

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, the one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(Romans 15:5-6)

## Pope Accepts Resignation Of Amarillo Bishop John Yanta, Names San Antonio Auxiliary Bishop Patrick Zurek To Succeed Him

Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Bishop John W. Yanta, 76, as bishop of Amarillo, Texas, and named San Antonio Auxiliary Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, 59, to succeed him.

"I wish to express my gratitude to our present Holy Father Benedict XVI for his confidence in me continuing as Diocesan Bishop these 15 months after my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday," stated Bishop Yanta. "I have loved and enjoyed my tenure as Bishop of Amarillo."



Bishop John Yanta



Bishop Patrick Zurek

"Your new Diocesan Bishop has been a bishop for ten years, speaks Spanish fluently and has great experience in evangelizing, shepherding, teaching, sanctifying, and serving the People of God," continued Bishop Yanta. "He has many years of fruitful experience in mission work in Honduras in a joint collaboration with the Diocese of Amarillo. Both as a priest and a bishop, your new diocesan pastor has been committed to Pro-Life ministry. Your new shepherd has earned through experience a reputation for his

respected ecclesial and pastoral relationship with all."..click [here](#) to read more..

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