



**FRANCIS**

**Bishop**

**Servant of the Servants of God**  
to our Venerable Brother,

**John Stanley Kenneth Arnold**

formerly titular Bishop of Lindisfarne  
and Auxiliary of Westminster,  
now Bishop designate of the Diocese of Salford,

**Health and Apostolic Benediction**

In order that particular churches may be ruled worthily and be administered by the best counsels, We, who exercise the Petrine office, are solicitous to designate an experienced shepherd to each ecclesiastical territory.

Now that our brother Terence John Brain, previously Bishop of the diocese of Salford, has withdrawn from that office by resignation, we hasten to provide a new bishop for the flock. Hence, We turn our mind to you, Venerable Brother, who currently discharge the office of auxiliary in the Archdiocese of Westminster, and whom we judge suitable to be chosen for that beloved church.

Therefore, by the decision of the Congregation for Bishops and the exercise of our apostolic power, we absolve you of the bond of the titular Church of Lindisfarne and from the office of the Auxiliary of Westminster and declare you Bishop of Salford, given the rights and subject to the obligations which pertain to this, your dignity and office.

You will ensure that you make known this nomination to the clergy and people of the diocese, whom we exhort as beloved children that they receive you, who henceforth are their shepherd, father and teacher, with the greatest veneration and that they most diligently put into practice the instructions which you will give for their benefit.

But you, Venerable Brother, who are about to take care, with spiritual assistance, of this community, we exhort to reflect anew on the gravity of the episcopal ministry, which you should uphold with due and careful diligence.

Given at St Peter's, Rome, on 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of Our Lord 2014, the second of Our Pontificate.

*Franciscus*

*Leonardo Sapienza, Prot. Ap.*