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PHOENIX – The Arizona State Council of the Knights congratulates the Most Reverend Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Tucson, on his assignment to the Diocese of Las Cruces, New Mexico as Apostolic Administrator. Bishop Emeritus Kicanas, a lifetime member and supporter of the Knights of Columbus, was appointed last Friday by Pope Francis to fill in for Bishop Oscar Cantu until a permanent Bishop is appointed by the Pope and installed.

Bishop Cantu was named by Pope Francis as Co-adjudicator for the Diocese of San Jose, CA. He will likely be installed as Bishop of that diocese as the current Bishop, the Most Reverend Patrick McGrath, age 73, enters into retirement.

State Deputy Tom Kalisz stated that, “the Knights of Columbus in Arizona offer their heart-felt prayers for the success of Bishop Emeritus Kicanas in his temporary assignment to the Diocese of Las Cruces.” Additionally, “the Knights of Columbus will pray for the success of Bishop Cantu in his new role as co-adjudicator for the Diocese of San Jose” said State Deputy Kalisz.

The Knights of Columbus is the World’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. It was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish Priest, in 1882. Working under its founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights boast nearly 2 Million members worldwide. Last year K of C members donated \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. Arizona ranks in the top ten, in charitable works among the Knights of Columbus.

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