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### **STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BRENNAN ON APPOINTMENT OF CLEVELAND BISHOP AS ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA**

On behalf of all the faithful in the Diocese of Columbus, I offer congratulations and prayers to my good friend and fellow Bishop Nelson Pérez as he departs the Diocese of Cleveland to accept appointment as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. On a personal level, since coming to Ohio I have treasured the opportunity to again work alongside Bishop Pérez as we did as auxiliary bishops in the Diocese of Rockville Center. Throughout our long friendship I have known him as a holy man with a great passion and energy for our faith. It is without question that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will benefit greatly by the return of Bishop Pérez, who has served in the Archdiocese in the past, as he assumes these new responsibilities of leadership.

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