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Bishop Oscar Azarcon Solis Named Tenth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City

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His Holiness, Pope Francis, has named Bishop Oscar Azarcon Solis the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah. A native of San Jose City, Philippines, Bishop Solis is presently an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Oscar Solis was born October 13, 1953 in San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He attended Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytag City and was ordained a priest on April 28, 1979. He served in the Archdiocese of Manila and the Diocese of Cabanatuan. In 1984 he ministered in the United States Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, and then in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana.

On February 10, 2004 Father Solis was ordained an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. In 2009 he was named Episcopal Vicar for the San Pedro Region. He was the first Filipino-American bishop ordained in the United States. The bishop will bring his rich and diverse pastoral experience to his ministry in Utah.

For his Episcopal motto, Bishop Solis chose *Fiat Voluntas Tua – Your will be done*, from the Lord's Prayer (*Matthew 6:10*). The phrase echoes the Virgin Mary's "yes" at the Annunciation, reflecting her response to God's call that she be the Mother of the Savior.

The official Installation of Oscar Solis as tenth bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City will take place in the Cathedral of the Madeleine on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Tickets will be required for the Installation. Solemn Vespers will be held in the Cathedral Monday evening at 7:00 pm. A public reception will be held Tuesday evening, March 7, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown at City Creek, 75 South West Temple.

Bishop Solis will be introduced at a diocesan press conference Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 27 C Street in Salt Lake City at 11:00 am in the lower level Bishop Federal Hall. The bishop will respond to questions following his remarks.

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