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## FACTS ABOUT THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**Established:** March 10, 1951, by Pope Pius XII

**Area:** 3,334 square miles in four southwestern Pennsylvania counties: Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland

**Total Population:** 625,981 (Per U.S. Quick Facts Census, July 1, 2019, est.)

**Catholic Population:** 128,290 (per June 30, 2019, diocesan report)

**Parishes:** 78

**Total Diocesan Priests: 86** 

(31 retired)

International Priests in Diocesan Assignments: 16

Order Priests in Diocesan Assignments: 16

Permanent Deacons in Diocesan Assignments: 14

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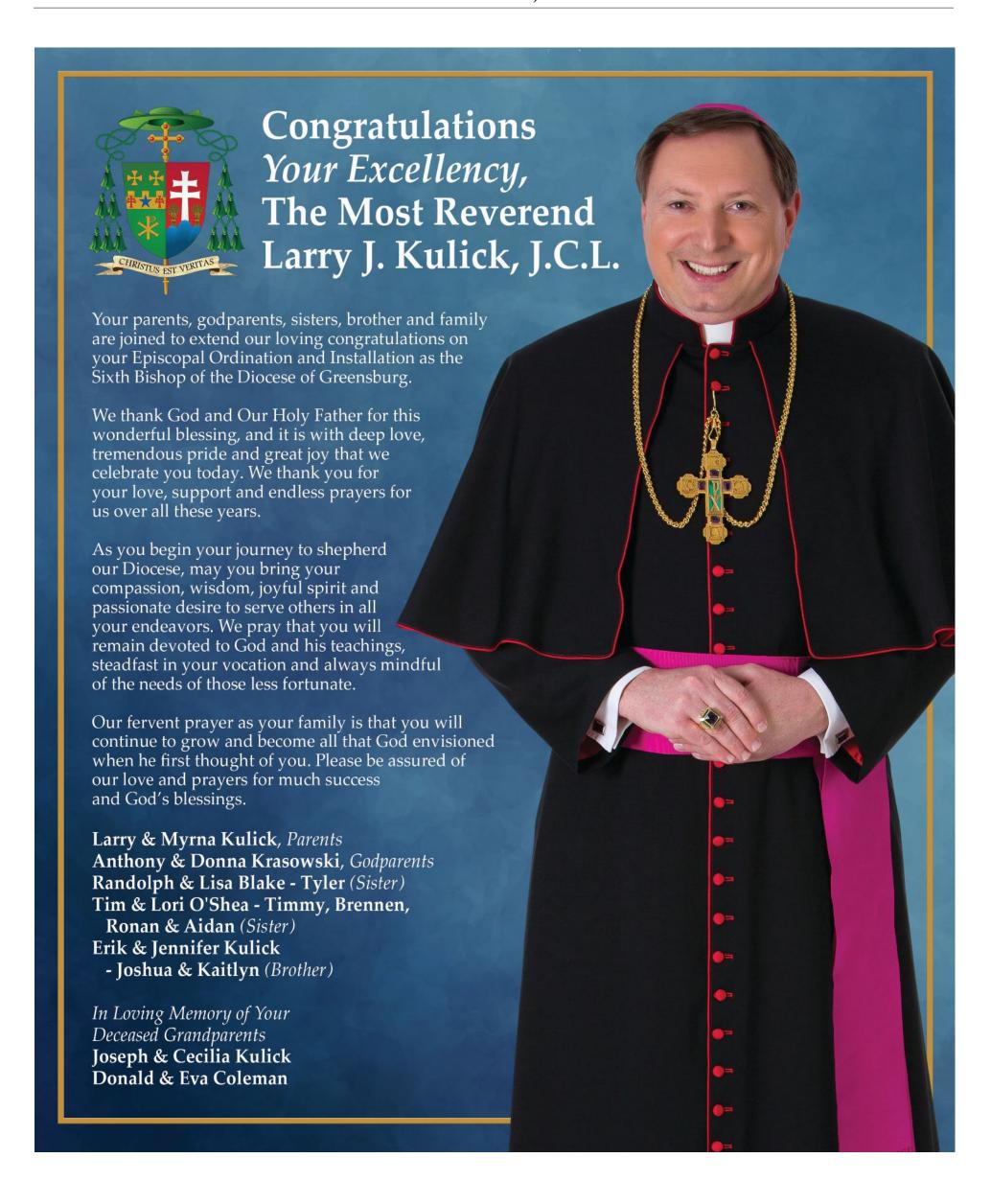
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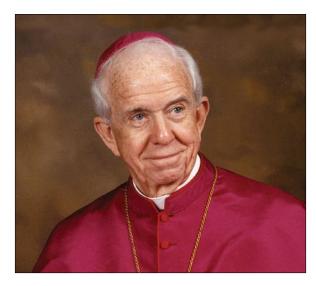
### BISHOPS of the DIOCESE of GREENSBURG



THE MOST REV. **HUGH L. LAMB** 1952-1959

**Died** Dec. 8, 1959

**Born** Oct. 6, 1890, Modena, Pa. **Ordained** to the priesthood May 29, 1915 **Ordained** Auxiliary Bishop for Archdiocese of Philadelphia March 19, 1936 **Appointed first Bishop of Greensburg** May 28, 1951 **Installed** Jan. 16, 1952



THE MOST REV. **WILLIAM G. CONNARE** 1960-1987

Born Dec. 11, 1911, Pittsburgh, Pa. **Ordained** to the priesthood June 14, 1936

**Appointed second Bishop of Greensburg** Feb. 23, 1960

**Ordained and installed** May 4, 1960 **Resignation accepted** and named administrator of Diocese of Greensburg Jan. 20, 1987

**Died** June 12, 1995



THE MOST REV. **ANTHONY G. BOSCO** 1987-2004

Born Aug. 1, 1927, Pittsburgh, Pa. **Ordained** to the priesthood June 7, 1952

**Ordained** Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh June 30, 1970

**Appointed third Bishop of Greensburg** April 14, 1987

Installed June 30, 1987

**Resignation accepted** and named administrator of Diocese of Greensburg Jan. 2, 2004

**Died** July 2, 2013



THE MOST REV. **LAWRENCE E. BRANDT** 2004-2015

**Born** March 27, 1939, Charleston, W.Va.

**Ordained** to the priesthood Dec. 19, 1969 Appointed fourth Bishop of Greensburg Jan. 2, 2004

Ordained and installed March 4, 2004 Resignation accepted and named administrator of Diocese of Greensburg April 24, 2015



THE MOST REV. **EDWARD C. MALESIC** 2015-2020

Born Aug. 14, 1960, Harrisburg,

Ordained to the priesthood May 30, 1987 Appointed fifth Bishop of Greensburg April 24, 2015

Ordained and installed July 13, 2015 **Appointed** 12th Bishop of Cleveland, July 16, 2020



## History of diocese dates back to 1700s

Although the Diocese of Greensburg is relatively young, having been established by Pope Pius XII just seven decades ago on March 10, 1951, the Catholic history of the diocese's four counties is rooted in the early colonial era and the industrial development of the United States.

The see city of Greensburg, named for Revolutionary War hero General Nathaniel Greene, was founded in 1799, and Westmoreland County was formed in 1773. Allegheny County, which includes the Diocese of Pittsburgh, would be formed from a part of Westmoreland County 15 years later.

The Catholic faith had taken hold in the area several years earlier. Some records indicate the first Mass west of the Allegheny Mountains was celebrated in 1749 along the northern border of the Diocese of Greensburg near Kittanning by a French priest serving as a chaplain to French troops.

On July 1, 1754, Recollect Father Denys Baron, chaplain at Fort Duquesne (later Fort Pitt before it became the city of Pittsburgh) celebrated Mass for French troops and native American allies near Brownsville in Fayette County. That event is memorialized in a stained-glass window in the historic St. Peter Church in Brownsville. That force defeated George Washington's force at the Battle of Fort Necessity near Uniontown, which sparked the French and Indian War.

#### Influential people

The illustrious history of the region now encompassing the Diocese of Greensburg also includes some of the most influential Catholic pioneers in the nation:

Prince Demetrius Gallitzin, who became Father Augustine as the second priest ordained in the U.S., arrived in Loretto in 1799 to spread the faith in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Father James A. Stillinger, who served as pastor of SS. Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville, for 43 years, ministered to Catholics as far southwest as Greene County and north to the New York state line.

Benedictine Father Boniface Wimmer arrived in Latrobe from Germany and established the first Benedictine monastery there in 1846.

St. John Nepomucene Neumann, a Redemptorist priest serving in Pittsburgh, helped establish what is now Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish in 1846-47.

#### 'Cradle of Catholicity'

The cathedral sits on property pur-

chased in 1789 by six pioneer Catholics who are considered the first permanent Catholic congregation west of the Alleghenies. The Greensburg effort was abandoned in favor of a site purchased in 1790 that is called the "Cradle of Catholicity" by Father A.A. Lambing in his book about the early history of the church in the region. The 1790 site is now Saint Vincent College, Seminary, Archabbey and Basilica Parish.

Prince Gallitzin spread the faith to early settlers in the region and is thought to have established the church in Sugar Creek in 1806. The refurbished log church at the site is the oldest church west of the Alleghenies and today is a historic chapel of St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend.

Parishes had been established and churches built in Brownsville, Cameron's Bottom in Indiana County, and Freeport and Kittanning in Armstrong County when the Diocese of Pittsburgh was established in the western half of Pennsylvania in 1843. The Benedictines established their monastery in 1846. The Sisters of Mercy established the former St. Xavier Academy near Latrobe in 1847. The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill established their motherhouse in Greensburg in 1882, while other congregations of religious women came to the area to work in schools and other apostolates.

While Catholicism grew slowly in the region through the early 1800s, growth boomed in the second half of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th century. The church growth was fueled by ethnic Catholics, who settled in the four counties of the diocese to mine coal and produce the coke that fired steel mills in Pittsburgh, which fueled the industrial development of the U.S.

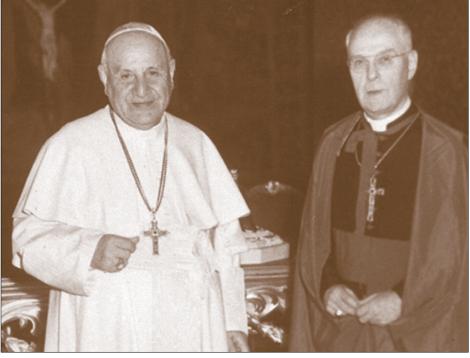
More than 80 parishes and missions were built in the four counties between 1865 and 1917.

#### **Diocese formed in 1951**

The steel industry was booming when the Diocese of Greensburg was formed March 10, 1951. Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, an auxiliary bishop in Philadelphia, was appointed the first bishop of the new diocese at a time when the church in the U.S. was beginning to move from an immigrant, laborers' church that was often looked on with suspicion by mainstream society to a church that was becoming part of the mainstream.

The transition continued as Bishop William G. Connare, a Pittsburgh priest, was appointed second Bishop of Greensburg Feb. 23, 1960, after Bishop Lamb died two months earlier.





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In undated photos, Bishop William G. Connare leaves the set of NBC's "Today" show after an appearance with host Hugh Downs, and Bishop Hugh L. Lamb meets with Pope John XXIII.

Bishop Connare, who attended every session of the Second Vatican Council, directed the diocese through many changes in his 27 years as bishop. In addition to the significant changes brought by Vatican II, which included the restoration of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to conform to the changes in the liturgy, Bishop Connare oversaw a long period of church growth.

The only auxiliary bishop for the diocese, Bishop Norbert F. Gaughan, served in that capacity from 1975 to 1984, when he was appointed the Bishop of Gary, Ind.

Bishop Connare's resignation was accepted Jan. 20, 1987, and he died June 12, 1995.

#### Bishop Bosco installed in 1987

The local economy and church began feeling the effects of the decline of the steel industry in the late 1970s and early 1980s. That presented serious challenges for Bishop Anthony G. Bosco, an auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh, who was installed as the third Bishop of

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Bishop Anthony G. Bosco greets diocesan pilgrims at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Sept. 9, 2000.



Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, left, shares a laugh with Bishop Edward C. Malesic April 24, 2015, at the press conference announcing Bishop Malesic's appointment as fifth bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

## History of diocese dates back to 1700s

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Greensburg June 30, 1987.

Bishop Bosco's leadership was marked by his commitment to Vatican II's call to the laity, changes in religious education and formation, and the promotion of collaboration among parishes.

Because of the economic downturn and aging population, however, Bishop Bosco had to close or partner several parishes and schools.

The Church of Greensburg celebrated the beginning of the third millennium of Christianity in 2000 and marked the golden anniversary of the diocese in 2001.

Bishop Bosco's resignation was accepted Jan. 2, 2004, and he died July 2, 2013.

#### Bishop Brandt installed in 2004

Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, a priest of the Diocese of Erie, was ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of Greensburg March 4, 2004.

Under his leadership, the diocese launched a major evangelization initiative, established the permanent diaconate, invited priests from the Philippines to provide pastoral ministry assistance, established a listening process to prepare for a long-term diocesan strategic plan, released pastoral letters addressing faith formation and Catholics in the political arena, and supervised the restructuring of several diocesan parishes.

Bishop Brandt also led the diocese's second capital campaign, which raised

more than \$55 million in gifts and pledges to support parishes and the diocese, directed a restoration of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, and established the Diocesan Heritage Center.

Bishop Brandt's resignation was accepted April 24, 2015.

#### Bishop Malesic installed in 2015

Bishop Edward C. Malesic, a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg, was ordained and installed as the fifth Bishop of Greensburg July 13, 2015.

He oversaw an initiative to address the opioid epidemic in the region that included a pastoral letter, "A Pastoral Letter on the Drug Abuse Crisis: From Death and Despair to Life and Hope," along with education and listening sessions and prayer services throughout the diocese. The response included cooperative actions with agencies already involved in the battle against addiction.

He responded to the clergy abuse crisis and the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report in 2018 by establishing a Safe Environment Advisory Council to increase diocesan transparency and outside oversight. A series of seven listening sessions around the diocese, each of which was attended by Bishop Malesic, gave parishioners the opportunity to express their feelings about the grand jury report, make observations and offer suggestions.

In February 2019, Bishop Malesic announced details of a Comprehensive Reconciliation Initiative, which included a Survivors' Compensation Program, to support survivors of abuse.



The refurbished log church in Sugar Creek is the site of the oldest church west of the Alleghenies and today is a historic chapel of St. Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend.

On July 1, 2020, Bishop Malesic announced the formation of the Saint Pope John Paul II Tuition Opportunity Partnership (TOP), which made \$4.1 million in scholarships and tuition assistance available for the 12 Catholic schools in the diocese. The initiative was made possible by an anonymous donation of \$2.4 million, the single largest donation from a family the Diocese of Greensburg had ever received in one year, combined with \$1.7 million in

existing funds donated by other individuals and businesses.

Bishop Malesic was appointed the 12th Bishop of Cleveland on July 16, 2020, and installed there Sept. 14.

By Jerry Zufelt, with information from diocesan files and the book "A History of the Catholic Church in the Dioceses of Pittsburg and Allegheny" by Father A.A. Lambing, a priest and historian from the Diocese of Pittsburgh



THE CATHOLIC ACCENT FILE PHOTO

Clergy, family and friends fill Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Bishop Edward C. Malesic's ordination Mass July 13, 2015.

## Diocese's cathedral has storied past

Like the Diocese of Greensburg, the history of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish, the mother church of the nearly 70-year-old Diocese of Greensburg, dates back more than two centuries.

The parish traces its roots to March 10, 1789, when a group of laymen representing about 25 area families paid five shillings, the equivalent of less than \$1 today, for the 1.5 acres that comprise the current site.

Their intent was to build a Roman Catholic Church and public burial ground. Construction of a log church was started, then halted because of inadequate funding. Local Catholics worshipped for the next 50 years at a church in Latrobe and a house in Crabtree.

A church was built on the Greensburg site in 1846 through the collaboration of Redemptorist Father John Henry Neumann (later named Bishop of Philadelphia and canonized a saint by Pope Paul VI in 1977) and the priests and monks of the Order of St. Benedict, who established Saint Vincent Monastery in Latrobe the same year.

The brick structure was dedicated in 1847 under the title Most Blessed Sacrament, later to be known as Most Holy Sacrament Parish. A small rectory was built in 1850 to accommodate Father William Pollard, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who served as pastor for three years.

The Benedictine priests from Latrobe assumed pastoral responsibility in 1853, a ministry they held for 100 years. Benedictine Father Agatho Stuebinger was appointed pastor and oversaw the building of a new rectory in 1885 and a new church building in 1887. The church

had stone trim and held 400 people.

As the Greensburg area prospered and grew into the 20th century, so too did the parish. That led to the establishment of six new parishes in outlying areas: St. Bruno Parish, South Greensburg; Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood; the former St. Bede Parish, Bovard; the former St. Gilbert Parish, Hunker; and St. Paul Parish and Our Lady of Grace Parish, both in Greensburg.

The need for an even larger church building was realized in the early 1920s. A building fund campaign was organized in 1923, and the Pittsburgh architectural firm of Comes, Perry and McMullen produced the design of the present Tudor Gothic style structure. Built of sandstone with Indiana limestone trim, it was dedicated in May 1928.

With the establishment of the Diocese

of Greensburg March 10, 1951, Most Holy Sacrament Church was designated Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

#### Cathedral and the 'cathedra'

A cathedral gets its name because it is the church where the "cathedra" (Greek and Latin for "chair"), or bishop's chair, is located. The chair was seen as the sign of authority to teach, and early bishops usually preached while seated. When the pope teaches formally, he is said to be speaking "ex cathedra" — from the chair.

As the mother church of the diocese, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is the setting for ordinations to the diaconate, priesthood and episcopacy;

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## Cathedral's storied past

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pontifical liturgies and special diocesanwide celebrations and ceremonies; and ecumenical services. Four of the diocese's six bishops were ordained in the cathedral: Bishop William G. Connare (May 4, 1960); Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt (March 4, 2004); Bishop Edward C. Malesic (July 13, 2015); and Bishop Larry J. Kulick (Feb. 11, 2021). Bishop Hugh L. Lamb and Bishop Anthony G. Bosco were already bishops and were installed as Bishop of Greensburg in the cathedral. Bishop Norbert F. Gaughan was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Greensburg in the cathedral June 26, 1975.

#### **Vatican II renovations**

Bishop Connare instituted a renovation project in 1971 to meet the liturgical renewal guidelines of the Second Vatican Council, which he attended. The renovation was directed by Mario Celli of Flynn-Celli Architects.

The main altar was relocated from its position in the apse to the center of the sanctuary to emphasize the communal aspect of worship. Marble from the original baldacchino was reused in several ways. The new main altar was fashioned from the top and side of the previous altar.

The cathedral was reopened May 6, 1972, and the Mass of Consecration was celebrated Oct. 7, 1973, with the late Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia as celebrant and principal consecrator.

In 1983, discussion began about expanding the rectory and adding a parish administration center to the building. The project was completed in 1987. In 2003, the parish purchased and renovated the former convent of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to create a new formation center and increase space for religious formation and catechesis.

#### **Restoration in 2010**

After much planning and as part of the "Today's Challenge ~ Tomorrow's Hope" Capital and Endowment Campaign for the Diocese of Greensburg, a \$3.5 million restoration project began in 2010 to repair and upgrade many physical aspects and systems in the cathedral and to restore portions of the apse. The project was supported by \$2.5 million from the diocesan portion of the capital campaign.

The most visible restorations were three canvas paintings depicting the Supper of Emmaus, recognizing the cathedral's patronage under the Blessed Sacrament; the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, recognizing the diocese's patronage under Our Lady of the Assumption; and the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Other changes in the apse included a new cathedra; additions to the main altar of images that symbolize the Eucharist; a new crucifix with the corpus that had been on a pillar near the ambo; and a new ambo and presider's chair. The ceiling was painted, bronze doors were installed at the three main entrances, and the Devotional Chapel and Blessed Sacrament Chapel were restored. A new ambry was installed to store the holy oils, and a new baptismal font was built.

Bishop Brandt celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving for the restoration and blessing of new liturgical appointments Oct. 30, 2011.

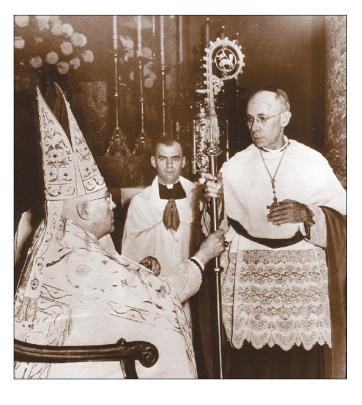
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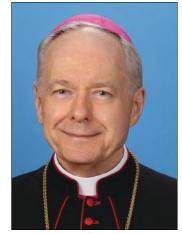
Top: From left, Msgr. Larry J. Kulick, Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, a project worker and Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, rector of the cathedral, look over restoration plans in 2010. Left, scaffolding fills the cathedral during the restoration. Below, Bishop Hugh L. Lamb accepts his crosier at his installation Mass Jan. 16, 1952, in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, and Bishop William G. Connare, left, and Bishop Anthony G. Bosco enter the cathedral during Bishop Bosco's installation Mass June 30, 1987.





## Principal bishops at ordination and installation Mass

















#### **ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ PRINCIPAL CONSECRATOR**

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez was born in Miami, Fla., raised in West New York, N.J., and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul May 20,

He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in New York June 8, 2012, by Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop Pérez was appointed by Pope Francis as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland July 11, 2017, and installed at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist Sept. 5, 2017.

Pope Francis appointed him the 14th Bishop and 10th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Jan. 23, 2020.

#### **BISHOP EMERITUS LAWRENCE E. BRANDT CO-CONSECRATOR**

Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt was born in Charleston, W.Va., raised in the Erie area and ordained a priest Dec. 19, 1969, in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. After serving in the Vatican Diplomatic Corps and for the Diocese of Erie, he was appointed fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg Jan. 2, 2004, and ordained and installed March 4 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. He became bishop emeritus of Greensburg upon the ordination and installation of Bishop Edward C. Malesic.

#### **BISHOP EDWARD** C. MALESIC **CO-CONSECRATOR**

Bishop Edward C. Malesic was born and raised in the Harrisburg area and ordained a priest May 30, 1987, at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. Pope Francis appointed Bishop Malesic the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg April 24, 2015. He was ordained and installed July 13 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg. Bishop Malesic was appointed the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland by Pope Francis July 16, 2020, and installed as bishop Sept. 14 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Bishop Malesic succeeded Archbishop Pérez in the Ohio diocese.

#### **ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHE PIERRE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO** TO THE UNITED STATES

Archbishop Christophe Pierre represented the Holy See at the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Larry J. Kulick, where he read the official proclamation giving papal authorization to ordain Bishop Kulick as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Archbishop Pierre, a native of France, was ordained a priest April 5, 1970, and started his service in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See in 1977. He served in several countries around the world and was Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti (1995-99), Uganda (1999-2007) and Mexico (2007-16) before being appointed Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S. by Pope Francis April 12, 2016.

#### Honored guests

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- The Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, JCD Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown
- The Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, DD, JCL Bishop of Harrisburg
- The Most Reverend Borys Andrij Gudziak Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
- The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, JCL Bishop of Erie
- The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, DD, JCL Bishop of Allentown
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- The Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, VG, STL Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh
- The Most Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald, DD, JD, JCD Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia
- The Most Reverend John J. McIntyre, DD Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

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- The Reverend Liddy Barlow Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania
- Sister Mary Norbert Long Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill

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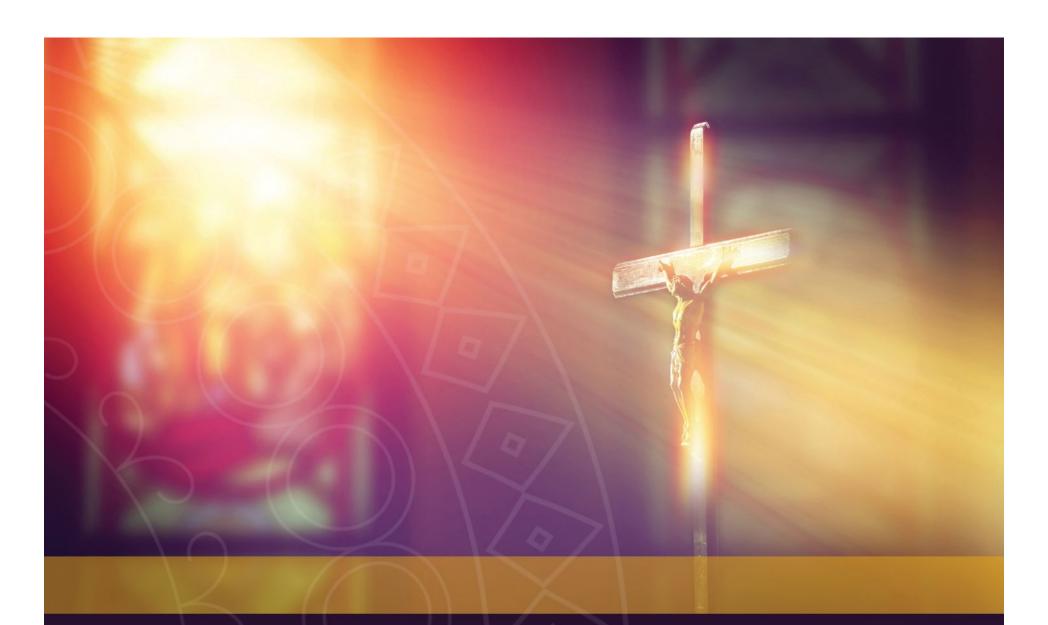




Pictured above: Margaret DiVirgilio, Chancellor, Jennifer Miele, John Stevens, Interim Managing Director of the Catholic Foundation, Bishop Kulick, Monsignor Raymond Riffle, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Sheila Murray, Chief Financial Officer, Maureen Marsteller, Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

On behalf of the entire Diocese of Greensburg, the Bishop's Cabinet and Managing Directors, we congratulate you Bishop.

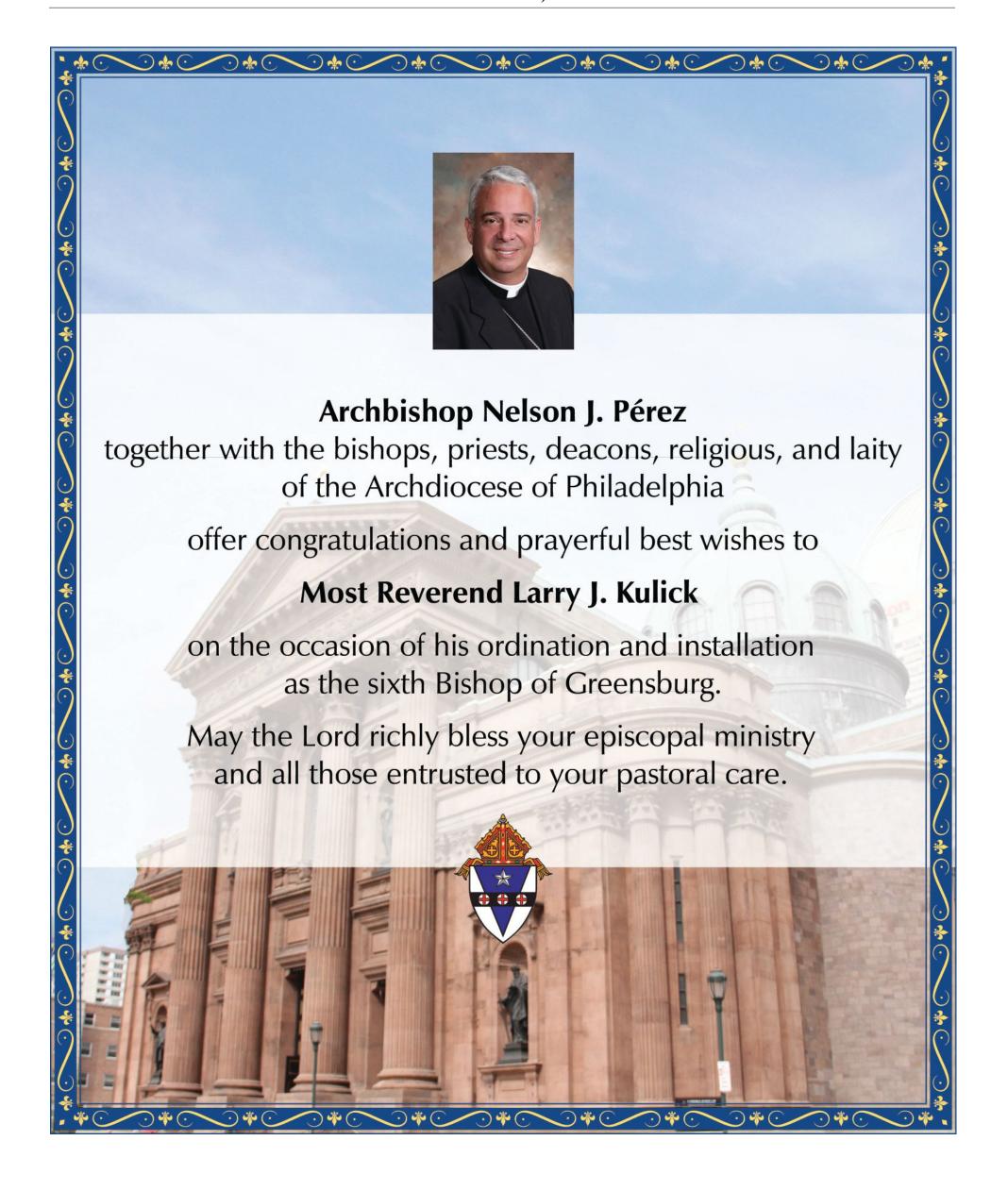
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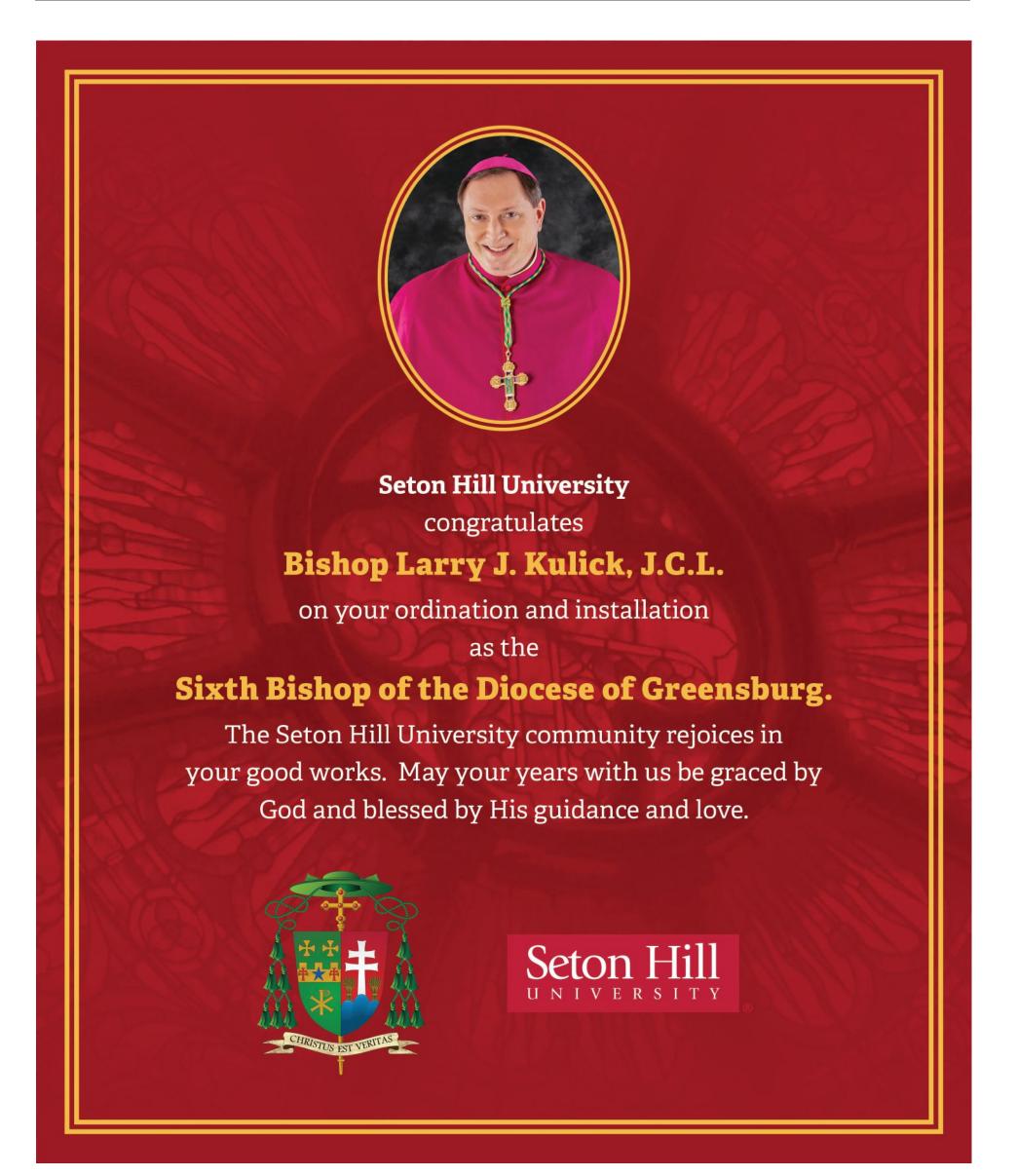
It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. I praise God that my brother in Christ has become our neighboring bishop.

Bishop David A. Zubik, with the clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh









BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK

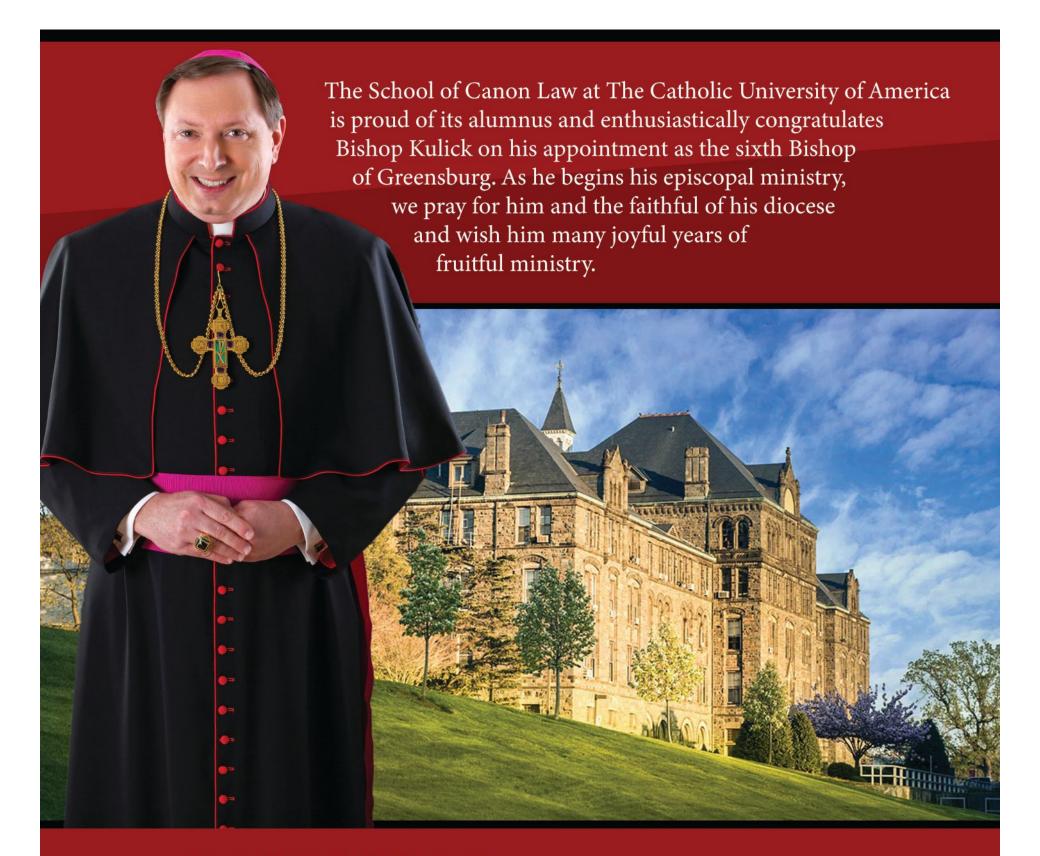


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## The Office of Catholic Schools extends prayerful congratulations to Bishop Kulick as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.



As you share in the ministry of Jesus Christ, may your heart be filled with the love of God and your spirit sustained by His grace.

May God bless you always.

- Office of Catholic Schools -

The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Greensburg wish to congratulate Bishop Kulick on the occasion of his ordination and installation as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.











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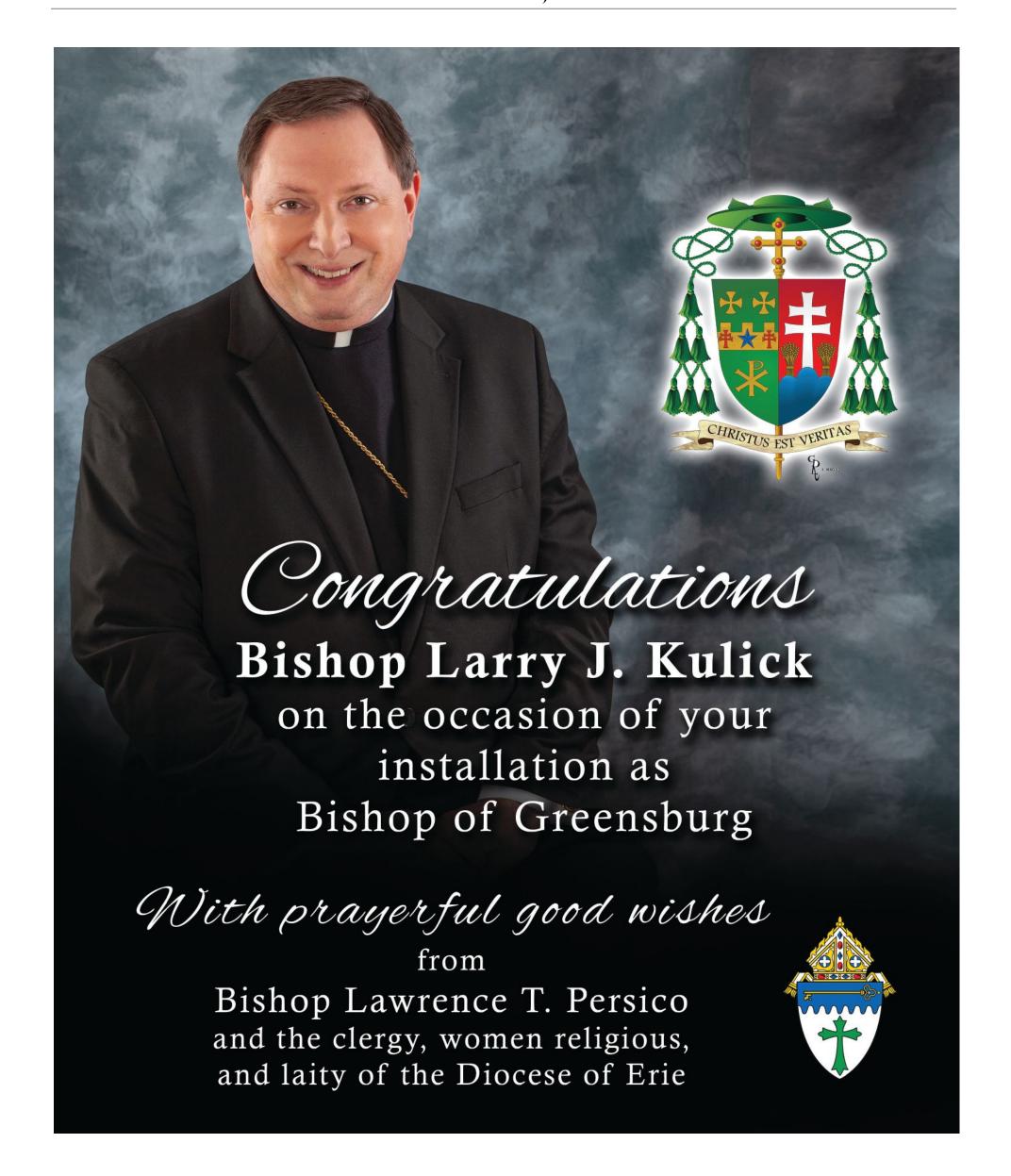


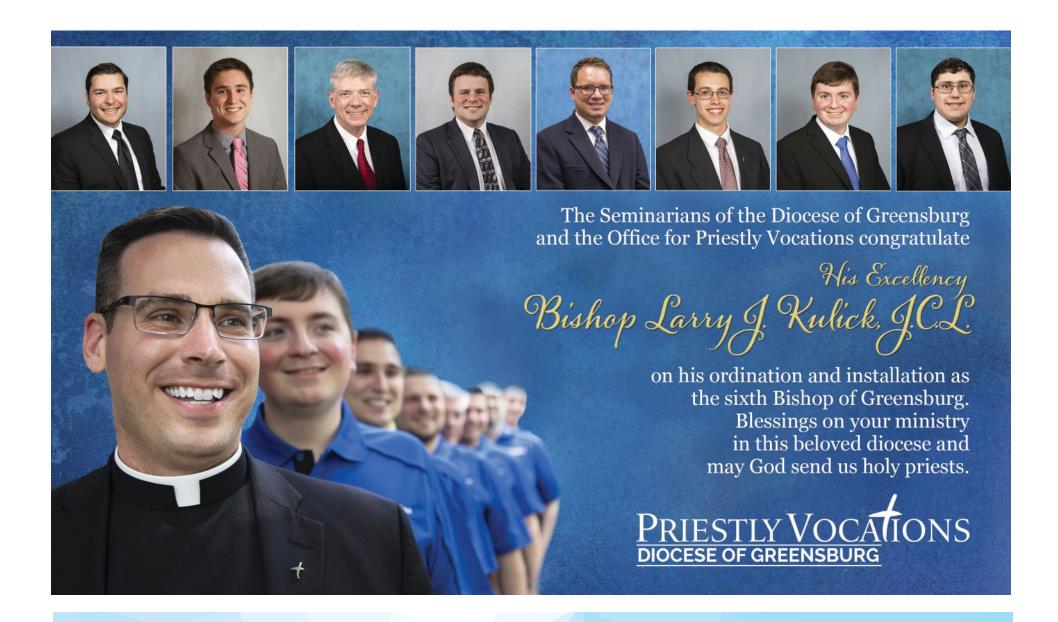




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### Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, together with the clergy, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg, offer congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, on the occasion of his Ordination as the 6th Bishop of Greensburg.

May the Lord richly bless your episcopal ministry and all those entrusted to your pastoral care.



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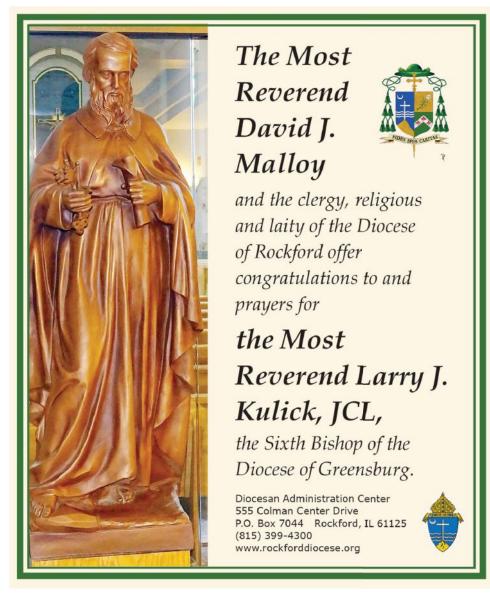
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Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert extends prayerful congratulations and best wishes to Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick on his Ordination and Installation

as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for your ministry.



## Congratulations MOST REVEREND LARRY J. KULICK

On the occasion of his Episcopal Ordination as Bishop of the

#### DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L. and the clergy, religious and laity of the DIOCESE OF SCRANTON



We congratulate our spiritual advisor, the Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, as we celebrate our 60th anniversary of the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women.

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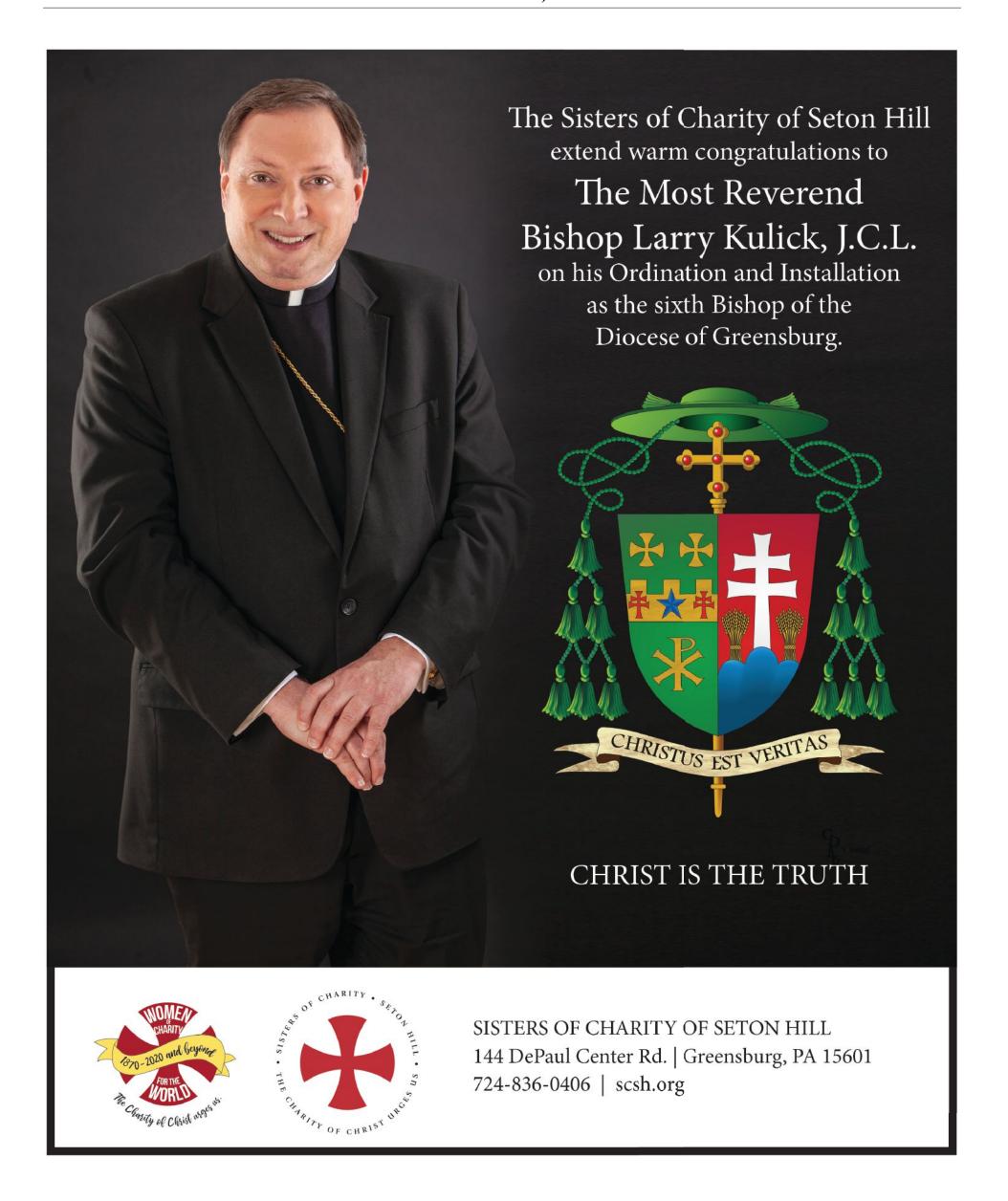


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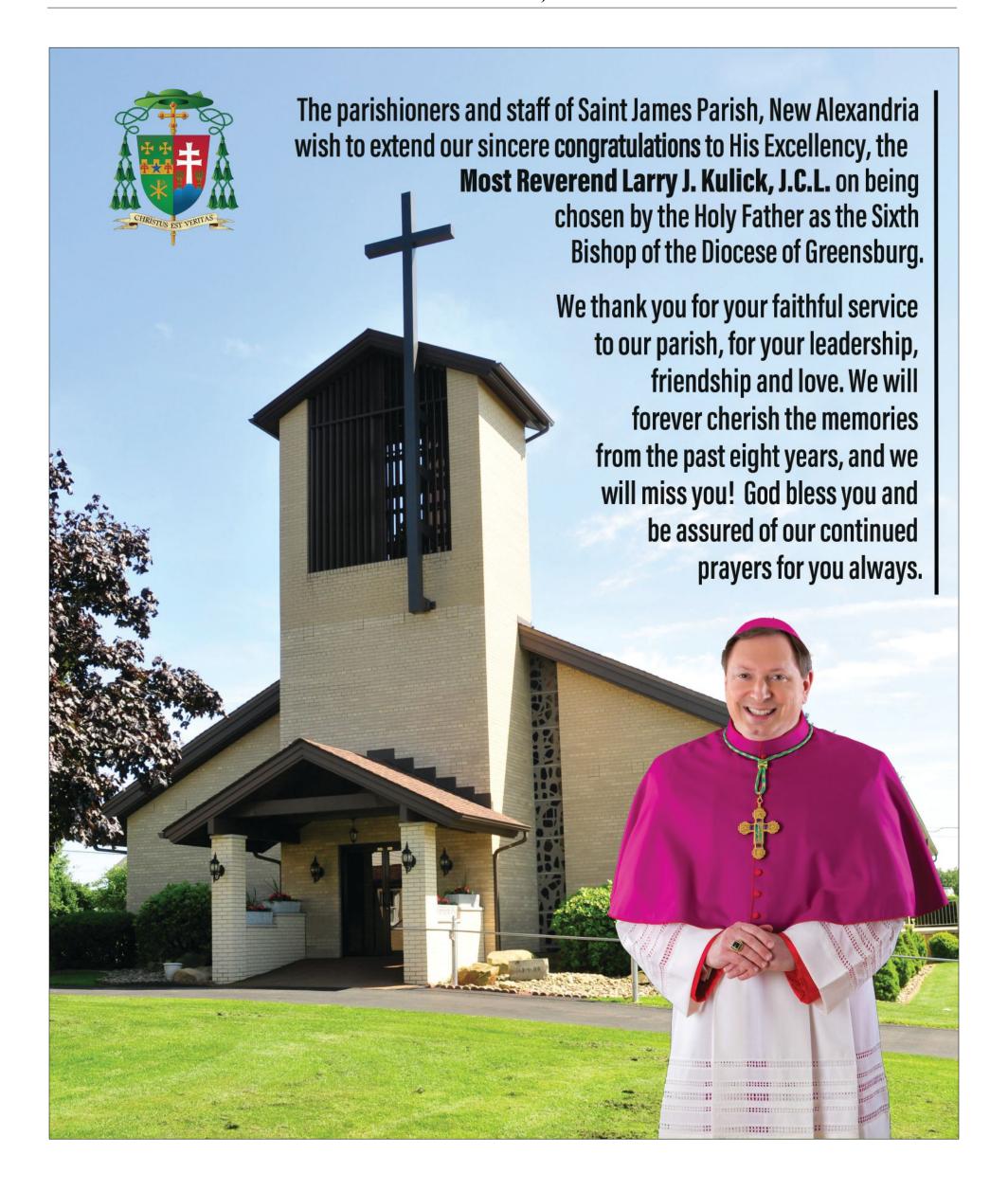
### MOST REVEREND LARRY J. KULICK

On the occasion of his Episcopal Ordination and Installation as the Sixth Bishop of the

#### DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG







### Life of service to the Diocese of Greensburg

Bishop Kulick first native son and priest of diocese to become Bishop of Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., who has been characterized as a "roll up his sleeves and get to work" kind of leader, was appointed the sixth Bishop of Greensburg by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, Dec. 18, 2020.

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He is the first native son and priest of the diocese to be appointed Bishop of

Prior to the appointment, Bishop Kulick had served as diocesan administrator after his predecessor, Bishop Edward C. Malesic, was installed as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland Sept. 14, 2020.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the Holy Father for his confidence and trust in appointing me as Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg," Bishop Kulick said when his appointment was announced. "Western Pennsylvania has always been my home. I feel honored to be able to serve as bishop in the diocese where I was born, raised, educated, ordained and have served my entire life.

"Two things that define the people of Western Pennsylvania, which were also crucial in my upbringing and formation, are a strong faith and a strong work ethic. As I begin my episcopal ministry, I know we have a great deal of work to do in caring for our community of faith in a post-pandemic world. Working with each other, I believe the Church and its people can continue to be of great assistance to those who are in spiritual and physical need," he said.

Bishop Kulick was born Feb. 24, 1966, the first son of Larry J. Sr. and Myrna Dolores Coleman Kulick. The Leechburg native was a parishioner of the former St. Martha Parish in that city.

He attended Leechburg Elementary School, and he was a Boy Scout in Troop 524 at the former St. Martha Parish, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He also earned the Boy Scouts' Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII national religious emblems and the diocesan Bishop Connare emblem for young adults.

After graduating from St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, in 1984, Bishop Kulick earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, in 1988. He went on to receive a master's degree in systematic theology in 1991 and a master of divinity degree in 1992 from Saint Vincent Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood May 16, 1992, by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Due to his heritage, Bishop Kulick is active in many Slovak cultural and fraternal organizations locally and nationally. He has been a life member of the First Catholic Slovak Union and has served as chaplain for the George Onda District for more than 25 years.

Bishop Kulick is a classic car enthusiast





PHOTOS COURTESY KULICK FAMILY

At top, Bishop Kulick with his parents after being promoted to Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2015; above, as a deacon.

and, with parishioners of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, has organized parish car cruises for a day of summer fun and fundraising. He has a lifelong love of the General Motors Pontiac. One of his most prized automotive possessions, his 1966 Pontiac LeMans, is the car in which he was brought home from the hospital as a newborn and was given to him as an 18th birthday present from his maternal grandmother, Eva Coleman.

— Jerry Zufelt

#### **BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Served as parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish (1992-95) and Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin (1995-97)
- Served as **pastor** of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, Kent (1997-2002), St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington (2002-08), and St. James Parish, New Alexandria (2012-21)
- Served in diocesan appointments as consultant on priestly vocations (1999-2004); co-director of priestly vocations (2004-08); director of clergy vocations (2008-10); codirector of clergy vocations (2010-12), co-director of the permanent diaconate (2012); episcopal master of ceremonies (2008-10); coepiscopal master of ceremonies (2010-12); and acting chancellor (2012-13)
- Served as moderator and chaplain of the Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women
- Appointed vicar general and moderator of the curia in 2012 by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt and reappointed vicar general by Bishop Malesic in 2015

- Elected diocesan administrator by the College of Consultors, a priest advisory group, Sept. 15, 2020, the day after Bishop Edward C. Malesic was installed as Bishop of Cleveland.
- Served on the Priests' Council and Board of Consultors
- Earned a licentiate in canon law from The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 2012
- Received the title of monsignor by virtue of his office as vicar general of the diocese May 21, 2014
- Inducted as a **Knight** of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Oct. 1, 2011; elevated to Knight Commander Oct. 31, 2015
- As Bishop of Greensburg, is a **member** of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC), serves on the boards of Saint Vincent Seminary, Saint Vincent College and Seton Hill University, and is a member of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania
- Previously served as a **member** of the PCC Administrative Board (2012-21) and served as **board secretary**

## Devotion to church began in childhood

Myrna and Larry J. Kulick Sr. said their son's journey toward a religious vocation started when he was very young.

It is a journey that now finds him as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.
"He always wanted to be a priest," said

Myrna Kulick. It may have been a miracle that Bishop Larry J. Kulick even was able to begin the life that led him on this path.

He was born prematurely at 7 months.

"When he was born, he just barely made it. He was real small for his age and scrawny," his father said. "Now he's a big strapping man."

That small youngster made his interest in being an altar boy known to Father Rudolph Halvonik of the former St. Martha Parish in Leechburg. The elder Kulick recalled Father Halvonik saying he would allow the youngster to be an altar boy after he made his first Communion.

The ambitious child always came straight home after school but one day made a detour.

"I said, 'My goodness, we've got to go find where he's at," his father said. "He left school, went straight to the church and knocked on the priest's door and said, 'Father, you told me that after I made my first Communion, I could be an altar boy.' He did this on his own. What could the priest say, but OK." (Bishop Kulick made his first Communion the day before.)

His mother had mixed emotions about her son's early passion.

"I thought he was too young," she admitted, but said her son was a dedicated altar boy. "He'd get up at 5:30 (a.m.) for 6:30 Mass. There was never a squabble or anything. He just really enjoyed it from day one."

His father remembers the effect the church had on his son.

"We took him to church faithfully when he was young," said the elder Kulick shortly after his son presided over his final Mass as pastor of St. James Parish in New Alexandria. "He just fell in love with the church and religion. He seemed to be amazed by the church. It just grabbed him."

That joy continues for the man who on Feb. 11 was ordained and installed as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg in a ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.

"I believe that these people are picked," the elder Kulick said. "It's all God-sent. There's no doubt in my mind that they're picked."

The bishop's parents beam with pride when talking about their son.

"The work ethic was there," his father said. "He worked very, very hard to get where he's at."

Myrna Kulick said she feels "very humbled and very blessed" about her son's new assignment. She's also quite confident that he will be successful.

"I think he'll do fine," she said. "He's very versatile. He likes to be around a lot of people. He's had good mentors and a good education."

— Paul Paterra













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From top: Bishop Kulick with his grandmother, Eva Coleman, and the 1966 Pontiac LeMans she gave him (in which he was brought home from the hospital as a newborn); baby, grade school and high school photos; with his first Communion class at the former St. Martha Parish with Father Rudolph A. Halvonik (the bishop is at lower right); and posing with his family following his graduation from Saint Vincent College, Latrobe.

## Profession of faith, oath of fidelity



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Bishop-elect Kulick signs the oath of fidelity and loyalty to the Holy Father. Margaret DiVirgilio, diocesan chancellor, serves as witness and affixes the seal of the Diocese of Greensburg to the documents.

#### Celebration of ordination of Bishop Kulick begins with evening prayer service

The celebration of the ordination and installation of then Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg began the night before with the solemn evening prayer at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

At the Solemn Evening Prayer on the eve of the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of a Bishop, the priest and laity of the diocese pray with the bishop-elect. At the prayer service, the bishop-elect professes his fidelity to the Catholic Church and all of his teachings by reciting the

Nicene Creed, which dates back to the fourth century. He also professes an oath of fidelity and loyalty to the Holy Father.

The Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity are canonically and morally binding on the bishop. Bishop-elect Kulick placed his right hand upon the Bible of Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg, while proclaiming them aloud.

In an effort to protect the health and safety of the faith community during the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance was

extremely limited. The service was live streamed so the entire diocese could join in the prayer.

After Bishop-elect Kulick signed the documents, Margaret DiVirgilio, chancellor of the Diocese of Greensburg, witnessed his signing and affixed the documents with the seal of the Diocese of Greensburg.

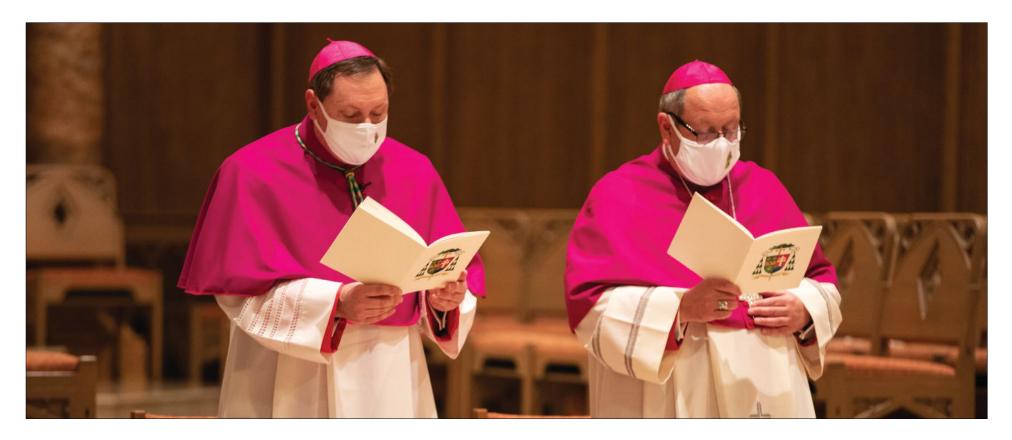
"With deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father and Pope Francis for bringing us our bishop-elect, Larry J. Kulick to lead this diocese into the future," DiVirgilio said. "This is, indeed, a joyous event in the life of the diocese."

The presider and homilist for the evening prayer was the Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, a native of Monessen, former priest of the Diocese of Greensburg and the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Erie.

Bishop Persico described the role of a bishop: to have an authentic love of God and one's neighbor; to live and serve the Church.

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At top, Bishop-elect Kulick and Bishop Edward C. Malesic pray during the service; at left, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, papal nuncio to the United States, listens as Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, above, delivers the homily; and below, priests represent diocesan clergy. From left are, back row, Father Paul A. Lisik and Msgr. James T. Gaston, and front row, Father Lawrence L. Manchas, Father John A. Moineau, Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle and Msgr. William R. Rathgeb.



## Ordination celebration begins with evening prayer

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"The title of bishop is one of service, not of honor, and a bishop should strive to benefit others rather than lord it over them," Bishop Persico said. "The lesson from John's Gospel is rooted in the act itself. Jesus assumed the role generally given to a servant in a household. He — the Teacher and the Lord — bent down on the floor and washed the feet of his disciples — a gesture of hospitality and concern. In so doing, he challenged them — and us — to serve our sisters and brothers in a selfless, compassionate and tangible manner."

Among those in attendance were Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States; Bishop Edward C. Malesic, Bishop-elect Kulick's predecessor and the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland; and Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and a number of priests from the Diocese of Greensburg.

Music was provided under the direction of Thomas Octave, the diocese's director of sacred music, accompanied by J. Christopher Pardini, diocesan organist. Christopher Wu was the violinist and Marissa Knaub Avon was the harpist. The cantors were Mitch Farrell of St. Benedict Parish, Marguerite; Sara Octave of St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington; Katie Zuzik of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish; and Marcella Smith of Saint. Vincent College.

Bishop Persico noted that the Diocese of Greensburg will celebrate its 70th anniversary in March.

"For 70 years, the bells of this cathedral have summoned God's people to various parish and diocesan celebrations: Sunday and daily Eucharist, weddings and funerals, ordinations, installations of bishops, and episcopal liturgies," Bishop Persico said. "For 70 years, the bells of this cathedral have announced all of the major events in the life of faith in this diocese. Once again, tomorrow, those same bells will call this local church together to pray for their bishop-elect. Tonight, you, God's people, have responded by lifting your voices in praise and thanks to God for your new chief shepherd and spiritual leader, Bishop-elect Larry Kulick."

Bishop Persico also spoke of the diocese that will be guided by its new bishop.

"Tomorrow, you inherit a great legacy of faith and good works started 70 years ago," Bishop Persico said. "You inherit a gifted presbyterate, dedicated deacons, women and men, religious faith-filled lay disciples, a family with great potential. And you



build on a firm foundation laid by those who preceded you. In building upon the faith and good works necessary for discipleship, this evening's Scripture reading from Colossians presents a reflection on a list of virtues necessary for discipleship. These are certainly words for a new bishop and words for all of us as we work to build up the house of faith."

The reading for the service was from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians and spoke of God's willingness to forgive.

"If one has a grievance against another, as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do," the reading states. "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection."

Bishop Kulick has chosen as his motto, "Christus Est Veritas, Christ is the Truth." He chose it to emphasize the importance of catechesis and evangelization and the fact that eternal truth comes from Jesus Christ.

His closing remarks at his ordination stemmed from that motto, and Bishop Persico's closing remarks leaned toward that motto as well.

"May your episcopal ministry be one of compassion, forgiveness, and the assurance of God's mercy and love so that it brings all women and men back to the hope of finding that Christ is the truth," Bishop Persico said. "And so tomorrow, let the bells of this cathedral ring out with joy. Let the bells of this cathedral ring loudly and cheerfully, even in spite of this pandemic. You have a new bishop. And we give thanks and praise to God."

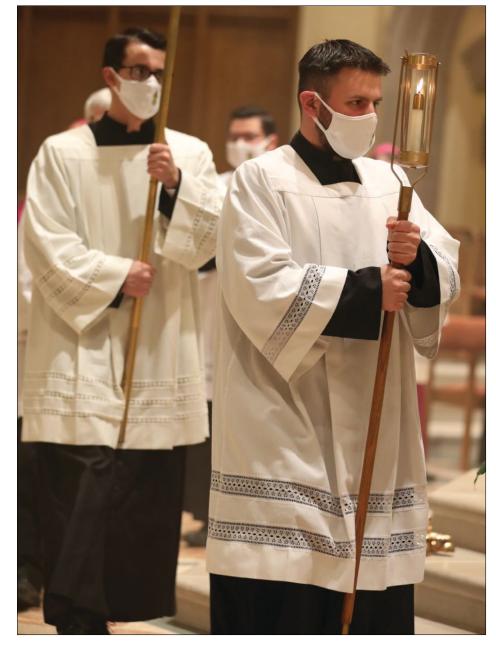
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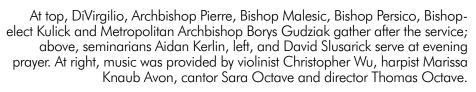


At top, Bishop
Malesic and
Bishop-elect
Kulick prepare
for the service's
closing
procession;
above, Deacon
William J. Hisker
incenses the
bishop-elect and
others; and right,
DiVirgilio delivers
the welcome.



















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An emotional Bishop Larry J. Kulick is congratulated by bishops after being installed as Bishop of Greensburg.

### Lifetime of service to the church

Bishop Larry J. Kulick ordained as sixth Bishop of Diocese of Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick recalled a moment in his life that started a journey in which the latest step was his installation and ordination as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg Feb. 11 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

As he stood before the small assembly at the cathedral near the close of the Mass, Bishop Kulick talked about his days at the former St. Martha Parish in his native Leechburg, where he became an altar server at age 8.

"Serving at the altar brought me great joy; it fostered a wonderful prayer and devotional life; it placed me in many opportunities to see the important spiritual needs of people and the solace that they received in and through the Church and her sacraments," Bishop Kulick said. "It taught me discipline and respect, and most importantly it taught me that discipleship was intrinsically tied to service. And that it takes family, Church and community working well together to respond to God's invitation to serve."

He is the first priest ordained in the diocese to



Above, Bishop Kulick's parents, Myrna and Larry Kulick Sr., are recognized during the Mass by Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez; at right, Cleveland Bishop Edward C. Malesic lays hands on Bishop Kulick during the ordination.

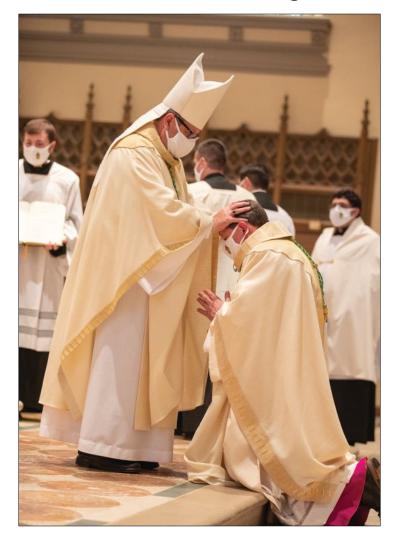
be ordained its bishop.

It was an emotional day for Bishop Kulick. He said the most powerful moments were the Litany of Supplication when he lay prostrate on the altar just as he did at his priestly ordination, and when he was led by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia, to the cathedra and installed as the Bishop of Greensburg.

Archbishop Pérez was the principal consecrator. Cleveland Bishop Edward C. Malesic, fifth Bishop of Greensburg, and Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt, fourth Bishop of Greensburg, served as co-consecrators.

In his homily, Archbishop Pérez claimed responsibility

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# Lifetime of service to church

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for starting the chain of events that led to Bishop Kulick's being appointed bishop of his home diocese. Archbishop Pérez was the Bishop of Cleveland when he was appointed Archbishop of Philadelphia, his hometown. Bishop Malesic followed Archbishop Pérez and became the 12th Bishop of Cleveland in September, and Bishop Kulick now succeeds Bishop Malesic.

#### **Advice from archbishops**

"We are all bishops of the church, shepherds chosen by God to feed his flock," Archbishop Pérez said, quoting from a homily Pope Francis gave to the bishops of the United States at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, D.C., in September 2015.

The archbishop recognized Bishop Kulick's parents — Myrna and Larry Kulick Sr. — during his homily.

"Thank you for the gift of your son to the church," he said.

He offered additional advice from Pope Francis' address for Bishop Kulick.

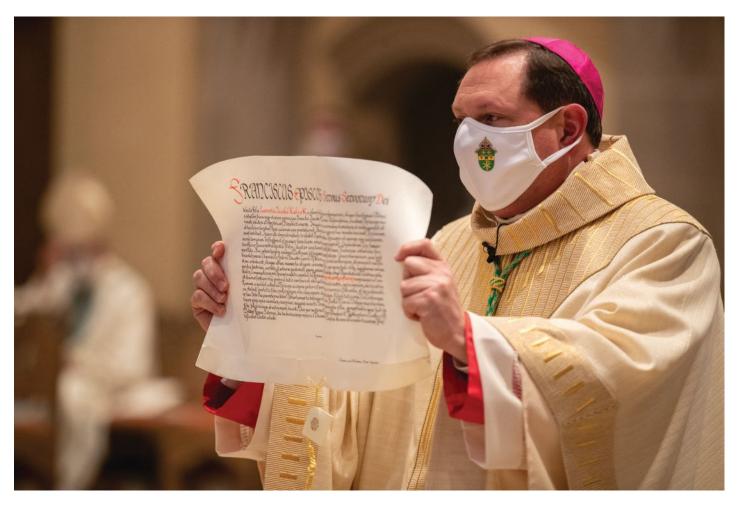
"He said, 'Our greatest joy is to be shepherds, and only shepherds, pastors with undivided hearts and selfless devotion. We need to preserve this joy and never let ourselves be robbed of it," Archbishop Pérez said.

The archbishop said there would be challenges, noting that the pope continued, "The evil one roars like a lion, anxious to devour it, wearing us down in our resolve to be all that we are called to be, not for ourselves but in gift and service to the 'Shepherd of our souls' (1 Pt 2:25). The heart of our identity is to be sought in constant prayer, in preaching and in shepherding the flock entrusted to our care."

The pope's advice included, the archbishop said, to "be pastors close to people, pastors who are neighbors and servants" and to support the diocese's priests.

"With the charity of a father and brother, love all whom God places in your care, especially the priests and deacons, your co-workers in the ministry of Christ, but also the poor and the weak, immigrants and strangers," Archbishop Pérez said.

The ordination took place in the presence of Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States. He presented the letter from Pope Francis announcing the appointment of Bishop Kulick.







Top, prior to being ordained, Bishop Kulick shows Pope Francis' official appointment of him as Bishop of Greensburg; above, Archbishop Pérez anoints Bishop Kulick with sacred chrism; left, Deacon William M. Newhouse, left, and Deacon Steven A. LoCascio hold the Book of the Gospels over the bishop's head to remind him to preach the Word of God.

"The Holy Father has chosen you to be an instrument; he's asking you to be an organ of Christ, the Good Shepherd," Archbishop Pierre said. "A shepherd dedicates himself not 50 or 60 percent, but in all he has. Unless a shepherd risks, he does not find. He has to take the risk demanded by love, the love of those He has placed in your call."

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the Mass was limited to Bishop Kulick's immediate family and a small number of clergy and members of the diocesan leadership team. Family

members in attendance included the bishop's parents; his aunt and uncle, Anthony and Donna Krasowski; his sisters and brother, Lisa Blake, Lori O'Shea and Erik Kulick; and his nephews.

The episcopal ordination and installation was livestreamed on the diocesan website, Facebook page and YouTube channel, and was broadcast on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN).

#### **Rite of Ordination**

After the Promises of the Elect (see story on page 36) and Litany of Sup-

plication, Archbishop Pérez placed his hands on Bishop Kulick's head, an ancient gesture in the church used to confer the power of the Holy Spirit on the candidate for bishop. Bishop Malesic and Bishop Brandt then placed their hands on Bishop Kulick's head. With the Book of the Gospels held over Bishop Kulick's head, Archbishop Pérez and the other bishops said the Prayer of Ordination, at which point Bishop Kulick became a bishop.

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Top, Bishop Kulick gives his first blessing as bishop to the assembly; right, Bishop Kulick incenses the altar with Deacon William M. Newhouse; above, the bishop elevates the blood of Christ at the consecration.



## **Promises**of the Elect

Prior to ordaining him as the sixth Bishop of Greensburg, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez questioned Bishop Kulick, who answered "I do" to the first eight and "I do, with the help of God," to the final question.

- And so, dear brother, do you resolve by the grace of the Holy Spirit to discharge until death the office entrusted to us by the Apostles, which we are about to pass on to you by the laying on of our hands?
- Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?
- Do you resolve to guard the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt, as handed down by the Apostles and preserved in the Church everywhere and at all times?
- Do you resolve to build up the body of Christ, his Church, and to remain in the unity of that body together with the Order of Bishops under the authority of the successor of St. Peter the Apostle?
- Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?
- Do you resolve to guide the holy people of God in the way of salvation as a devoted father and sustain them with the help of your fellow ministers, the priests and deacons?
- Do you resolve, for the sake of the Lord's name, to be welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers and to all who are in need?
- Do you resolve as a good shepherd to seek out the sheep who stray and gather them into the Lord's fold?
- Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of high priest without reproach?

## Bishop devotes lifetime of service to church

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The Rite of Ordination was completed with the anointing of Bishop Kulick's head with sacred chrism and the presentation of the Book of the Gospels to him as a reminder to "preach the Word of God with all patience and sound teaching."

The bishop's miter, ring and crosier were presented to him by family members, then Archbishop Pérez led the newly ordained bishop to the cathedra, where Bishop Kulick formally became the shepherd of the Diocese of Greensburg.

### Bishop Kulick asks for prayers, support

Bishop Kulick said he was humbled at the honor and responsibility bestowed

"I do not take this responsibility lightly or without the full knowledge that in order to accomplish this, I need God's grace and your assistance," Bishop Kulick said. "I look forward to our time together and beginning my episcopal ministry in the wonderful four counties of our beloved diocese which we know so well.

"I need God's grace, and I need your help, your cooperation, your desire. Will you join me?"

He said that if the grace of God can call a small boy who just wanted to be an altar server to the priesthood and the episcopacy, "Can we only imagine what God can do for each one of us if we trust, rely on his grace and follow his will?

"Come, let us find out together what

God has planned for each of us."

Bishop Kulick has chosen as his motto, "Christus Est Veritas (Christ is the Truth)." He chose it to emphasize the importance of catechesis and evangelization and the fact that eternal truth comes from Jesus Christ.

It is from that motto that Kulick closed his remarks.

"Christ is the truth. Let us seek the truth, know the truth and love the truth," he said.

— Paul Paterra and Jerry Zufelt

# Bond of bishops Former Bishops of

Former Bishops of Greensburg, Bishop of Erie praise newest member of episcopacy

Just as the diocesan priesthood is often referred to as a brotherhood, so, too, is the fraternity of bishops.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick became the newest brother in the episcopacy with his ordination Feb. 11, but he is far from being a new face in that group.

The ordination Mass included the two previous bishops of the Diocese of Greensburg as co-consecrating bishops — Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt, who retired as the fourth Bishop of Greensburg in 2015, and Bishop Edward C. Malesic, who succeeded Bishop Brandt as the fifth bishop of the diocese.

Bishop Kulick worked closely with both bishops as the diocese's vicar general, and he worked with the other bishops in the state as a member of the administrative board of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops and the 10 Catholic dioceses in the commonwealth.

Several of the Pennsylvania bishops were in attendance, including Bishop Lawrence T. Persico, a diocesan native who ministered in the Diocese of Greensburg for 35 years before being appointed Bishop of Erie in 2012. He was the presider and homilist at the evening prayer service the day before Bishop Kulick's episcopal ordination.

"This is wonderful. He's a good choice for the Diocese of Greensburg," Bishop Persico said after the ordination and installation. "He is a perfect fit."

Bishop Kulick succeeded Bishop Persico as pastor of St. James Parish, New Alexandria, becoming the third pastor from that parish to be appointed a bishop. The late Archbishop Joseph (Giuseppe) A. De Andrea, who was an apostolic nuncio to Kuwait, Bahrain, and the Republic of



Three bishops of the Diocese of Greensburg — from left, Bishop Edward C. Malesic, Bishop Larry J. Kulick and Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt

Yemen, also served as a pastor there.

"I'm so happy he is a brother bishop," said Bishop Malesic, who served the diocese from 2015-20. "I knew and worked with him and consider him a good friend."

Bishop Malesic said he is happy that his successor as Bishop of Greensburg "is someone who can shepherd this church with love and care."

Bishop Brandt, who appointed then-Father Kulick vicar general in 2012, worked closely with him in many roles.

"He's a wonderful person with so many spiritual, human and intellectual gifts," Bishop Brandt said before the ordination Mass.

He said Bishop Kulick is a man of relationships.

"When people feel they are part of you, they give you part of themselves," he said. "That holds out such great promise for his success as a bishop."

— Jerry Zufelt







Top, priests of the diocese applaud Bishop Kulick; above, Archbishop Pérez places the episcopal ring on Bishop Kulick's finger; left, Bishop Kulick lies prostrate on the altar during the Litany of Supplication.



Bishop Kulick's family takes part in the celebration. From left are brother Erik, sister Lori O'Shea, nephew Tyler Blake, brother-in-law and sister Randolph and Lisa Blake, and parents Myrna and Larry Kulick Sr.

## Family praised, offers praise at ordination

Myrna and Larry J. Kulick Sr., Bishop Larry J. Kulick's parents, were nearly as much a focus at the ordination Mass as the new Bishop of Greensburg.

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez of Philadelphia, the principal consecrating bishop, paused in his homily to give special recognition and thanks to the Kulicks.

"We wouldn't be here today if not for two people, his parents," Archbishop Pérez said. "Thank you for the gift of your son to the church.

"Little did you know when he was running around the house doing who knows what – that that little kid would become the Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg," he said.

Larry Kulick Sr. called the day "overwhelming."

"It's so unbelievable that God would pick our son to do his work." he said.

Myrna Kulick said the day brought back memories of being in the same cathedral in May 1992. "When he was lying on the floor, I thought about his ordination to the priesthood," she said.

Lori O'Shea of Cranberry, one of the twin sisters in the family, said it was humbling to watch her older brother be ordained a bishop.

"He did all the sacraments for our four boys," she recalled.

The O'Sheas' sons — Timothy, Brennan, Ronan and Aidan — sat in the pew behind their mother with their father, Timothy.

The other twin sister, Lisa Blake of Plum, was in the front pew with her husband, Randolph, and their son, Tyler.

Erik Kulick, the bishop's younger brother, made the trip from Myrtle Beach, S.C., to be part of the celebration.

"I am very proud, very happy for him," he said. "This is very satisfying. He is meant to be in this position. My brother was made for this."

— Jerry Zufelt







Above left, Deacon William J. Hisker carries the Book of the Gospels to the ambo before proclaiming the Gospel; above right, Bishop Kulick celebrates Mass; above, diocesan seminarians are presented after Mass. From left are David Slusarick, Aidan Kerlin, Christopher Pujol, Andrew Hamilton and Craig Alexander.











Far left: Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, top, gives the welcome, and Archbishop Christophe Pierre presents the papal announcement of the appointment; center from top, Rachel Tinney proclaims the second reading, cantor Charlene Canty leads the assembly and Henna Bautista proclaims the first reading; above, Archbishop Pérez presents his homily.







Left, Archbishop Pérez presents the crosier to Bishop Kulick; above, Msgr. Karl Schilken, Bishop Kulick and Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle wait for Mass to begin.

#### **BISHOP'S LENTEN LITURGIES ONLINE**

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass 4:30 p.m. Saturdays through Lent at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Mass will be livestreamed at www.DioceseofGreensburg.org,
Facebook page and YouTube channel.
The Mass will be accessible all week on the website and Facebook. Don't forget to follow Bishop Kulick on Facebook.





For a listing of parish Lenten events, go to www.theaccentonline.org.

## Bishop Larry J. Kulick's Coat of Arms

In accordance with the heraldic tradition of the Catholic Church, the coat of arms of a bishop normally has the following elements:

- a shield with its symbols coming from family, geographic, religious and historical meanings, or from references to the name of the bishop
- a golden processional cross, with one traversal bar to represent the rank of the bishop, "impaled" vertically behind the shield
- a green hat (galero) with 12 attached tassels (six on each side), ordered, starting from the top, one, two and three
- a scroll (banderole), below the shield, with the bishop's episcopal motto written in black.

The coat of arms for Bishop Larry J. Kulick employs a gothic-shaped shield, frequently used in Catholic Church heraldry, and a botonny processional cross with five red stones to represent the five wounds of the crucified Christ.

#### Motto

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Christus est Veritas "Christ is the Truth." Bishop Kulick chose this motto to emphasize the importance of catechesis and evangelization and the fundamental fact that eternal truth comes from Jesus Christ. The use of Latin is a tribute to his many Latin instructors in high school, college, seminary and canon law school.

#### **Diocese of Greensburg**

From the point of view of the observer, the left side of the shield represents the coat of arms of the Diocese of Greensburg.

The green surface of the diocesan arms is charged with a "fess" or band across the center, the upper side crenellated gold (yellow) to commemorate the Revolutionary War general Nathaniel Greene (1742-86), for whom the city of Greensburg was named. The crenellated "fess" recalls the German word "burg," meaning a fortified place, or walled city, and thus represents the See of Greensburg.

The crenellated "fess" is charged with a blue, five-pointed star from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and commemorates Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, who was an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia prior to being appointed the first Bishop of Greensburg. On either side of the star are two double traversed crosses, tinctured red,

derived from the coat of arms of the Benedictines, whose members have labored for 175 years in what is now the Diocese of Greensburg.

In the "chief" or upper portion of the shield are two yellow (gold) crosses: two sides of each limb are concave and the extremity convex, commemorating that portion of the Diocese of Pittsburgh that became the Diocese of Greensburg in 1951. That cross is also at the center of the logo of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, whose motherhouse is in Greensburg and who have ministered in the region for nearly 140 years.

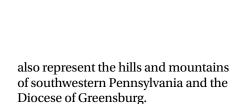
The base of the shield is charged with a gold (yellow) Christogram (Chi Rho) symbolizing the Holy Eucharist, the dedicatory title of the Cathedral of the Diocese of Greensburg. The first two letters of the Greek words for Christ (XP) are combined to form the Christogram; it may be read as the Latin word "Pax" (peace), a further allusion to the years of labor of the Benedictines in the Diocese of Greensburg.

The arms of the Diocese of Greensburg were devised at the time of its establishment in 1951 by William F.J. Ryan (1903-81) of New York, N.Y., and West Chatham, Mass.

#### **Bishop Kulick**

The right side of the shield, from the point of view of the observer, is the personal arms of Bishop Kulick. It contains obvious images commemorating his Slovak heritage and several subtle images focusing on southwestern Pennsylvania, his hometown of Leechburg and other local influences.

The large double-bar cross is the cross of SS. Cyril and Methodius, the great apostles to the Slavic peoples, and the triple-peak blue mountains below it represent the three mountain ranges — Tatra, Matra and Fatra — which symbolize the northern mountainous region of the former Kingdom of Hungary (the Tatra and Fatra ranges are in present-day Slovakia). One interpretation of the double-bar cross is that one bar represents the death and the second the resurrection of Christ. After they had evangelized and Christianized the people of the Slavic nations, SS. Cyril and Methodius planted the cross on the largest of the three mountains represented in the center of the shield. The mountains



The red and blue in Bishop Kulick's shield have multiple meanings. The darker red at the top of the shield represents the blood of martyrs, and the lighter red below it represents fire; together they symbolize the martyrdom of St. Lawrence, Bishop Kulick's patron saint.

The blue shadow on top of the hills symbolizes how Christ illuminates the world, and blue is the color of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the diocesan patroness as Our Lady of the Assumption.

The shadows and highlights at the top of the mountains where the red and blue come together also represent St. Joseph. That recognizes that Bishop Kulick's episcopal ordination is in the Year of St. Joseph and gives tribute to the influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph on his life. Members of the congregation lived in a convent at Bishop Kulick's home parish, the former St. Martha Parish in Leechburg, and the sisters taught him at St. Joseph High School in Natrona Heights.

In addition, blue and white are the

colors of Leechburg and, in heraldry, blue is the color of steel, an industry that provided the livelihood of many people in the towns throughout southwestern Pennsylvania, including Leechburg.

The sheaves with seven strands of wheat on the crests of the smaller mountains have multiple meanings. They represent St. Martha, the patroness of the bishop's home parish, and they represent the Eucharist. St. Martha fed Jesus; Jesus feeds all of us in the Eucharist and comes to us in the seven sacraments. The wheat also symbolizes the process of evangelization and catechesis, which is an organic process of planting the seed, nourishing it and harvesting the grain. Many times the intergenerational aspect is witnessed even in the geographical immigrant experience as the seed planted in one country comes to harvest in another, an experience seen in the historical life of the Diocese of Greensburg. The 14 strands represent the 12 apostles and Mary and Jesus, the foundation of the

Bishop Kulick's coat of arms was devised by Renato Poletti of Italy.

— Jerry Zufelt



## **BISHOP KULICK'S INSIGNIAS**

## Signs of the Bishop's Office

At the ordination Mass, a new bishop is presented with three insignias of his office: the episcopal ring, crosier and miter. Other signs of the bishop's office are the pectoral cross and zucchetto.



**PECTORAL CROSS** 

The pectoral cross is worn over the mozzetta when the bishop is in choir dress. When he is in a suit, the cross is usually placed in the jacket pocket with the chain showing. Bishop Kulick will have two pectoral crosses, one for liturgical and ceremonial use and the other for everyday use when he is in his clerical blacks.

Bishop Kulick's ceremonial cross (above) features symbols of the four evangelists at the ends of the crossbar and at the top and bottom of the vertical element. The pectoral

> cross is worn over the heart to emphasize that Christ must always be in the bishop's heart. The love of Christ is known by proclaiming his Gospel message, as was done by the four evangelists. A piece of

malachite, a semiprecious

green stone, is at the center of the cross and includes a Christogram (Chi Rho),

which is also part of the diocesan coat of arms. The stone's green color symbolizes the Diocese of

His pectoral cross for everyday use highlights the heritage of the Diocese of Greensburg, and its simplicity will serve

as a reminder to Bishop Kulick to be humble in his service. The cross is made of stainless steel, a product of the Allegheny Ludlum steel mill in his hometown of Leechburg. A piece of coal is at each end of the crossbar and the

top and bottom of the vertical element, a reminder of the other major industry in the region, coal mining. One of Bishop Kulick's grandfathers worked in the steel mill, the other worked in a coal mine.

The cross has a lily design, and at the center is a heart with a lily coming out of it, the symbol of the heart of St. Joseph. It is a reminder that his ordination was in the Holy Year of St. Joseph and acknowledges the influence of the Sisters of St. Joseph on the growth of his faith. The everyday cross and accompanying ring are gifts from his alma mater, St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights.



The crosier signifies the bishop's duty of shepherding — guiding and governing — the diocesan church entrusted to him. Bishop Kulick's crosier is the one used by Bishop Hugh L. Lamb, the first bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg. It features the Lamb of God from his coat of arms, which is also on the crest of the school that Bishop Lamb founded, Greensburg Central Catholic High School. Near the top of the staff are figures of Jesus, Mary and the four evangelists — St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke and St. John.



#### **MITER**

The miter signifies the bishop's resolve to pursue holiness. Bishop Kulick's miter is a gift from his parents.

#### **ZUCCHETTO**

The zucchetto is a round, silk skullcap worn by Catholic clergy. A bishop's zucchetto is fuchsia, a cardinal's is red and the pope's is white.

#### **EPISCOPAL RING**

The ring symbolizes the bishop's fidelity to the Bride of God, the church, and his unity with the diocese he shepherds. As is the case with his pectoral crosses, Bishop Kulick will have two rings, one for liturgical and ceremonial use and the other for use with his clerical blacks. Both rings are designed to complement

> the pectoral cross with which they will be worn. The everyday ring is made of stainless steel with a piece of coal in its center. The liturgical ring (left) has an amethyst at its center, a purple gem that is traditionally part of a bishop's ring. Bishop Kulick's ring has green malachite surrounding

the amethyst center.



### **OFFICIAL**

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, has made the following appointments:

Effective Friday, Feb. 12, 2021

**The Reverend Monsignor Raymond E. Riffle**, MSW, MPA, to the Office of Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia while remaining Rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

**The Reverend Monsignor William R. Rathgeb**, JCL, to the Office of Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Greensburg while remaining Chaplain to the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg.

**Ms. Margaret DiVirgilio**, to Chancellor and Director of Human Resources.

**Mrs. Sheila R. Murray**, to Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese of Greensburg.

**Dr. Paul Niemiec**, EdD, NCC, LPC, to Interim Managing Director of Catholic Charities while remaining the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Greensburg.

**The Reverend Monsignor James T. Gaston** to Vicar Forane of Deanery III while continuing as Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville.

**The Very Reverend Michael J. Crookston** to Vicar Forane of Deanery V while continuing as Pastor of The Epiphany of Our Lord Parish, Monessen, and Saint Sebastian Parish, Belle Vernon.

**The Very Reverend Paul A. Lisik** to Vicar Forane of Deanery IV while continuing as Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Saint John the Evangelist Parish and Saint Rita Parish, Connellsville, as well as Saint Aloysius Parish, Dunbar.

**The Very Reverend Kenneth G. Zaccagnini** to Vicar Forane of Deanery I while continuing as Pastor of Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell.

**The Very Reverend Alan N. Polczynski** to Vicar Forane of Deanery II while continuing as Pastor of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, and Saint Lawrence Parish, Cadogan.

**The Reverend Lawrence L. Manchas** to the Diocesan Clergy Personnel Board while continuing as Pastor of Saint Paul Parish, Greensburg, and Pastor of Saint Bruno Parish, Greensburg.

**The Reverend Richard J. Kosisko**, JCL, to Defender of the Bond on the Diocesan Tribunal, while remaining Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe.

**The Reverend Anthony J. Carbone**, JCL, to Judge on the Diocesan Tribunal, while continuing as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Ligonier, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Bishop's Liaison for Consecrated Life.

**Mr. Robert J. Specht**, Esquire, to Interim Bishop's Delegate in Cases of Clergy and Church Personnel Misconduct.

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg, has made the following announcement:

Effective Friday, Feb. 12, 2021

**The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick**, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg has repromulgated the Diocesan Pastoral Code of Conduct.

## Vicar General, Interim Director of Catholic Charities named

GREENSBURG — The installation and ordination of Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L. as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg has prompted a few important leadership changes within the Diocese.

Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle, MSW, MPA has been appointed Vicar General of the Diocese. In that role, he will serve as the principal assistant to the Bishop and as Moderator of the Curia at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

"I am grateful for Bishop Kulick's confidence in me, and I am hopeful that I will be able to provide him with the assistance he needs as he moves forward with the many challenges and opportunities that the Diocese is facing as he begins his time as our Bishop," Msgr. Riffle said.

Msgr. Riffle will remain as rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, but will no longer be Managing Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Msgr. Riffle received a master of divinity degree in 1978 from Saint Vincent Seminary, Latrobe. Subsequent to his ordination to the priesthood, he completed a master of arts in formative spirituality at Duquesne University in 1986, and a master of social work and a master of public administration at the University of Pittsburgh both in 1995.

Msgr. Riffle has served as managing director of Catholic Charities since June 21, 1995. Since his ordination on May 5, 1979, he has held a number of positions in the diocese and its parishes. His pastoral and diocesan assignments include:

Parochial Vicar at St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon; assistant director of Vocations for the Diocese of Greensburg; chaplain and teacher at Geibel Catholic High School, Connellsville; director of vocations for the Diocese of Greensburg; chaplain at Westmoreland Hospital and Westmoreland Manor in Greensburg; chaplain at State Correctional Institution — Greensburg; Diocesan Director of Campus Ministry; pastor of St. Thomas More University Parish, Indiana; managing director of Catholic Charities; member of the diocese's Bishop's Cabinet; Diocesan Advocate for Victims of Sexual Abuse by Clergy; pastor of St. Sylvester Parish, Slickville;



Msgr. Raymond E. Riffle

pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg; Chair of the Board of Trust Administrators at Aquinas Academy, Greensburg; Bishop's Delegate for Clergy and Church Personnel Sexual Misconduct and rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish.

Msgr. Riffle was named a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor in 2005 and became a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in 2013.

Dr. Paul A. Niemiec, LPC, will succeed Msgr. Riffle as Managing Director of Catholic Charities on an interim basis. Dr. Niemiec is currently the Director of Counseling Services for Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities was established in 1954 and serves as the primary social service agency of the diocese. Its mission is to serve the needs of people in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana and Westmoreland counties regardless of their faith.

"I am confident that Dr. Niemiec will serve in this position with competence and creativity as we look to securing a solid future for the agency. The Board of Trustees has been talking about developing a strategic plan for Catholic Charities for a few years now, and, given the changing nature of service provision in social service agencies across the country, this is a great time to engage in strategic planning. Following this evaluation process, and based on its results, we will then conduct a search for a new managing director," Msgr. Riffle said.

Dr. Niemiec has served the Diocese of Greensburg for almost 20 years. In October, he received the 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Pennsylvania



Dr. Paul Niemiec

Counseling Association.

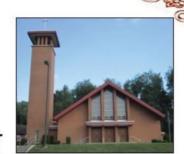
He has also been an instructor at the Community College of Allegheny County's South Campus in West Mifflin. He has served with child welfare agencies in Westmoreland County and has taught as an adjunct professor at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe for about 30 years.

After being asked to assume the interim post, Dr. Niemiec responded, "I told Bishop-elect Kulick and Msgr. Riffle that I will do whatever they need me to do. In spite of everything that has been going on during this pandemic, Catholic Charities has continued serving the people in our portion of Southwestern Pennsylvania. My plan is to continue this work as best we can, with what we have been given, and in faithfulness to our mission. We will continue to treat the people that come to us with a high degree of dignity and compassion, which oftentimes they have not received in their interactions with the world at large."

Dr. Niemiec noted that Catholic Charities has navigated many challenges in 2020 due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency had to cancel its three major fundraisers: the Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner, the Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing and the Designer Purse Bash. However, a six-week virtual Heroes of Hope — Guardian Angel Appeal fundraiser raised \$233,950, eclipsing numerous goals set throughout the campaign. The Heroes of Hope — Guardian Angel Appeal honored those who gave their time and talents to support people in need during the pandemic. All of the funds are going to Catholic Charities COVID-19 relief efforts.

## Congratulations Bishop Larry J. Kulick

on being chosen by our Holy Father as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg



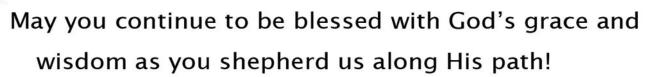
and **Thank You** for the many years of service in the Diocese.

May God bless you abundantly.

Pastor, Father David Nazimek, Weekend Assistant, Father Richard Zelik, OFM, Cap, and Parishioners of the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver

## Congratulations Bishop Larry J. Kulick

As you become the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg



Father David Nazimek, Administrator

Father Rodolfo Mejia, Priest in Residence

The Parish Family of Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis

## Congratulations Bishop Larry J. Kulick

on being called to be the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg

May God bless you and your new journey

Father David Nazimek, Pastor
Father Richard Zelik, OFM, Cap, Weekend Assistant
and the Parishioners of Holy Family, West Newton



# CONGRATULATIONS to Bishop Larry J. Kulick!

The Diocese of Greensburg is blessed to have you as our new Bishop.



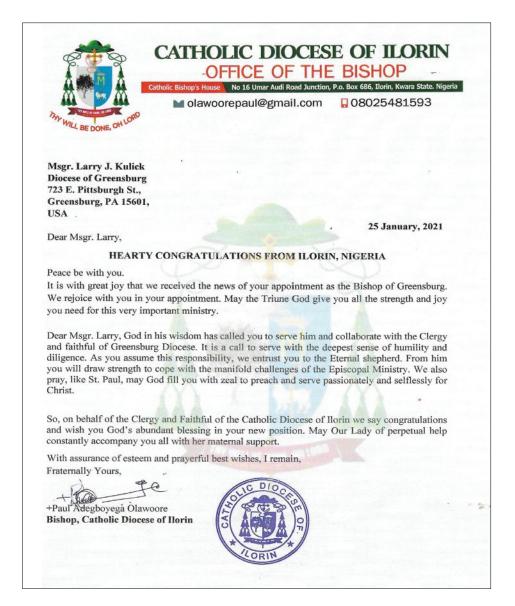


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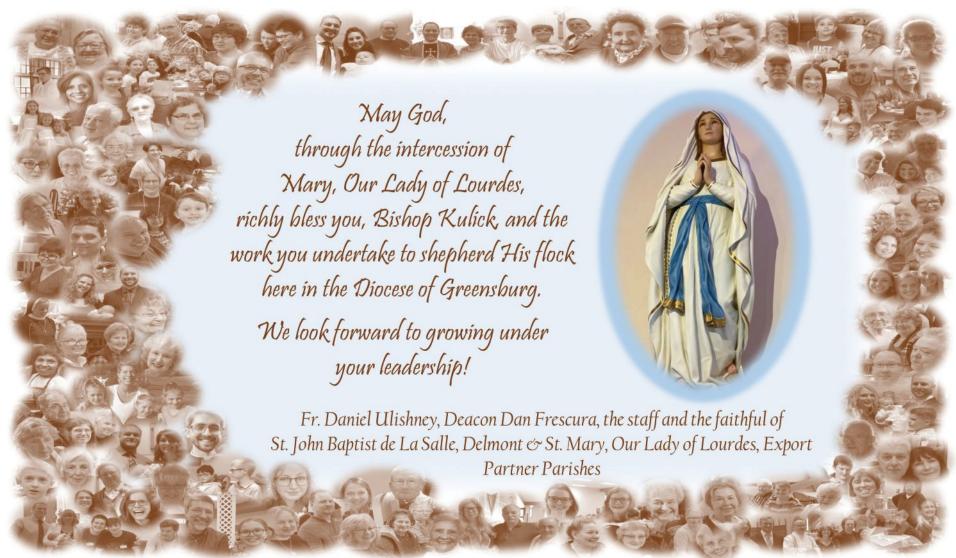
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God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May the endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care.

Congratulations as you begin your service to the holy people of God.

THE PARISHES OF ST. BARBARA, SACRED HEART AND ASCENSION

The Very Reverend Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, V.F. and the beautiful people of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Lower Burrell extend to Bishop Kulick our best wishes, our sincere prayers and our total support.

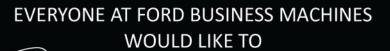
It is exciting for us to see a native of our beloved A-K Valley become the new bishop of our Diocese of Greensburg.

May our good God's loving embrace keep you safe and healthy.

Love,
Father Ken and the parish family of
St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell



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## **BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK**

ON HIS RECENT ORDINATION



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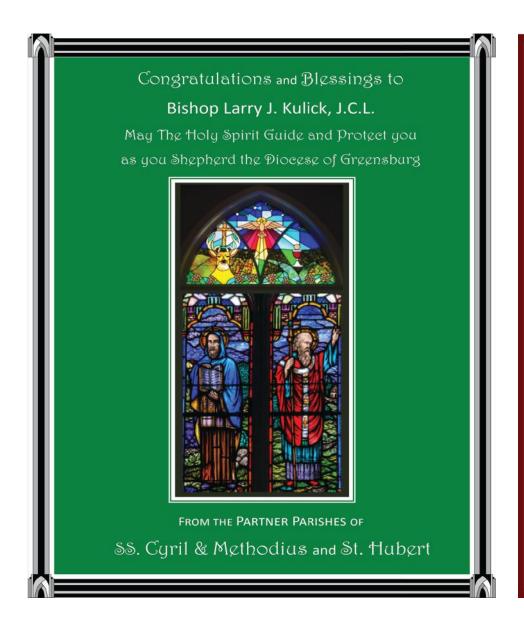
"And now, dear brother, who has been chosen by the Lord, consider that you are chosen from among men and appointed on their behalf for those things that pertain to God. The title of Bishop is one of service, not of honor, and therefore a Bishop should strive to benefit others rather than lord it over them. Such is the precept of the Master: the greater should behave as the least and the ruler as the servant.

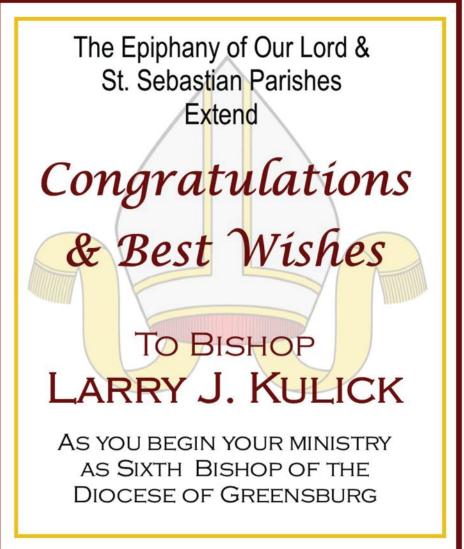
Preach the word in season and out of season; reprove with all patience and sound teaching. As you pray and offer sacrifice for the people committed to your care, devote yourself wholeheartedly to seeking every kind of grace for them from the fullness of Christ's holiness.

In the Church entrusted to you, be a faithful steward, moderator, and guardian of the mysteries of Christ. Since you are chosen by the Father to rule over his family, be mindful always of the Good Shepherd, who knows his sheep and is known by them, and who did not hesitate to lay down his life for them...In the name of the Father...and in the name of the Holy Spirit."

- Excerpt from the Homily from the Rite of Ordination of a Bishop







As you walk with the Lord on this journey for which YOU were chosen, Bishop Kulick, may you receive the grace and wisdom to guide you in our community as you embark on this trusted mission.

You have always been an integral part of this Diocese!

Congratulations on your appointment!



Reverend Lawrence Manchas, Pastor,
Reverend Mark Dunmire, Parochial Vicar,
Deacon John Zombar and Parishioners
Saint Paul and Saint Bruno Parishes, Greensburg



## Congratulations Bishop-elect Larry J. Kulick!

Saint Bartholomew Parish wishes you the best of luck as you continue your episcopal journey in the Diocese of Greensburg!





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## CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK, J.C.L.

On being chosen by our Holy Father,
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To be the Sixth Bishop of the
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Our Prayers and Best Wishes are with you as you begin your service as our chief shepherd.

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May the Holy Spirit guide you in the Light of Christ and may you be blessed abundantly for answering the call to serve.



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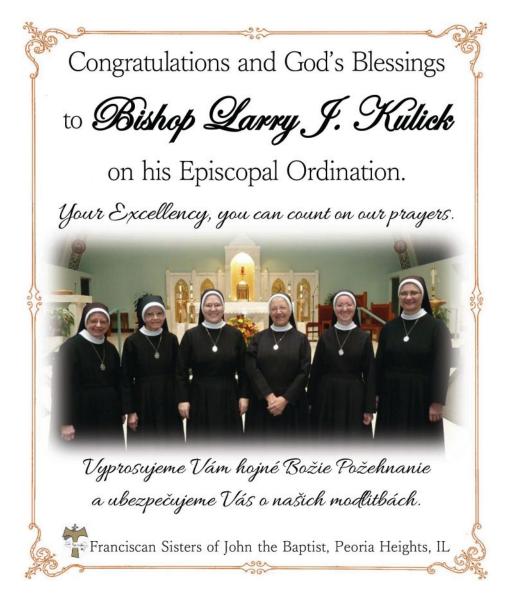
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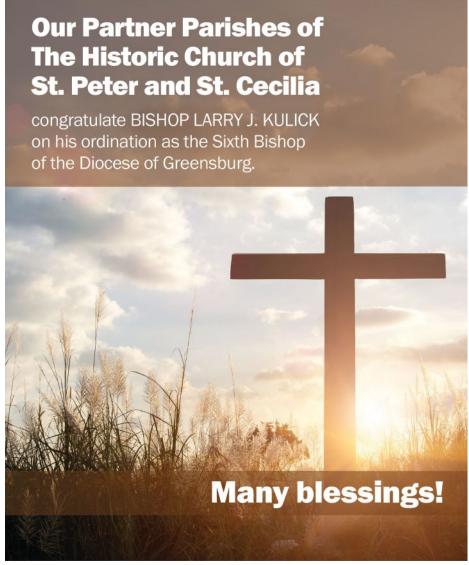
## May God Bless You Abundantly Bishop Kulick as You Shepherd the Flock of Greensburg





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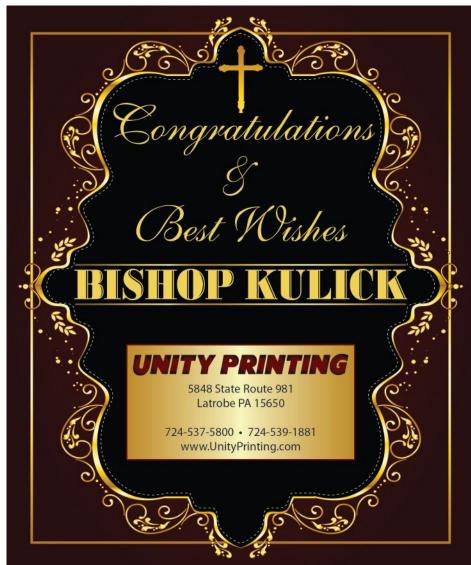
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### **Bishop Larry J. Kulick**

May God's blessings be upon you and the entire Diocese of Greensburg!







Christ Our Shepherd Center congratulates Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL, on the occasion of your Ordination and Installation as the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg.

As the diocesan center for retreats, meetings and sacramental celebrations for the diocese and its parishes and parishioners, we look forward to being of service to you as our bishop in the years to come!

May God's Blessings always be with you as you shepherd the Church of Greensburg.



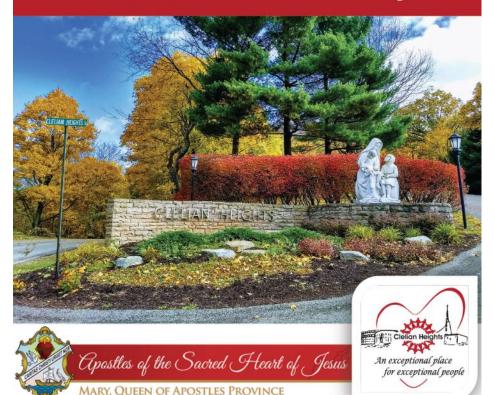
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#### CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP KULICK

We wish you all the best as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg. We will keep you in our prayers as you lead us into the future.

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## St. Florian Parish United, PA

Prayerfully congratulates and welcomes Bishop Larry J. Kulick as the sixth apostolic successor to shepherd the Diocese of Greenburg.

May you courageously lead us according to the mind and heart of the Good Shepherd.







God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock he has entrusted to your loving care. Congratulations as you begin your service to the people of the Diocese of Greensburg.



From all at St. Thomas More University Parish Indiana, Pennsylvania

## Congratulations on Your Ordination as Bishop

May the Lord bless you and keep you, -fill your life with His joy, and sustain you by His grace.

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and a promise for our prayerful support as you accept the mantle of Shepherd as our Bishop.



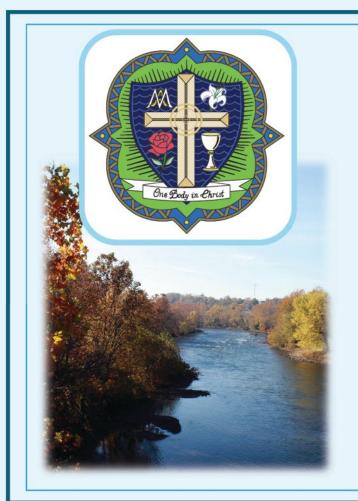








The Parishioners of the partner parishes of
St. Matthew Parish in Saltsburg,
St. Ambrose Parish in Avonmore and
St. Sylvester Parish in Slickville
and Father John Harrold
and Deacon Craig Gilbert
congratulate the Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL
and pray the Holy Spirit
will guide and strengthen you
as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.



The Partner Parishes of Immaculate Conception,
St. John the Evangelist, St. Rita of Cascia, Connellsville,
and St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Dunbar,
extend our prayers and congratulations to the
Most Reverend Larry James Kulick, JCL, on his
episcopal ordination as the Sixth Bishop of the
Diocese of Greensburg.

May the shepherd You have chosen, O Lord, by his teaching and example, guide the faithful of our diocese. May he lead us fervently along right paths, teaching us to honor the ways of the Gospel, and to give You glory in all that we do.

Z'Bohom!



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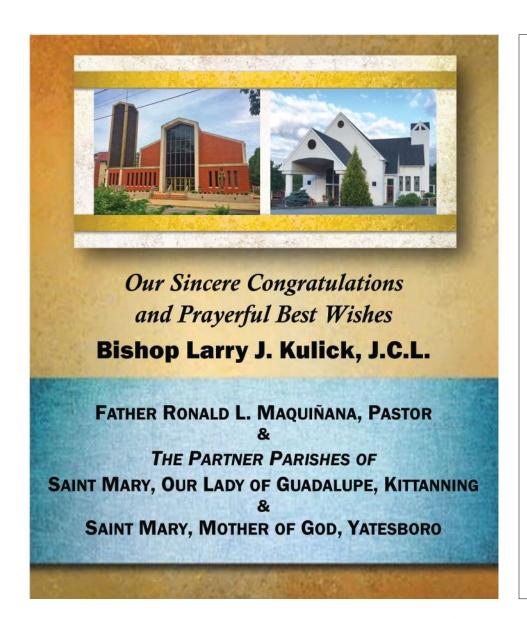


Msgr. V. Paul Fitzmaurice, Deacon William Wilson, Staff and Parishioners Extend Our Prayers and Best Wishes to:

BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK, JCL

On The Occasion of His Ordination and Installation as The Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

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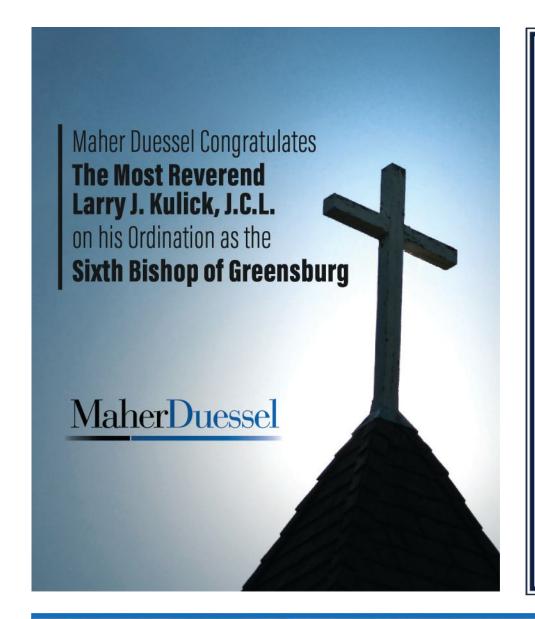
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Congratulations!

Reverend Richard J. Kosisko and Holy Family Church, Latrobe



extends Greensburg pride, prayers, congratulations & God's blessings to

### Bishop Larry J. Kulick



our new shepherd of the Greensburg

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From Fr. McGuirk and the people of Holy Cross in Youngwood



### Congratulations, Bishop Larry J. Kulick

We look forward to working together for the benefit of the parishioners!

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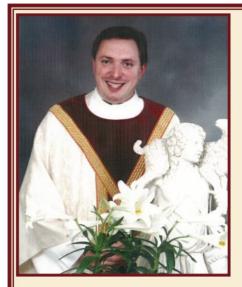
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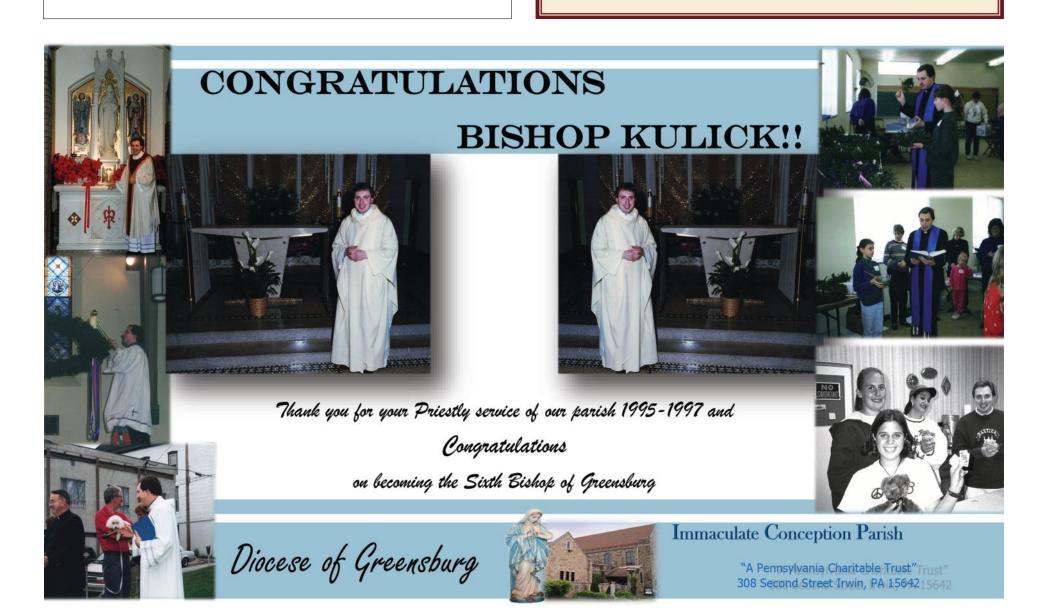


Congratulations to our "Father Larry!"

You showed us Christ the Good Shepherd as our Pastor, and we are excited that He has now called you to be the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg.

May Christ continue to bless you as you serve all of God's Flock in the Diocese of Greensburg.

~ From all of your friends at Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent.





Bishop Larry J. Kulick on your Appointment by the Holy Father.



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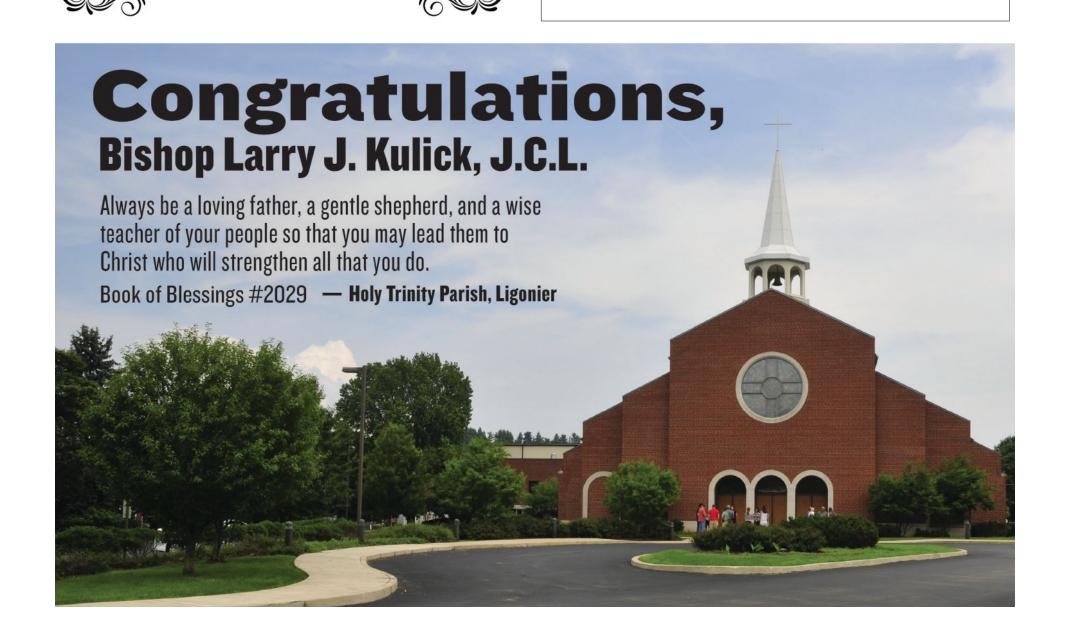
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extend sincere prayers and best wishes to
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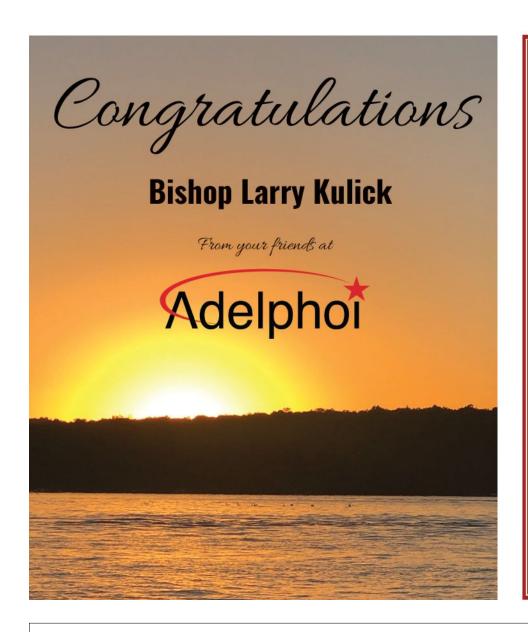
The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., on his Episcopal Ordination & Installation as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

May the Lord grant him many blessings as he begins his ministry as our new Chief Shepherd.

Ad multos annos!







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Father Willie Lechnar, Pastor, the Parish Staff, and all of the Parishioners and Friends of

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extend abundant wishes and blessings to

THE MOST REVEREND LARRY JAMES KULICK, J.C.L.

as he is ordained to the Episcopacy and installed as the

Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

May you always "feed the sheep" of your flock in the joy and hope of the Gospel.



and

**Best Wishes** 

Bishop Larry J. Kulick

from "your" parish family!

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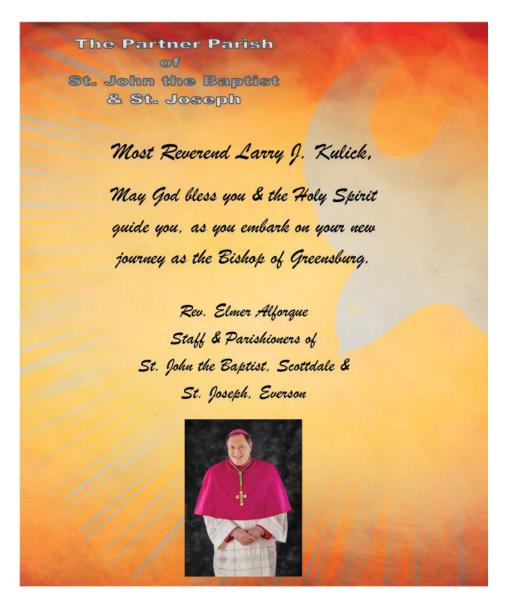


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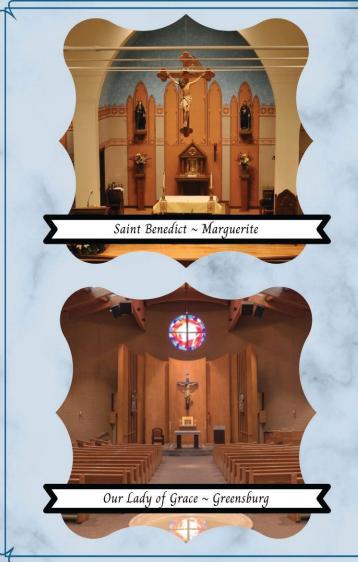
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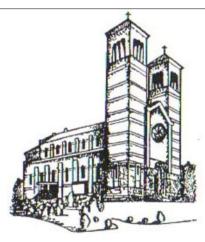


The Benedictine Nuns of St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg, PA welcomes Most Rev. Larry Kulick as our Sixth Bishop. Our prayer for you and our diocese accompanies you in your ministry as bishop. Ad multos annos.

The Partner Parishes of St. Martin,
New Derry, and St. Joseph, Derry,
congratulate

BISHOP LARRY J. KULICK
as the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg.

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.



Fr. James Loew, O.S.B., the parishioners and

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The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, on his



### Episcopal Ordination as Bishop of Greensburg

God, eternal Shepherd, you tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servant, Larry, to be a shepherd of your flock. Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world.

# Best Wishes BISHOP KULICK

"Give him a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love."



## Congratulations Bishop Larry J. Kulick

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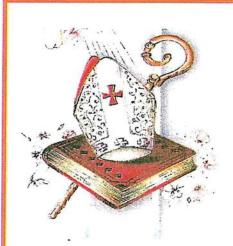
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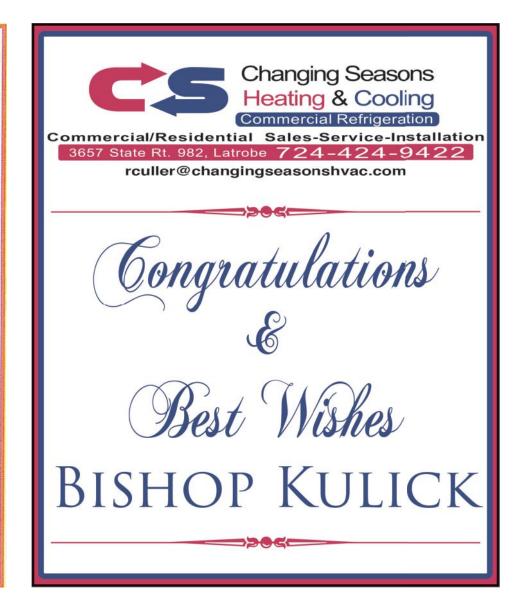
Welcomes our new Shepherd,

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Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.
on his appointment by the Holy Father
as the 6th Bishop of the
Diocese of Greensburg.
May God bless you in your service!

# Congratulations Bishop Kulick

from the
The Parishioners of
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Our prayers are with you each day, Bishop Kulick.

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Good Health and many blessings to you, Bishop Kulick.

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## CONGRATULATIONS Bishop Larry J. Kulick

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May God bless you and St. Joseph intercede for you always!











