. We celebrate this milestone not only as your family but as witnesses to your life of faith, love, and humble service to God and His Church.

May the Lord who began His good work in you continue to bless you abundantly in your new ministry as Shepherd of His people. May Our Lady, whom you have always loved so dearly, keep you under her maternal protection as you begin this new chapter of your priestly journey.

With all our love, prayers, and blessings—

Bernadette and Maria Regina Ligot on behalf of your loving family from the Philippines, Singapore, Australia, Canada, and the United States

**The Diocese of Orange joyfully extends its
congratulations and prayers to Bishop-elect
Andrés Ligot on his appointment as
Auxiliary Bishop of San Jose.**



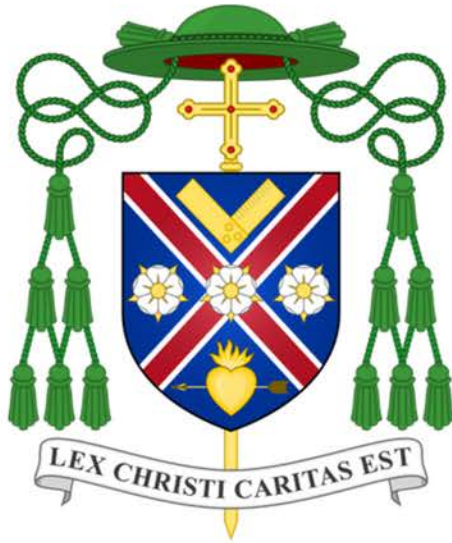
The Most Reverend Andres C. Ligot, JCD

The Faithful of the Diocese of Stockton welcome you and congratulate you on your appointment as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José.

The Diocese of San Jose is blessed to have you. As you begin your ministry, be assured of our prayers of fraternal support.

*In the Peace of Christ,
+Myron J. Cotta
Roman Catholic Bishop of Stockton*

A VISUAL MISSION BISHOP ANDRES' EPISCOPAL COAT OF ARMS AND MOTTO



Bishop Andres C. Ligot's coat of arms tells a story before a single word is spoken. Its blue and white colors echo two homes of the heart—the Philippines and the United States—signaling the journey that formed him and the community he now serves as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José.

At the center, two red bars arranged as a cross (a saltire) honor Saint Andrew the Apostle—Bishop Andres's namesake. The placement isn't ornamental; it points to a life patterned on the Apostle's readiness to bring people to Christ. In the upper left (dexter chief) a gold carpenter's square evokes Saint Joseph, patron of our diocese: steady, faithful, and practical in love. It's a quiet nod to the place where Bishop Andres was ordained a priest and now returns as a bishop to serve.

On the opposite side, a gold flaming heart pierced by an arrow recalls Saint Augustine's burning love for God—restless until it rests in Him—and, fittingly, the Augustinian family. Pope Leo XIV, an Augustinian, appointed Bishop Andres; the heart acknowledges that spiritual lineage. The flames also speak to Bishop Andres's formation in canon law—law set ablaze by charity, not cooled by legalism.

Three white roses complete the shield. They honor Mary under titles close to his heart: Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Immaculate Conception, and Our Lady, Cause of Our Joy. Each rose is a petition in bloom—protection for the vulnerable, purity of intention, joy in the Gospel.

Above the shield sits the full episcopal "achievement": the green hat (galero) with six tassels on each side, the sign of the episcopal rank; the processional cross rising behind the shield, reminding us that a bishop leads from the Cross; and, beneath, the scroll bearing his motto: *Lex Christi Caritas Est*—"The law of Christ is love."

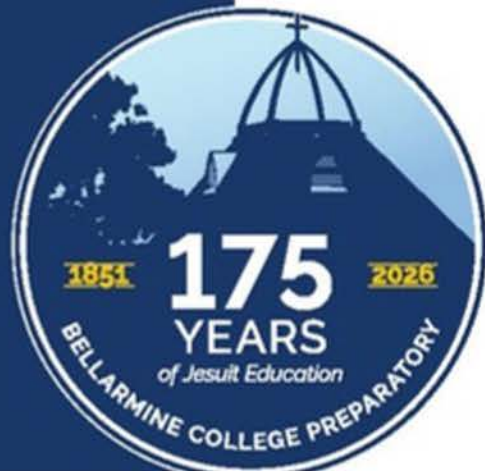
That line, drawn from the spirit of Galatians 5:14, guides the whole design. For Bishop Ligot, law is the servant of communion. Rules exist to safeguard the dignity of the person, protect the weak, and keep the Church moving together toward Christ. In practice, the motto becomes a pastoral method: listen before speaking, tell the truth with mercy, choose service over status.

Taken together, arms and motto offer a simple compass for his ministry in Santa Clara Valley: rooted in Mary's care, measured by Joseph's fidelity, fired by Augustine's love, and always under the rule of Christ's charity.

The Coat of Arms was designed by: Msgr. John B. Brillantes, Adviser of Escudos Ecclesiasticos Philippines.

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BISHOP-ELECT ANDRES C. LIGOT

ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SAN JOSÉ

May Mother Mary continue to guide and bless him

BIOGRAPHY



SPANISH



VIETNAMESE



Bishop-elect Andres “Andy” C. Ligot serves the Diocese of San José as Vicar General/Chancellor and Pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Parish in Milpitas. On August 29, 2025, Pope Leo XIV appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of San José, recognizing a priestly ministry marked by pastoral care, juridical expertise, and quiet fidelity to the people of God.

Born on November 30, 1965, in Laoag City, Philippines, to Ismael Ligot and Eulalia Cantoria, he was baptized in January 1966 at Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Bacarrá, Ilocos Norte. His formation began close to home—St. Mary’s Seminary (Laoag) for high school and San Pablo College Seminary (Baguio), where he earned a B.A. in Philosophy and a minor in Sociology (1986).

Bishop-elect Ligot taught Philosophy at the Manila Central University in Manila before entering San José Seminary at the Ateneo de Manila University for his first two years of theological studies. He was later sent to Pamplona, Spain, to attend the Colegio Ecclesiastico Internacional Bidasoa, an International Seminary, where he completed his seminary formation in 1992. He finished all academic units in the M.A. in Philosophy program (1988) at the University of Santo Tomas (Manila).

On June 14, 1992, he was ordained a priest at Saint Peter’s Basilica by Pope Saint John Paul II for the Diocese of Laoag in the Philippines. Bishop-elect Ligot’s assignments after ordination in the Philippines, included parochial vicar at Saint Andrew Parish in Bacarra Ilocos Norte, parochial vicar at Saint William Cathedral in Laoag City, director of the Diocese of Laoag’s Commission on Christian Education, and the national coordinator for “Evangelization 2000” — a universal church project aimed to rejuvenate and spread the Christian faith in anticipation of the third millennium. He was also the director of the national office for the Catholic School of Evangelization for Asia in Manila



From 1995 to 1999, he served as director of the Casa Sacerdotal Padre Baraee and chaplain of the University Medical Center at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain. He holds an M.A. in Sacred Theology (1992), a Licentiate in Canon Law (JCL) (1997), and a Doctorate in Canon Law (JCD) (1999) from the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain.

After completing his doctorate, Bishop-elect Ligot came to the United States in the summer of 1999, where he served at the Church of Nativity in Menlo Park and a chaplain at the Veterans Medical Center in San Francisco. Bishop Patrick McGrath asked him to work at the Tribunal first as Defender of the Bond and later as Judge. After three years in the Tribunal, he was assigned as Parochial Vicar at Saint John Vianney Parish from 2003 to 2005. He was incardinated into the Diocese of San José on March 30, 2004.

His diocesan assignments included: Parochial Vicar at Saint John Vianney (2003–2005); Pastor at Saint Lawrence the Martyr (2005–2009); Judicial Vicar (2008–2021); Pastor at Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (2021–present); and Vicar General/Chancellor (2023–present). He ministers in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Ilocano.

Away from the tribunal bench and the parish, Bishop-elect Ligot is known for his love of travel and for organizing pilgrimages—especially across Europe—with friends and parishioners. One day, he hopes to make a long road trip across the United States to visit national parks and monuments—a pastor’s vacation with a teacher’s curiosity.



The Most Reverend



The Saint Elizabeth Parish Community rejoices with our Pastor and gives thanks to God on this blessed day of his Episcopal Ordination. He is an inspiration to all of us. We are grateful for his generous heart and willingness to shepherd God's people.



As one Parish Family we join in thanksgiving for the gift of ministry of our Pastor, now as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Jose. We love you Bishop Andres "Andy" Ligot.

ANDRES C. LIGOT, JCD, DD

Titular Bishop of Croae

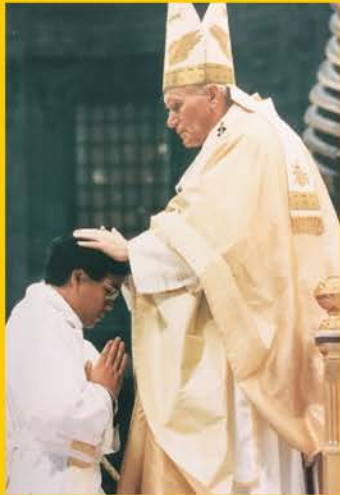
Auxiliary Bishop of San Jose in California

Pastor, St. Elizabeth of Portugal Church, Milpitas, CA





PATH OF GRACE...



On June 14, 1992, Bishop-elect Andres Ligot was ordained a priest at Saint Peter's Basilica by Pope Saint John Paul II for the Diocese of Laoag in the Philippines.



Most Reverend Andres Ligot's paternal uncle, Bishop Victorino Ligot, First Bishop of the Diocese of San Fernando, La Union, Philippines.

HIS ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL YEARS



.... Bishop-elect Andres Ligot is at top row, third child from the right.



.... Bishop-elect Andres Ligot is at top row, at far right in front of the back gate.



.... Bishop-elect Andres Ligot at top row, at far right next to post.

BISHOP ELECT ANDY LIGOT AROUND THE DIOCESE AND BEYOND...



.... as Judicial Vicar for the Diocesan Tribunal.



....in attendance at the Canon Law Society of America Conference.



... at his installation as Pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Portugal.



...with Diocese of San José's Filipino priests during their Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome.



...OVER THE YEARS



... on a visit at his alma mater, San Pablo Seminary (Baguio), where he earned a B.A. in Philosophy and a minor in Sociology (1986).



...with the Most Reverend Jacinto "Jack" Jose, Bishop of Urdaneta, Bishop-elect Ligot's Rector at Saint Mary's Seminary in the Diocese of Laoag, who influenced him during his high school formative years.



...with two of his seminary professors and formation directors who guided him at San Pablo Seminary.

BISHOP-ELECT LIGOT WITH HIS FAMILY



Congratulations Bishop Andrés Ligot

*on your appointment as Auxiliary Bishop for the
Diocese of San José*

As you embark on this journey, know that we hold you in our hearts and prayers. Thank you for your ministry, guidance and partnership with the Foundation over the years.

May your ministry be filled with wisdom, compassion, and the guiding light of the Holy Spirit as you shepherd the people of our Diocese.

With gratitude and prayers, from all of us at



THE CATHOLIC
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Dear Auxiliary Bishop Andrés Ligot,

With hearts full of grace and thanksgiving, we congratulate you on your ordination as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José! We at St. Christopher join with our brothers and sisters across the Diocese to celebrate this moment with great joy and pray for your continued success as you lead with Bishop Cantú.

As you begin this new chapter of your ministry for the Diocese, we want to share how deeply we value your presence, your leadership, and your vocation. As you step into the role of auxiliary bishop, we offer not only our support, but also our eagerness to walk alongside you as you work to shepherd the people of the Diocese of San José.

St. Christopher is a community rooted in faith and strengthened by nearly 75 years of tradition. All of us—families, youth, elders, students, religious, staff, and laity—are united in Christ and look forward to the ways the Lord will work through you and among us following your ordination.

We understand that leadership in the Church today is both a sacred call and a great responsibility. Please know that we are praying for you as you assume the office of auxiliary bishop. We pray for wisdom in your decisions, strength in your calling, peace in your heart, and may the Holy Spirit guide your every step.

In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to sharing our ministries, stories, and love for the Church with you. May your time with us be marked by collaboration, spiritual renewal, and deep joy.

Welcome, Auxiliary Bishop Andy! We thank God for you.

Many Blessings,

Fr. Christopher Bennett, Andrew Armann,
and the entire St. Christopher Community



Congratulations! *Bishop-Elect Ligot!*

With joyful hearts, the St. Simon Parish and School community joins the Diocese of San José in giving thanks to God for the appointment of Bishop-Elect Andrés C. Ligot.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you in your ministry, filling your heart with wisdom, compassion, and peace as you shepherd the people of God in our diocese.

As one community of faith—parish and school united—we celebrate this blessed moment and offer our prayers of thanksgiving and support.

May your service continue to inspire and reflect Christ's love in all you do.

Blessings from the St. Simon Parish & School Community,
Pastoral and School Staff, Clergy,
Ann Kozlovsky, Principal, and Fr. Brendan McGuire, Pastor



ROLE OF AN AUXILIARY BISHOP



ONE VISION, MANY HANDS

How an Auxiliary Helps the Church Flourish



SPANISH



VIETNAMESE

In the Catholic Church, an auxiliary bishop is given to a diocese to help the diocesan bishop—the “ordinary”—pastor the people of God. The mission is simple and demanding: share the shepherd’s work so the Gospel can take deeper root in every parish, school, and ministry.

An auxiliary bishop is ordained a bishop and serves in full communion with the ordinary. He preaches, celebrates the sacraments, and is often entrusted with confirmations, parish visits, and special pastoral projects. He may oversee a region of the diocese or specific priorities—clergy support, Catholic education, Hispanic ministry, or youth and young adults—so that care for the faithful is personal, timely, and consistent.

What distinguishes the auxiliary from the ordinary is governance. The ordinary holds the cathedra in the cathedral church and bears full responsibility for teaching, sanctifying, and governing the local Church. He sets the diocesan vision, makes final decisions, and is the principal sign of unity. The auxiliary assists the ordinary in all of his delegated tasks. He does not lead the diocese in his own name, nor does he automatically succeed the ordinary; rather, he serves as a close collaborator and trusted partner, promising respect and obedience to the diocesan bishop.

Practically, this collaboration looks like teamwork. While the ordinary convenes and directs the broader pastoral plan—here in the Diocese of San José, “Renewed in Christ, Together in Mission”—the auxiliary helps that plan land: accompanying pastors, strengthening ministries, confirming young people, listening to communities, and supporting formation. In a fast-moving region like the Santa Clara Valley, the auxiliary’s presence ensures the bishop’s care reaches farther and more frequently.

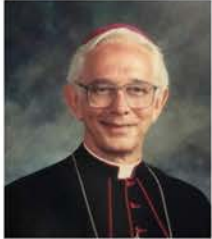
Put simply, the ordinary is the chief shepherd of the diocese; the auxiliary is a brother shepherd who extends that care. Together, they invite our local Church into deeper communion with Christ and more generous service to our neighbors.



BISHOPS OF SAN JOSÉ



SPANISH VIETNAMESE



Founding Bishop Pierre DuMaine

Founding Bishop of San José (1981–1999)

Appointed on January 27, 1981, Bishop Pierre DuMaine led the newly created Diocese of San José through its formative years, establishing the essential structures, offices, and ministries needed to serve a rapidly growing Catholic community in Silicon Valley. Previously an Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, he brought a pastor's heart and a teacher's mind, contributing nationally to conversations on science, culture, and faith. He guided parish development, supported Catholic education, and fostered lay leadership. Bishop DuMaine retired in 1999 and died on June 13, 2019.



Bishop Emeritus Patrick J. McGrath

*Bishop of San José (1999–2019);
Coadjutor (1998–1999)*

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Patrick Joseph McGrath was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 1970, earned a doctorate in canon law in 1977, and served as Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco from 1989 to 1998 before being named Coadjutor and then Bishop of San José. His two decades of leadership emphasized Catholic education, stewardship, parish vitality, and collaborative ministry across a diverse local church. He retired in 2019 and died on May 7, 2023, remembered for steady pastoral care and a welcoming spirit.



Bishop Thomas A. Daly

Auxiliary Bishop of San José (2011–2015)

A Bay Area native and priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Bishop Thomas Anthony Daly was ordained in 1987 and served as parish pastor, archdiocesan vocations director, and president of Marin Catholic High School before his episcopal ministry. Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of San José in 2011, he assisted the diocese with confirmations, priestly support, Catholic schools, and seminary formation during a period of rapid regional growth. In 2015 he was appointed the seventh Bishop of Spokane, where he continues to emphasize evangelization, vocations, Catholic education, and parish life.



Bishop Oscar Cantú

*Bishop of San José (2019–present);
Coadjutor (2018–2019)*

Bishop Oscar Cantú became the third Bishop of San José on May 1, 2019, after service as Coadjutor beginning in 2018. A native of Houston, he was ordained in 1994, served as Auxiliary Bishop of San Antonio (2008–2013), and then as Bishop of Las Cruces (2013–2018). In San José he has focused on spiritual renewal, evangelization, the Eucharist, and outreach to families, youth, and young adults, while contributing nationally through leadership in Hispanic ministry and statewide through service with the California Catholic Conference.



CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop

“Andy” Ligot!

Auxiliary Bishop of San José

The Parish and School Families of Saint Clare of Assisi

CONGRATULATIONS,
BISHOP ANDY LIGOT!



With joy and gratitude, the parishioners and staff of the Church of the Resurrection celebrate your ordination to episcopacy.

May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you on co-shepherding our Diocese of San Jose with wisdom, compassion, love and faith.

*Fr. Father Mark Gazzingan
Parishioners and Staff of
the Church of the Resurrection Parish.*

CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP ANDY!

With great joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the sacred occasion of your Episcopal Ordination. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen you. May your ministry be filled with wisdom, compassion, and grace, and may your leadership inspire and uplift all those entrusted to your care.



WITH PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES AND
HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS,
HOLY SPIRIT PARISH





The Vietnamese Catholic Community in the
Diocese of San José
joyfully extends heartfelt congratulations to

Most Rev. Andrés "Andy" C. Ligot, JCD

on the occasion of his Episcopal Ordination
as Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San José
At Our Lady of La Vang Catholic Church
On November 3, 2025



Congratulations

Most Reverend Andres C. Ligot, JCD, DD



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YOUR EXCELLENCY, MOST REV. ANDRÉS C. LIGOT



On behalf of the staff and parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in San José, I extend our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your episcopal ordination.

We rejoice with you and with the whole Church as you receive this sacred mission to shepherd the People of God with love and fidelity. May the words of the Lord inspire and guide you always:

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15)

Be assured of our prayers for your ministry—that the Good Shepherd may grant you wisdom, strength, and joy in serving His flock.

In Christ, Rev. Hugo Rojas, Pastor & Rev. Andrey Garcia, Parochial Vicar



On behalf of the staff and parishioners of
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish



ABOUT THE DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ



SPANISH



VIETNAMESE

The Diocese of San José in California serves all of Santa Clara County, forming missionary disciples and serving those in need across Silicon Valley. Established in 1981, the Diocese is centered at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph in downtown San José. From the establishment of Mission Santa Clara de Asís (1777) in the “Valley of the Heart’s Delight” to today’s Silicon Valley, our local Church accompanies a dynamic, diverse community across Santa Clara County amid the opportunities and challenges of rapid growth and innovation. We worship in 15 languages each Sunday and are advancing our pastoral plan for spiritual renewal — “Renewed in Christ, Together in Mission”— as we journey toward our 50th anniversary in 2031.

FOOTPRINT (AT A GLANCE)

General Population: just over 1.9 million

Catholic faithful: 513,000

Communities: 49 parishes • 3 missions

• 1 pastoral center

Catholic schools: 27 elementary, and 6 high schools serving 13,688 Pre-K to 12th grade students

2024 sacraments: 4,784 Baptisms

• 3,525 First Communions • 2,859 Confirmations • 611 Marriages • Employees (diocesan, parishes, and schools): 1,997

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Other Catholic institutions: 2 cemeteries

• 1 Catholic university • 1 social services agency • 1 home for the aged

CLERGY & FORMATION

Priests: 97 active diocesan • 172 religious • 19 externs • 41 retired

Permanent Deacons: 41

Religious: 28 brothers • 219 sisters

Seminarians: 6

CURRENT LEADERSHIP

Bishop of San José: The Most Rev. Oscar Cantú

Auxiliary Bishop & Vicar General/Chancellor:

Andres C. Ligot, J.C.D.

Chief Operating Officer: Rosio Gonzales

Statistics current as of Aug. 2025. Source: Kenedy Directory and Diocese of San José Impact Report.



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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Lord calls people to mission in Santa Clara Valley through families, schools, and parishes like ours. During National Vocation Awareness Week, please join the Diocese of San José in praying for holy marriages, dedicated single life, and generous hearts for priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

A Simple Daily Prayer

Lord Jesus, send holy vocations to serve your Church in the Diocese of San José.

Open our hearts to your call; give us courage to say "yes."

Bless our families, strengthen our pastors, and raise up shepherds after your own Heart.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Saint Joseph, protect us. Amen.

Encourage a Call

- **Say the words.** "Have you ever thought about priesthood or religious life? I think you'd be good at it."
- **Invite.** Bring a young person to meet your pastor or a sister/brother, or attend a discernment retreat.

Thinking about a vocation?

- Contact our Vocations Office. **www.dsj.org/vocations** | **(408) 983-0125**
- Meet our seminarians and religious by contacting us!

CONGRATULATIONS

TO MOST REV. ANDRES "ANDY" C. LIGOT

AUXILIARY BISHOP - DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ

On behalf of the clergy, staff, and parishioners of Saint Nicholas and Saint William Parish in Los Altos, we are delighted that Pope Leo XIV has chosen you as a successor of the Apostles to serve as a compassionate and wise shepherd to the people the Diocese of San José. We offer you our prayers and support as you take on this new role of spiritual leadership of the Catholic faithful in the Valley of St. Clare.

REV. MATTHEW D. STANLEY, PASTOR



Saint John Vianney Parish and School congratulates Bishop Andy! God bless his episcopal ministry with the same joy he shared with us.



*Bishop-Elect Andrés C. Ligot,
St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish & School joyfully
celebrate your historic appointment!*

May God richly bless this new chapter of your ministry. May Christ walk beside you each step of the way, and may the Holy Spirit grant you wisdom, strength, courage, and clarity as you guide a faithful people devoted to their Church and heritage.

We are proud. We are grateful. We are praying for you.

*With love and blessings,
The St. Catherine of Alexandria Clergy, Parish Community & School*



CONGRATULATIONS

Most Reverend Andrés Ligot on your episcopal ordination!

We give thanks to God for your generous response to the call to serve our local Church.

You and the fruits of your episcopal ministry are continually in our prayers.

With sincerest wishes from Our Lady of Peace Church



CONGRATULATIONS



Dear Bishop Andres C. Ligot! With joy and heartfelt gratitude, the Sacred Heart Tamil Catholic Community of Our Lady of Refuge Parish joins in celebrating your ordination to the episcopacy. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide in your new ministry as our Auxiliary Bishop.

*Fr. Louis Lava (Leveil), S.J.
Community Leadership Team
Members of the SHTCG
Our Lady of Refuge Parish*



Join us for Holy Mass in Tamil
Saturdays at 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Refuge Parish
All are welcome—bring family and friends!

CONGRATULATIONS!

FROM LOS GATOS, CA



TO: Most Reverend Andy Ligot

FROM: St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception School & Parish

On behalf of our Parish and School, we wish you many blessings in your new ministry. Thank you for being a guiding shepherd in the Diocese of San Jose. We can't wait to have you visit!



Dear Bishop Andy,

The St. John the Baptist Catholic School community prays that you may be supported and inspired by God's love as you continue to live His call, now as Bishop. May you deeply feel the gifts of the Spirit guiding you in your ministry to all God's people.

Congratulations, Bishop Andy!

Blessings,
Your SJBS Family

St. John the Baptist School 360 S. Abel St. Milpitas, CA 95035 www.sjbs.org



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With Great Joy and Thanksgiving to God, Saint Athanasius *Congratulates*
Most Rev. Andrés C. Ligot on his Ordination as our new Auxiliary Bishop.



CONGRATULATIONS

TO MOST REV. ANDRES "ANDY" C. LIGOT
AUXILIARY BISHOP - DIOCESE OF SAN JOSÉ

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF AND
PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY (GILROY)





Congratulations

Bishop Andy C. Ligot, D.D.

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SAN JOSE!

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS
WE CONGRATULATE YOUR EXCELLENCY
ON YOUR APPOINTMENT.
MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT CONTINUE
TO GUIDE YOU IN YOUR MINISTRY.

FROM THE ST. MARTIN OF TOURS STAFF & PARISHIONERS

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Congratulations, BISHOP ANDRES C. LIGOT



*May God continue to bless you in this new
ministry that you have been entrusted with.*

*We pray for you in your new role
as auxiliary bishop.*

Msgr. Willie S. Manrique
Fr. Victor Trinidad
Augustinian Recollect Sisters
Christopher Brazil
Parishioners and Staff of
St. John the Baptist
Parish and School



Congratulations

ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SAN JOSE!



FROM THE
SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL
COMMUNITY

BISHOP-ELECT ANDRES C. LIGOT, JCD, DD



Congratulations

**BISHOP-ELECT
ANDRES (ANDY) C. LIGOT**

With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate your appointment as Bishop-Elect.

Your years of faithful service, compassionate leadership, and dedication to the people of Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish have been a true blessing.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you as you shepherd God's people in this new and grace-filled ministry.

Your grateful parish family
at Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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Parish



Khoa Bui
Third Year
Theology/
Configuration
Saint John Vianney
Parish



Quizzer Besinio
Third Year
Theology/
Configuration
Saint Nicholas &
Saint William Parish



Michael Silva
First Year
Theology/
Configuration
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Parish



Joseph Nguyen
1st Year Philosophy/
Discipleship
Our Lady of La Vang
Parish



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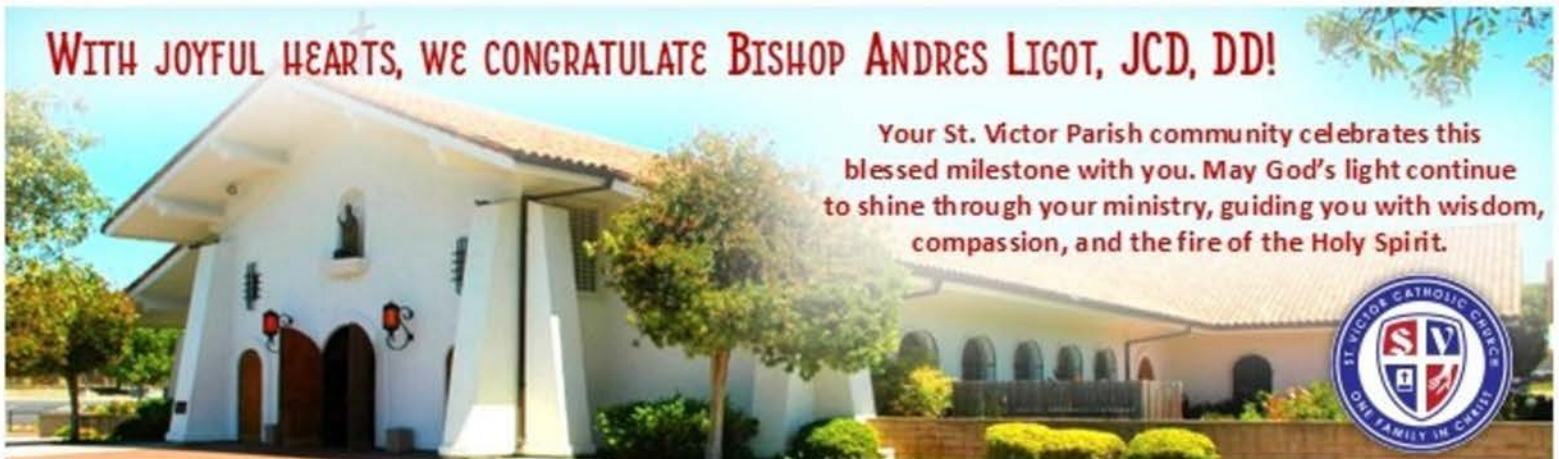
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NOVEMBER 2-8, 2025

www.dsj.org/vocations

WITH JOYFUL HEARTS, WE CONGRATULATE BISHOP ANDRES LIGOT, JCD, DD!

Your St. Victor Parish community celebrates this blessed milestone with you. May God's light continue to shine through your ministry, guiding you with wisdom, compassion, and the fire of the Holy Spirit.





St. Elizabeth Renovation 2025



With hearts full of joy, we celebrate the ordination of our new Auxiliary Bishop, Andres Ligot! What a profound blessing for the Diocese of San Jose. Your leadership is a gift to our community, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and illuminate your path as you embark on this sacred new chapter of service. Ad multos annos!

- Sincerely your friends at TOPA Architecture.



Holy Cross Rebuild 2018

