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**Statement of Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory Appointment of
The Reverend Joel M. Konzen, S.M. as Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta**

This morning Pope Francis has once again demonstrated his great love for this local Church by assigning The Reverend Joel M. Konzen, S.M., as an Auxiliary Bishop. I am deeply grateful to His Holiness for this appointment of such an excellent priest, who is well known and highly respected by the people of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Bishop-Elect Konzen has spent nearly two decades in pastoral service to this Archdiocese, most of it in caring for and educating students at Marist School. He has been an effective and generous administrator and advisor to the educational ministry of thousands of young people and their parents at Marist, Notre Dame Academy, and most recently at Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School.

I warmly welcome Bishop-Elect Konzen as an episcopal colleague who will join Bishop Bernard E. Shlesinger and me in caring for this wonderful Catholic community. He is quite familiar with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, and I am confident he will enjoy a smooth and speedy transition to episcopal service in these sixty-nine counties of North and Central Georgia. I thank the Marist community for preparing such an excellent servant of the Lord.

We are looking forward to his Episcopal Ordination on Easter Tuesday, April 3rd. Please keep Bishop-Elect Konzen, Bishop Shlesinger and me in your prayers as we prepare for that happy day.

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**Declaración del Arzobispo Wilton D. Gregory
Nombramiento del Reverendo Joel M. Konzen, S.M. como Obispo Auxiliar
de Atlanta**

Esta mañana el Papa Francisco ha demostrado una vez más su gran amor por esta Iglesia local asignando al Reverendo Joel M. Konzen, S.M., como uno de nuestros obispos auxiliares. Estoy profundamente agradecido con Su Santidad por haber nombrado un sacerdote de tal excelencia, quien es bien conocido y altamente respetado por la gente de la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta. El Obispo-Electo Kozen ha servido pastoralmente a la arquidiócesis por casi dos décadas, la mayor parte de este tiempo cuidando y educando a los estudiantes en Marist School. Él ha sido un asesor y administrador eficaz y generoso en el ministerio educativo de miles de jóvenes y padres en Marist, Notre Dame Academy y más recientemente en Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School.

Le doy una calurosa bienvenida al Obispo-Electo Kozen como colega episcopal que junto al Obispo Bernard E. Shlesinger y a mí velará por esta maravillosa comunidad católica. Él está bastante familiarizado con la Arquidiócesis de Atlanta, y estoy seguro que su transición al servicio episcopal de estos sesenta y nueve condados del norte y centro de Georgia será fácil y rápida. Agradezco a la comunidad marista por preparar a tan excelente siervo del Señor.

Esperamos con ansias su Ordenación Episcopal el 3 de abril, martes de Pascua. Por favor oren por el Obispo-Electo Kozen, por el Obispo Shlesinger y por mí mientras nos preparamos para ese feliz día.

