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Archbishop Bashar M Warda, Archbishop of the Chaldean Diocese of Erbil, Iraq.



Archbishop Bashar M Warda, CSSR, is Archbishop of the Chaldean Diocese of Erbil (Eastern rite Catholic) in northern Iraq (Kurdistan). Ordained to the priesthood in 1993, he joined the Redemptorist order and served in various posts, including being pastor of a parish in southern Baghdad with around 3000 families and rector of St Peter's Chaldean Catholic Seminary, before being made Archbishop in 2010.

More recently, he has been heavily involved in coordinating relief efforts by the churches to provide food and emergency housing for thousands of displaced people within his diocese.