

**MASS OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**  
**OF**  
**HIS EXCELLENCY**

**THE MOST REVEREND WILLIAM DRAPER BYRNE, D.D.**

**AS THE TENTH BISHOP OF SPRINGFIELD**



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020**  
**TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

**CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**



## **WELCOME TO THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

*We are pleased to have you present today and extend to you the warmest of welcomes. It is fitting that we should celebrate this special occasion together at the Cathedral, our Mother Church and center of our diocesan spiritual life. If you have any special needs, please speak to any of our Cathedral staff or greeters.*

## **BIENVENIDOS A LA CATEDRAL DE SAN MIGUEL EL ARCÁNGEL**

*Estamos felices para recibirles a ustedes hoy y les extendemos la más amigable bienvenida. Es apropiado que celebremos esta ocasión especial juntos a la Catedral, nuestra Iglesia Maternal y el centro de nuestra vida espiritual diocesana. Si usted tiene una necesidad particular, favor de hablar con alguien de nuestro personal de la Catedral.*



*For your comfort, the restrooms are located off the hallway leading to the Bishop Marshall Center as you exit by the baptismal font door.*

*Para servirles, los baños se ubican abajo de las escaleras en el pasillo desde la Catedral al Centro de Obispo Marshall.*



**HIS HOLINESS  
POPE FRANCIS**



**HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE MOST REVEREND  
CHRISTOPHE PIERRE  
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**HIS EMINENCE**  
**SEÁN PATRICK CARDINAL O'MALLEY, O.F.M. CAP.**  
**ARCHBISHOP OF BOSTON**  
**PRINCIPAL CONSECRATOR**



**HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE MOST REVEREND  
JAMES F. CHECCHIO  
BISHOP OF METUCHEN  
Co-CONSECRATOR**

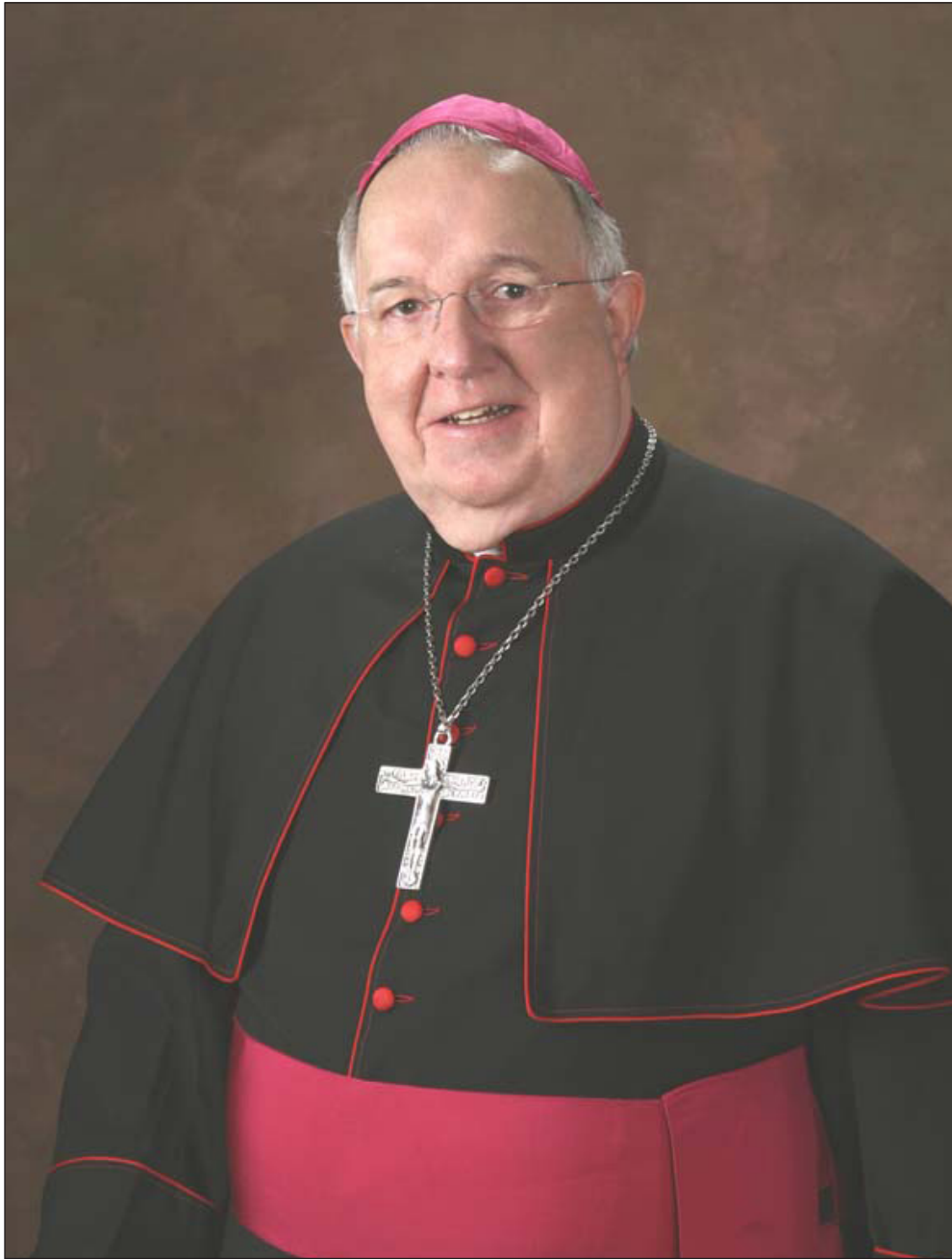


**HIS EXCELLENCY**  
**THE MOST REVEREND**  
**AUSTIN ANTHONY VETTER**  
**BISHOP OF HELENA**  
**CO-CONSECRATOR**





**HIS EXCELLENCY  
THE MOST REVEREND  
MITCHELL THOMAS ROZANSKI  
ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS**



**HIS EXCELLENCY**  
**THE MOST REVEREND**  
**TIMOTHY ANTHONY McDONNELL**  
**BISHOP EMERITUS OF SPRINGFIELD**



**HIS EXCELLENCY**  
**THE MOST REVEREND**  
**ROBERT JOSEPH McMANUS**  
**APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR**



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TENTH BISHOP OF SPRINGFIELD**

**A BIOGRAPHY OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND  
WILLIAM DRAPER BYRNE,  
BISHOP OF SPRINGFIELD**

Bishop-elect William D. Byrne was born Sept. 26, 1964. A native of Washington, D.C., he is the youngest of eight children of Mary (Largent) Byrne and the late Dr. William Byrne, a thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon who passed away in 2011.

As a youth, the bishop-elect attended Mater Dei School in Bethesda, Md., went on to Georgetown Preparatory School in Rockville, Md. and completed his undergraduate studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. He then taught for three years at Mater Dei before being accepted as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

He studied at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, completing his licentiate in sacred theology from Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) and was ordained in 1994 by Cardinal James A. Hickey.

After ordination, Father Byrne was assigned to the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md., as parochial vicar where he served until 1995. From there he was assigned as parochial vicar at the Shrine of Saint Jude in Rockville. From 1999 until 2007, he served as the chaplain for the University of Maryland's Catholic Student Center in College Park. He was named pastor of St. Peter Parish in Washington, D.C., in 2007 where he served until 2015. From 2009 until 2015, while serving as pastor of St. Peter's, Father Byrne was also secretary for pastoral ministry and social concerns for the Archdiocese of Washington. In 2015, Father Byrne was named pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac where he currently serves.

Bishop-elect Byrne's ministry also includes service on the Archdiocese of Washington's vocations team (1998), formation board (2002-present), priest council (2003-2006), priest personnel board (2006-2009), and archdiocesan administrative board (2009-2015). He also served on the board of directors of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home, Catholic Youth Organization, and Redemptoris Mater Seminary, as well as the advisory board of the Lay Leadership Institute.

In addition to his parish and diocesan work, for nine years he taught homiletics to the seminarians of the Pontifical North American College. He has been invited to speak at numerous Priests Convocations, including in the Archdioceses of Washington, Newark, New Jersey and Seattle, as well as in the dioceses of Providence, R.I., and Bridgeport, Conn.

In 2007, he gave the homily to 20,000 Catholic youth and their leaders gathered at the Verizon Center for the annual Mass and Rally for Life which each year precedes the Annual March for Life in Washington D.C. In 2016, Pope Francis named him a "Missionary of Mercy" for the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Bishop-elect Byrne is a popular columnist and YouTube personality, with his series "Five Things" highlighting five life hacks, prayer starters, or spiritual meditations to help people to grow closer to God and appreciate the small — but vital — things in life. The series was so popular that it has been developed into a book, *Five Things with Fr. Bill*, which is released by Loyola Press.

Bishop-elect Byrne assumes the position left vacant when Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski was named as the archbishop of St. Louis on June 10 and was installed on Aug. 25. Since then, Worcester Bishop Robert J. McManus has been serving as the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Springfield.

**THE COAT OF ARMS OF  
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In Bishop Byrne's personal coat of arms, the bright flame of the paschal candle seen against the twilight blue sky brings to mind Jesus Christ, the light of the world, prefigured by the column of fire that led the Israelites through the desert, predicted as the great light seen by a people in darkness, and symbolized by the paschal candle that dispels the darkness at the Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection. Like the body of the Lord on the Cross, the candle is consumed even as it gives its light. Another light in the dark sky is the crescent moon, a traditional symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary who is never far from her Son and who receives his light and reflects it. The silver crescent against the blue background is taken from the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Washington, for which Bishop Byrne was ordained as deacon and priest. It appears also in the arms of his alma mater, the Pontifical North American College. The cross bottony on the paschal candle is traditionally associated with Maryland, where Bishop Byrne has served since his ordination, while the green mount alludes to Ireland, the land of his ancestry, whose people have shared the light of the Catholic faith throughout the world. His motto is, "in spem vivam," the "living hope" that we have through the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1: 3).

Bishop Byrne designed his coat of arms in collaboration with Rev. George E. Stuart. The design was drawn by Ms. Georgina Wilkinson.

*During this unprecedented time of COVID-19, congregational singing has been suspended.  
Participants are encouraged to sing silently in their hearts during this joyful celebration.*

**PRELUDE:** Suite gothique, Op. 25 (1895)  
1. Introduction - Choral  
2. Menuet gothique  
3. Prière à Notre-Dame  
4. Toccata

*Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)*

**PROCESSION:** Come Down, O Love Divine

**GREETING**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah:61:1-3  
*(Read by Susan Byrne-Rust, sister of Bishop Byrne)*

**PSALM:** Psalm 117    *Go Out To All The World*

**SECOND READING:** First Peter 1:3-9  
*(Read by Anthony Williams, close friend of Bishop Byrne)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**GOSPEL:** John 21:15-19

# RITE OF ORDINATION

## **VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE ELECT** *(Please be seated.)*

Bishop McManus presents Bishop-elect William D. Byrne to Cardinal O'Malley and requests his Ordination to the Episcopal order.

*Bishop McManus:* Most Reverend Father, the Church of Springfield asks you to ordain this priest, William D. Byrne, to the responsibility of the Episcopate.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?

*Bishop McManus:* We have.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Let it be read.

### **READING THE MANDATE**

The Most Reverend Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, reads the Apostolic Letter of His Holiness, Pope Francis, appointing Bishop-elect Byrne as the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield.

### **ACCLAMATION OF THE ASSEMBLY**

*(The assembly gives its consent by applause.)*

**HOMILY:** Cardinal O'Malley



## PROMISE OF THE ELECT

*Cardinal O'Malley:* The ancient rule of the holy Fathers ordains that a Bishop-elect is to be questioned in the presence of the people on his resolve to uphold the faith and to discharge his duty.

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?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* 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?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* 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 Saint Peter the Apostle?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* 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?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* 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?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Do you resolve as a good shepherd to seek out the sheep who stray and gather them into the Lord's fold?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of High Priesthood without reproach?

*Bishop-elect Byrne:* I do, with the help of God.

*Cardinal O'Malley:* May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

### **LITANY OF SUPPLICATION**

*Cardinal O'Malley:* Dearly beloved, let us pray that the kindness of almighty God, in providing for the welfare of the Church, will grant an abundance of his grace for this chosen one.

*(Please kneel)*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us.

*(The intercessions continue)*

Lord, be merciful,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From all evil,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From every sin,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

From everlasting death,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your Incarnation,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By your Death and Resurrection,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Be merciful to us sinners,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Govern and protect your holy Church,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Keep the Pope and all the ordained  
in faithful service to your Church,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless this chosen man,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless and sanctify this chosen man,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bless, sanctify, and consecrate this  
chosen man,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Bring all peoples together  
in peace and true harmony,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Comfort with your mercy the  
troubled and the afflicted,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Strengthen all of us and keep us  
in your holy service,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Jesus, Son of the living God,

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, hear us

Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

Cardinal O'Malley imposes his hands upon the head of Bishop-elect Byrne. This ancient gesture, which expresses the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, is the heart of the Ordination Rite. As Co-Consecrators, Bishop Checchio and Bishop Vetter join in this gesture.

## PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The imposition of hands leads to the solemn Prayer of Ordination prayed by Cardinal O'Malley and the Co-Consecrators. Cardinal O'Malley receives the Book of the Gospels from the deacon and places it, open, upon the head of the Bishop-elect. Two of the deacons hold the Book of the Gospels over his head until the end of the Prayer of Ordination. This liturgical action has been part of the Ordination Rite since Apostolic times, and it expresses the power of the Word of God over us. The life of each new bishop must be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of God's Word, which must be the foundation of his ministry.

*Cardinal O'Malley recites the Prayer of Ordination:*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who dwells on high and look upon the lowly, who know all things before they come to be, and who laid down observances in your Church through the word of your grace; who from the beginning, foreordained a nation of the just, born of Abraham; who established rulers and priests and did not leave your sanctuary without ministers, and who, from the foundation of the world, were pleased to be glorified in those you have chosen:

*Co-Consecrating bishops join in the following part of the prayer:*

Pour out now upon this chosen one that power which is from you, the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the Spirit whom he bestowed upon the holy Apostles, who established the Church in each place as your sanctuary for the glory and unceasing praise of your name.

*Cardinal O'Malley continues alone:*

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts, that this, your servant, whom you have chosen for the office of Bishop may shepherd your holy flock. Serving you night and day, may he fulfill before you without reproach the ministry of the High Priesthood; so that, always gaining your favor, he may offer up the gifts of your holy Church. Grant that, by the power of the Spirit of the High Priesthood, he may have the power to forgive sins according to your command, assign offices according to your decree, and loose every bond according to the power given by you to the Apostles. May he please you by his meekness and purity of heart, presenting a fragrant offering to you through your Son Jesus Christ, through whom glory and power and honor are yours with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church now and for ever and ever.

*All: Amen.*

*(Please be seated.)*

Cardinal O'Malley anoints the head of Bishop Byrne, presents the Book of Gospels to him, places the ring on his ring finger, places the miter on his head, and gives him the pastoral staff, praying the following in each case:

### **ANOINTING OF THE HEAD**

May God, who made you a sharer of the High Priesthood of Christ, himself pour out upon you the oil of mystical anointing and make you fruitful with an abundance of spiritual blessings.

### **HANDING ON THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS AND GIVING OF THE INSIGNIA**

Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching.

### **GIVING OF THE RING**

Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the bride of God, the holy Church.

### **GIVING OF THE MITER**

Receive the miter, and may the splendor of holiness shine forth in you, so that when the chief shepherd appears, you may deserve to receive from him an unfading crown of glory.

### **GIVING OF THE PASTORAL STAFF**

Receive the crosier, the sign of your pastoral office: and keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Sprit has placed you as Bishop to govern the Church of God.

### **SEATING OF THE BISHOP**

Cardinal O'Malley escorts Bishop Byrne to the chair. It is the symbol of being invested with the authority to teach and shepherd the Diocese of Springfield. The chair, "cathedra," housed in the Cathedral, is the oldest symbol of episcopal ministry and gives the cathedral its name. This one chair represents the unity from which a bishop is to nurture his diocese.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**PRESENTATION ANTHEM:** Psalm 24 *Lord, this is the people*

**SANCTUS**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

**GREAT AMEN**

**OUR FATHER**

**AGNES DEI**

*Leo Delebes 1836-1891*

**COMMUNION ANTHEM:** And He Shall Feed His Flock

*G.F. Handel 1685-1759*

**COMMUNION HYMN:** O God Beyond All Praising

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE:** Finale from Symphony No. 2

*Ch. M. Widor (1844-1937)*

*The Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults extends their warmest best wishes to Bishop Byrne. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the choir is unable to be present. The Office of Divine Worship wishes to sincerely thank Ashley Duplessis & Courtney Sylvain, two members of the choir, and Michael Cremonini, Cathedral cantor, for providing vocal music today. Unless otherwise noted, the music was written by Ladislav Pfeifer, Diocesan Music Director.*



