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**Pope Francis Appoints Rev. Ivan Camilleri
as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto**

TORONTO (28 November 2020) – Pope Francis has appointed Fr. Ivan Camilleri as auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Following his episcopal ordination, the new bishop will join three auxiliary bishops currently assisting the Archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins, in serving the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Bishop-designate Camilleri commented on the appointment from the Holy Father:

“I am very humbled by the trust that Pope Francis and Cardinal Collins have placed in me to serve the Archdiocese of Toronto in this ministry. I am grateful to His Eminence for his leadership and support, and I look forward to serving him and the people of the archdiocese in this way.”

Cardinal Collins welcomed the announcement:

“I am most grateful to Pope Francis for the appointment of Bishop-designate Camilleri as the newest Auxiliary Bishop in our archdiocese. He knows the community well and has been a tremendous source of support during my time as archbishop. I welcome him to the episcopacy and invite the priests of the archdiocese as well as the faithful to pray for him as he prepares for this new chapter of ministry.”

Fr. Camilleri was born April 18, 1969 in Sliema, Malta. His family moved to Canada in 1980. He studied at Laurentian University earning a Bachelor of Commerce and then at The Edinburgh Business School earning a Master of Business Administration. After some years working in finance, he entered the seminary in 2001, completing a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 2007. Fr. Camilleri also studied at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. completing a Licentiate in Canon Law in 2011.

Following ordination, Bishop-designate Camilleri was appointed as Associate Pastor at Merciful Redeemer Parish. He is currently serving as Chancellor of Spiritual Affairs, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Fr. Camilleri also served as a sessional lecturer at St. Augustine’s Seminary, and a Judge at the Matrimonial Tribunal of Toronto.

Bishop-designate Camilleri will be ordained to the episcopate at a date to be determined before commencing his new responsibilities. The Archdiocese of Toronto is Canada's largest diocese, stretching from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga. It is home to two million Catholics and 225 churches, with Mass celebrated in more than 30 languages each week.

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