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Bishop Elect Andrew Bellisario
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Dear Bishop Elect Andrew Bellisario & the Faithful of the Diocese of Juneau,

It is with great joy that we share in the good news of the Holy Father's announcement of the appointment of Fr. Andrew Bellisario as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Juneau. The Diocese of Juneau is abundantly blessed with a great man of God who truly serves with a missionary spirit and a heart of Christ the Good Shepherd.

Bishop Elect Bellisario, your varied ministerial experience as a Vincentian Missionary is a wonderful preparation for your future labors in the Diocese of Juneau. As you continue to live the spirituality of the Vincentians, may the words from the International Rule of the Mission of the Congregation [Vincentians] always be in your heart and mind: "grow more perfect in love by expressing compassionate and tender love to the poor and one another (Par 2.2)."

Please be most assured of my prayers and those of the entire Diocese of Fairbanks as you prepare for Episcopal Ordination. Thanks for your "yes" to Christ and His Church in the Diocese of Juneau. You will receive countless blessings in your service to the good people of God in Juneau.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski
Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska
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