

STATEMENT MADE BY BISHOP-ELECT CAILLOUET.

It is with a profound sense of apprehension - humanly speaking - yet none the less with calm confidence in Divine Providence, that I humbly accept what I am firmly convinced is the expression of God's Holy Will in my regard: my appointment by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, as Titular Bishop of Setea and Auxiliary to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph Francis Rummel, S.T.D., Archbishop of New Orleans. To have been selected by the Holy Father as a successor of the Apostles in the Episcopate, is a privilege so great that it is overwhelming. What sustains me, however, is the unchanging truth that, as a priest, I am merely an instrument in God's Hands, to be used as He may well please. In that spirit, I am deeply grateful to Our Holy Father the Pope for this singular mark of his benevolence and trust, which has proven all the more bountiful through his having granted me the added privilege of becoming intimately associated with my own so highly and so justly esteemed Archbishop as his auxiliary, bishop.