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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today January 23, 2023, Pope Francis appointed me as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Eparchy of Bratislava in Slovakia. I accept this new mission from him with joy, thankfulness, and humility. As St. Paul says in the First Letter to Corinthians, "For we are God's co-workers; you are God's field, God's building." (1 Cor 3:9) Jesus Christ is sending us as his co-workers into the whole world to proclaim the joyful news that he died for us and was resurrected. I tried to do for you, as for God's field and God's building, the best I could. I ask you to always proclaim Christ by your lives and to make an effort to be holy.

Someone wise once said that a mission starts where we are not wanted, but needed. A mission will stop at the moment when we are wanted, but not needed. It is like that with my ministry for the Eparchy of Parma. My mission has ended here and new one starts somewhere else. Five and a half years leading the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma was a nice spiritual experience for me, yet not always an easy one. I am thankful to God for it.

I want to thank all bishops, priests, deacons, nuns, and the faithful of the Eparchy of Parma for your cooperation in the battle to reach the Kingdom of God that is among us. Also, I want to express my gratitude to the Chancery staff who worked with me daily. If I offended anyone, please forgive me a sinner. I forgive all from my heart. I pray for you and please do not forget to pray for me. Listen faithfully to Bishop Kurt and support him in everything. I love you.

God bless,

Bishop Milan