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CTU Alumnus Name Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops

February 3, 2023 – Chicago. On January 30, Pope Francis selected Bishop Robert Francis Prevost, OSA as the next Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, succeeding Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet. Bishop Prevost is a 1982 graduate of Catholic Theological Union.

Before coming to CTU, Bishop Prevost studied at Villanova University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in mathematics in 1977. He joined the Augustinians that same year, and then came to CTU to earn an MDiv degree after professing his solemn vows. He went on to earn a doctoral degree in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. The Midwest Augustinians are members of the CTU Corporation.

Bishop Prevost began his missionary service to Peru in 1985 and has served in numerous capacities. He returned to the United States from 1999-2014 to serve as Provincial of the Augustinian Province in Chicago and then as Prior General of the Augustinians. He returned to Peru as Bishop of Chiclayo in 2015, where he has ministered since.

Sister Barbara Reid, OP, President of Catholic Theological Union, reflected on the Pope's selection of Bishop Prevost, "Catholic Theological Union prepares its graduates to serve in myriad ministries in more than sixty countries around the world. Bishop Robert Prevost, OSA, embodies the spirit of disponibility endemic to our graduates: to be ready to serve wherever the Church calls and the Spirit leads. From academic classrooms to poor barrios, to the upper echelons of administration: Bishop Prevost has spread the good news of Christ's justice, love, and peace. We hold him in prayer as he assumes this new ministry as Prefect of the Dicastery of Bishops."

Bishop Prevost will assume his responsibilities as Prefect on April 12, 2023.

About Catholic Theological Union

Catholic Theological Union is a Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry located in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago. CTU shares alliances with De Paul University, Dominican University and the University of Chicago. Its mission is to prepare effective leaders for the Church, ready to witness to Christ's good news of justice, love, and peace. More than 4,500 CTU alumni, vowed religious and lay women and men, have gone on to minister in 60 countries worldwide. CTU was founded in 1968, following the Second Vatican Council, during a time of dramatic renewal in the Catholic Church. Fifty years later, CTU has evolved into a premier school of theology and ministry, sponsored by twenty-four men's religious communities and enjoys a global reputation for academic and pastoral excellence.