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Other Pontifical Acts

The Holy Father appointed:

Rev. Gerard W. Battersby and Rev. Robert J. Fisher as auxiliaries of the archdiocese of Detroit (area 10,104, population 4,266,416, Catholics 1,220,724, priests 605, permanent deacons 221, religious 1,068), United States of America.

Bishop-elect Battersby was born in 1960 in Detroit and was ordained a priest in 1998. He holds a licentiate in pastoral theology from the “Sacred Heart” seminary of Detroit, and is completing his doctoral studies in spiritual theology at the St. Thomas University, Rome. He has served as parish vicar and pastor of various parishes in Detroit, director of formation at the “Sacred Heart” major seminary, vicar forane and member of the presbyteral council. He is currently parish priest of St. Mary of Redford and vice-rector of the “Sacred Heart” major seminary of Detroit.

Bishop-elect Fisher was born in 1959 in Detroit and was ordained a priest in 1992. He holds a bachelor’s degree in management services from the University of Detroit and studied philosophy and completed his studies in theology at the “Sacred Heart” seminary of Detroit. He has served as parish vicar, director of priestly vocations for the archdiocese of Detroit, pastor of a number of parishes and member of the presbyteral council. He is currently pastor of the national Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak.

Rev. Timothy Edward Freyer as auxiliary of the diocese of Orange in California (area 2,025, population 3,114,363, Catholics 1,536,438, priests 276, permanent deacons 219, religious 420), United States of America. The bishop-elect was born in 1963 in Los Angeles, United States of America, and was ordained a priest in 1989. He carried out his ecclesiastical studies in the “Saint John” Seminary, Camarillo. He has served as parish vicar in Los Alamitos, San Clemente and Laguna Beach, and parish priest in Fullerton and Anaheim. He is currently vicar for the clergy.