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RESOLUTION NO. 695
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RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF REVEREND FATHER RUFINO "JUN" C. SESCON, JR., CLERGY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MANILA, RECTOR AND PARISH PRIEST OF THE MINOR BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF JESUS NAZARENO - SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, AS THE NEW BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF BALANGA, BATAAN

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HON. PAMELA "Fa" G. FUGOSO-PASCUAL

and

HON. ERNESTO C. ISIP, JR.
Majority Floor Leader

WHEREAS, Balanga Bishop-elect Rufino C. Sescon Jr., was born on 20 April 1972 in the City of Manila;

WHEREAS, as requisite of being a Roman Catholic Priest, Bishop-elect Rufino C. Sescon, Jr., obtained his degree in philosophy and theology at the San Carlos Seminary of Manila and at the Graduate School of Theology of San Carlos Seminary;

WHEREAS, on 19 September 1998, at the age of 26, Bishop-elect Rufino C. Sescon Jr. was ordained as priest of Manila City and serve as an assistant to Cardinal Jaime Sin from 1998 to 2001, and as secretary from 2001 to 2005 and became the chaplain of Greenbelt Chapel in Makati City:

WHEREAS, in 2022, Bishop-elect Rufino C. Sescon Jr. became the rector of the Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Jesus Nazareno known as Quiapo Church in Quiapo, Manila. While he managed the one of the most popular church in the City of Manila he is also helping Catholic communities in need within his parish;

WHEREAS, Bishop-elect Rufino C. Sescon Jr. also served the following:

- Deacon of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Santa Mesa, and finance officer of the Santa Mesa Parochial School, Manila, in 1998
- Member of the youth pastoral office, from 2002 to 2008
- Member of the College of Consultors and member of the Presbyteral Council, from 2003 to 2005
- Director of Permanent Formation of Junior and Young Clergy and director of the Internship Program of Newly-Ordained Priests, from 2004 to 2008
- Member of the College of Consultors, member of the Presbyteral Council, and chancellor of the archdiocese of Manila, from 2008-2015
- Priest chargé of the Mary Mother of Hope Chapel, Makati City, from 2014 to 2022
- Commissioner of the Commission for the Formation of Laypeople and Christian Communities, from 2015-2021
- Spiritual director of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Lay Formation Center since 2015
- Member of the Presbyteral Council since 2018
- Vice chairman of the Manila Archdiocesan Seminary System Foundation Incorporated
- Member of the Council on Formation, Priestly and Lay Formation, commissioner of the Commission for the Formation of Laypeople and Christian Communities since 2021
- Chairman of the Fundraising Committee since 2022

WHEREAS, on 3 December 2024, the Pope of Roman Catholic Church, Jorge Mario Bergoglio known as Pope Francis, announced the appointment of Reverend Father Rufino C. Sescon, Jr. as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Balanga in Bataan, at the Vatican City, Rome at 12:00 noon, 7 p.m. in Philippine time;

WHEREAS, the devotion of Bishop-Elect Rufino C. Sescon, Jr. in preaching the Gospel and the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church enriches the faith among Manileños and the devotees of the Black Nazarene: NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of Manila to congratulate and commend, as it hereby congratulates and commends the appointment of Reverend Father Rufino "Jun" C. Sescon, Jr., Clergy of the Archdiocese of Manila, Rector and Parish Priest of the Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Jesus Nazareno - Saint John the Baptist Parish, as the new bishop of the Diocese of Balanga, Bataan; and be it FURTHER

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to Bishop-elect Rufino C. Sescon, Jr. and the Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Jesus Nazareno.

PRESIDED BY:

JOHN MARVIN C. "YUL SERVO" NIETO
Vice-Mayor and Presiding Officer
City Council, Manila

This Resolution was adopted by the City Council of Manila at its regular session on December 10, 2024.

ATTESTED:

LUCH R. GEMPIS, JR.
City Government Department Head III
(Secretary to the City Council)

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