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### **Statement on the occasion of the Vatican Accepting the Retirement of Bishop Boland**

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When I was named by Pope John Paul II last spring as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph, Bishop Boland welcomed me warmly and has been very kind and helpful to me as I had to adjust to a new home and new responsibilities. On this occasion when Pope Benedict XVI has accepted his retirement as fifth bishop of our diocese, I want to wish Bishop Boland every grace and blessing and many holy, happy, and healthy years to come as he continues his Episcopal ministry in a new way. He has my complete admiration and support, and -- I know -- the gratitude and love of God's people.

As we, the Church in Kansas City ~ St. Joseph diocese, embark on this next chapter, I pledge my love and service to all God's flock entrusted to me, and, as I ask your help and prayers, I commend myself and this local Church to Mary, my mother and queen, to our co-patron St. Joseph, and to the mercy of our Lord, Jesus Christ.