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### **Statement of Archbishop Robert J. Carlson on the Appointment of Bishop-elect Mark S. Rivotuso to Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis**

**ST. LOUIS** – The following statement was released this morning by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson:

I am very pleased by the action taken by Pope Francis today. The Holy Father has appointed Monsignor Mark S. Rivotuso as Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis. Bishop-elect Rivotuso was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop John L. May in 1988. For nearly 30 years, he has served our archdiocese as a pastor, teacher, and Vicar General. His episcopal ordination is scheduled for May 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis.

The native St. Louisan is a graduate of St. Mary's High School in south St. Louis, Cardinal Glennon College and Kenrick School of Theology. He has also earned a master's degree and licentiate in canon law from St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. In 2005, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him a Prelate of Honor with the title monsignor.

On behalf of all the clergy, religious, and lay faithful in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, I want to offer our congratulations and thanks to Bishop-elect Rivotuso for accepting the Holy Father's call to continue his service to our local church in this new leadership role as auxiliary bishop.

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