

Pope names auxiliary bishop for San Diego, three auxiliaries for Newark

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Pope Francis has appointed Father Ramon Bejarano, a priest of the Diocese of Stockton, California, to be an auxiliary bishop of San Diego.

He also has named three New Jersey priests – Msgr. Gregory Studerus, Benedictine Father Elias Lorenzo and Father Michael Saporito – to be auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

The appointments were announced in Washington Feb. 27 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-designate Bejarano, 50, has been pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Modesto, California, since 2008. Fluent in English and Spanish, he was ordained a priest for the Stockton Diocese Aug. 15, 1998.

In New Jersey, Bishop-designate Studerus, 71, and Bishop-designate Saporito, 57, are priests of the Newark Archdiocese. Bishop-designate Lorenzo, 59, is a monk of St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown, New Jersey, in the Paterson Diocese. He also is abbot president of the American Cassinese Benedictine Congregation.