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Statement by Fort Worth Bishop Michael F. Olson

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As the Holy See has announced, after exhaustive inquiry into all aspects of the governance and leadership of the Diocese of Tyler by its Ordinary, Bishop Joseph Strickland, the Holy Father has decided that it is in the best interests of the pastoral care of the souls of the faithful of the Diocese of Tyler and of Bishop Strickland to bring his tenure as the bishop of Tyler to an end. Such a transition is very sad and painful for so many. Therefore, let us keep Pope Francis, Bishop Strickland, the clergy, consecrated religious men and women, the seminarians, all the faithful of the Diocese of Tyler, and Bishop Vasquez in our prayers that the peace of Christ might reign in the hearts of all.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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