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Archdiocese names new auxiliary bishop

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-- Monsignor Daniel Flores has been named auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit and will be installed during a Nov. 29 ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

In a press release distributed on Saturday, the archdiocese said Pope Benedict XVI made the decision. The 45-year-old Flores of Corpus Christi, Texas, was to be introduced Saturday during a 4 p.m. prayer service and blessing at Sacred Heart Major Seminary's chapel in Detroit.

"I am delighted that bishop-elect Flores is now a part of our team in Detroit," Cardinal Adam Maida said in the release.

Maida said clergy in Texas described Flores as able to relate to the old and young and a true servant of God.

Flores said he was humbled by his new post.

"I am a priest of Detroit now, by the will of the Holy Father, and I look forward to learning and serving in my new home," he said in the release.

Flores was born in Palacios, Texas, but grew up in Corpus Christi. He was baptized in Zapata, Texas, and was ordained a priest in 1988 in Corpus Christi. He also has served on the faculty of St. Mary's Seminary at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology.

Flores' ministry will include a focus on working with Latinos in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the release stated.

The archdiocese includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, Lapeer and St. Clair counties and 1.3 million Catholics.

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