

## Republic of the Philippines 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Quezon City

PROPOSED	RESOLUTION No.	, S-2019

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS OF THE QUEZON CITY OFFICIALDOM HEADED BY THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE AND THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CITY COUNCIL TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND ROBERTO ORENDAIN GAA, D.D., ON HIS CANONICAL POSSESSION OF THE SEAT OF THE DIOCESE OF NOVALICHES AS ITS NEW BISHOP

## Introduced by: Councilor ALLAN BUTCH T. FRANCISCO

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2019, the Most Reverend Roberto Orendain Gaa, D.D. will canonically possess in a Eucharistic Celebration the seat of the Diocese of Novaliches as its new bishop vice Bishop Antonio R. Tobias, D.D., who has reached his retirement age;

WHEREAS, Bishop Gaa was appointed by Pope Francis as the new Bishop of the diocese and has the right to succeed the retired Bishop, who was appointed as Apostolic Administrator, thus preventing the occurrence of "sede vacante";

WHEREAS, Bishop Gaa, 57 years old, will be the third bishop of the diocese with almost 2 million Catholics in 72 parishes that are geographically located in the cities of Quezon and Caloocan;

WHEREAS, born in Manila on October 4, 1962, Bishop Gaa was ordained priest for the Archdiocese of Manila in 2000 and holds a licentiate in spirituality from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome;

WHEREAS, as a priest for 19 years, he has served a number of pastoral roles, including parish vicar, parish priest, spiritual director, rector of the Holy Apostle Seminary (HAS) in Makati City and member of the Presbyteral Council of the archdiocese;

WHEREAS, the members of the 21<sup>st</sup> Quezon City Council join the Honorable City Mayor Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte in wishing His Excellency, the Most Reverend Roberto Orendain Gaa, D.D., all the best in his new assignment as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Novaliches and in molding the spiritual growth of his flock.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 21st CITY COUNCIL IN SESSION ASSEMBLED:

to extend, as it does hereby extend the warmest congratulations of the Quezon City officialdom, headed by the Honorable City Mayor Ma. Josefina G. Belmonte and the  $21^{st}$  City Council to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Roberto Orendain Gaa, D.D. on his canonical possession of the seat of the Diocese of Novaliches as its new bishop.

Further, Resolved, to provide the Most Reverend Roberto O. Gaa, D.D., a copy of this Resolution for His Excellency's information and guidance.

Respectfully submitted by

Adopted, 2019.

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City Councilor, 5th District