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New director for Hispanic Apostolate

The Rev. Rene Juarez, a Franciscan priest, has taken over as director of the Hispanic Apostolate Office of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno.

Juarez, 46, replaces Sister Maria Angela Mesa, who left for a post in San Diego.

The priest said he generally plans to continue the work of the office and focus on further religious education for Spanish-speaking Catholics in the diocese. Those efforts include a large-scale outreach to farmworkers and emphasis on youth ministry, Juarez said.

The office has been in existence almost 10 years, said Juarez.

The priest formerly served in the dioceses of San Diego and Phoenix, Ariz., where he helped establish offices dedicated to Hispanic ministry. A native of Mexico, Juarez was ordained at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Fresno in 1970.