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RE : Fr. René Ramirez appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

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To the MM. RR. Superiors
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions
To the Rogationist Communities
cc To the Rogate Family

Dearly beloved,

We have learned the happy news that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Fr. René Ramirez, of the Province of St. Matthew, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne (Australia).

The appointment, which took both the confrere and the Congregation by surprise, happened in the missionary month of October, and the call came to Fr. René, who had been working with a missionary spirit for some years in the Archdiocese of Melbourne first, and then in the Diocese of Sandhurst (Australia), in the care of three parishes: Nagambie, Shepparton South and Rushworth.

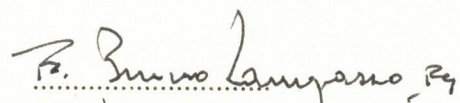
The Archbishop of Melbourne, His Exc. Msgr Peter A Comensoli, on hearing the news said: "I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this gift and blessing to our Archdiocese. The Melbourne Archdiocese is the largest in Oceania and we have waited a long time to have our complement of auxiliary bishops to help and serve God's people". He added: "Both Fr Nguyen and Fr Ramirez are men who have a heart for the Gospel and a missionary energy for God's people. They are well known in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and have already made a valuable contribution to the life of the local Church. I know that each of them will continue to share their distinctive gifts and passionate commitment to our religious communities in the years to come. I ask for your prayers as they begin this new journey in their ministerial lives".

Our gratitude also goes to the Holy Father for the trust he has in our Congregation, and the exhortation for us to do all we can to deserve it. We are happy for Fr. René and accompany him with our prayers, that he may continue to give the Rogate to the Church of Melbourne, following the example of our Founder, St. Hannibal, whom he made him known in Australia from the very beginning of his mission.

The Episcopal Ordination will take place on 1 February 2025 in the Cathedral of 'San Patricio'.

May the Divine Superiors fully bless Fr René as he undertakes this important pastoral service to the Church of Melbourne.

With this wish, I greet you with affection in the Lord.


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(Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, R.C.J.)
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