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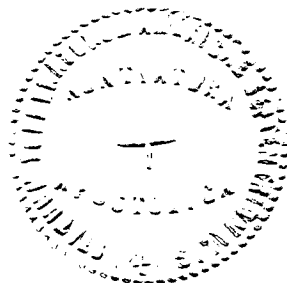
The Holy See mandated an Apostolic Visitation for the Diocese of Buffalo and appointed the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio to evaluate the situation of this local Church. The final report was sent to the Holy See.

Bishop Richard Malone was made aware of the results, and subsequently asked the Holy Father Pope Francis to grant him an early retirement. This request was made during the 'Ad Limina' visit with the Bishops of New York.

The Holy Father has granted his request and has appointed as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo the Most Reverend Edward Scharfenberger, Bishop of Albany, to serve until the appointment of a new bishop, effective immediately.

This resignation and appointment were announced today.

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