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Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

TO ALL THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE PAULINE FAMILY

Dearest brothers and sisters,

Together with the General Councilors, I have the joy of informing you that Pope Francis has appointed **Fr Valdir José De Castro as Bishop of the Diocese of Campo Limpo**, an ecclesial reality located in the metropolitan city of São Paulo (Brazil).

Fr Valdir will be part of a Diocese founded in 1989, divided into 110 parishes, which has more than 2 million inhabitants, very dynamic due to the many pastoral initiatives and resources, where there is no lack of challenges to face.

The choice of Pope Francis fills us with joy for Fr Valdir. In fact, we know his gifts and his being a brother among brothers, always carrying people in his heart and seeking communion. At the same time, for all of us, it is a further confirmation that our apostolic charism, with its specific colour, placed right within the pastoral and evangelizing dimension of the Church. We can say that Fr Valdir, also with this new pastoral ministry, gives substance to the words of Blessed Alberione what he reminded us of the importance of “feeling with the Church, loving the Church, cooperating with the Church; to be its holiest, most devoted, active members”.

We therefore wish to show him our closeness and – through the intercession of the Queen of Apostles, of Saint Paul, of Blessed Giacomo Alberione and Timoteo Giaccardo, together with the Venerable Can. Francesco Chiesa – entrust him to the Divine Master so that He would bless copiously Fr Valdir’s new mission at the service of this portion of the people of God.

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In Jesus Master.



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