

Greetings upon being appointed as apostolic administrator

To all the faithful in the Diocese of Saitama,

I would like to greet you all on this occasion of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady.

As you may already know, upon Bishop Marcellino Daiji Tani's resignation, the Holy Father appointed me as apostolic administrator *sede vacante* of the Diocese of Saitama (as of July 27, 2013).

Since I am currently holding another office in the Archdiocese of Tokyo, I may not be able to do everything as expected, however, I ask for your special prayers, your understanding and your support as I humbly take this office.

On August 8, Memorial of St. Dominic, I made my first attendance at the Chancery Office of the Saitama Diocese and celebrated Mass in the Cathedral. (The homily can be read on the Diocesan website.)

Please take care of yourselves as the lingering summer heat is still intense.

In prayers asking for Our Lady to intercede for us,

August 15, 2013

Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

Peter Takeo Okada (Archbishop of Tokyo)

Apostolic administrator of Saitama Diocese