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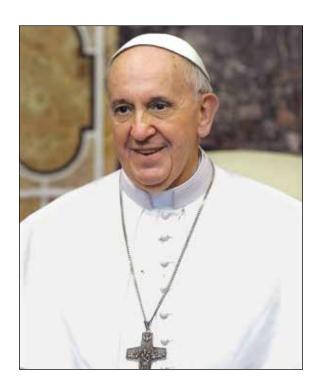
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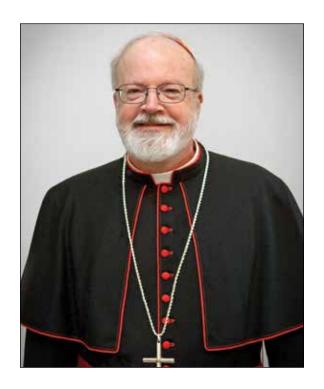
In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PORTLAND, MAINE



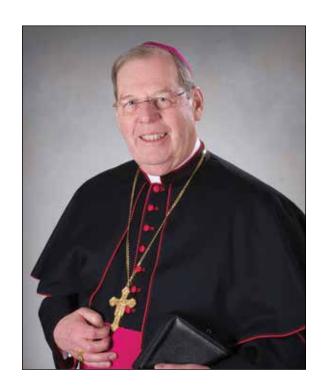
His Holiness P_{ope} Francis



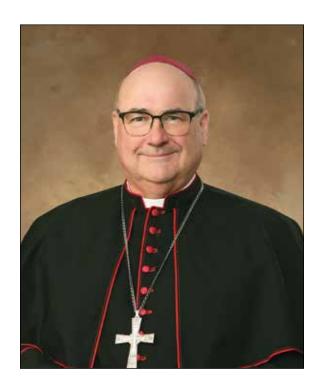
His Eminence Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. Archbishop of Boston



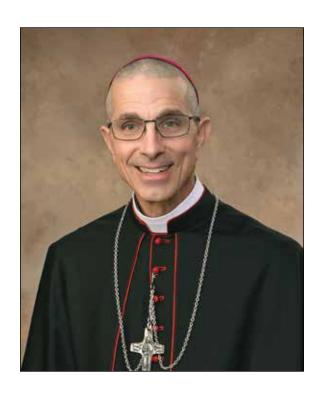
His Eminence
Christophe Cardinal Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America



His Excellency
The Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D.
Bishop Emeritus of Portland
Twelfth Bishop of Portland



His Excellency
The Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.
Bishop of Providence



His Excellency The Most Reverend James Thomas Ruggieri Thirteenth Bishop of Portland

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Principal Consecrator

His Eminence Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap.

Co-Consecrators

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Robert P. Deeley, J.C.D.
His Excellency

The Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D.

Concelebrants

His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre

Their Excellencies Visiting Archbishops and Bishops

Priests Serving in the Diocese of Portland

Visiting Priests

Deacons of the Mass

Deacon Peter Bernier

Deacon Timothy Dougherty

Reverend Mister Matthew Valles

Assistants to Bishop Ruggieri

Monsignor Andrew Dubois Reverend Marcel Taillon

Master of Ceremonies

Monsignor Marc Caron

Assistant Masters of Ceremony

Reverend Robert Kickham

Reverend Nathan Ricci

Reverend Alex Boucher

Reverend Brad Morin

Reverend William Tarraza, OFM Cap.

Mister Erin Donlon

Servers

Seminarians of the Diocese of Portland

Servers of the Parish of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland

Servers of the Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord, Old Town

Servers of the Parish of Saint Patrick, Providence

Reader

John Ruggieri

Gift Bearers

Paul Ruggieri Steven Ruggieri

Music Ministers

Bridgette Wargovich, D.M.A., Director
Leon Griesbach, Cantor
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Choir
Guest Musicians

THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Prelude

Processional Hymn | Please stand.



Processional Antiphon



Antiphon: Theodore Decker Harmonization: Pablo Colino Psalm Tone: Peter Latona

Entrance Antiphon

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted. Alleluia, alleluia."

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting | Please remain standing.

Presentation of the Bishop-Elect

The assisting priests present the bishop-elect for ordination to His Eminence Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, the principal consecrator.

Reading and Showing of the Mandate | Please be seated. His Eminence Christophe Cardinal Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States of America, reads the official mandate from the Holy Father, which calls Bishop-elect Ruggieri to ordination as the Bishop of Portland. The bishop-elect then shows the mandate to the congregation throughout the sanctuary and the nave.





Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading | Please be seated.

1 Peter 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6





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Alleluia | Please stand.



Refrain: Joseph Gelineau

Gospel

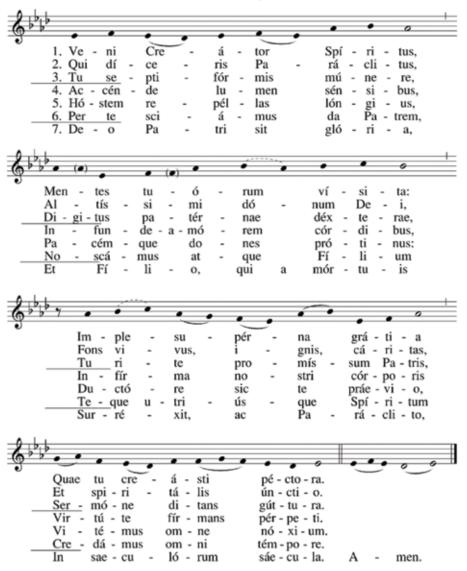
John 21:15-17

Homily | Please be seated.

RITE OF ORDINATION

Hymn | Please stand.

Veni Creator Spiritus

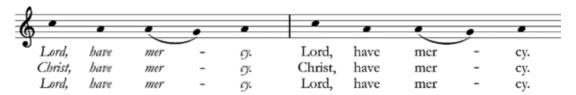


Examination of the Candidate | Please be seated.

Following an ancient custom of the Church, Cardinal O'Malley questions the bishop-elect about his resolve to fulfill the responsibilities of the episcopal ministry.

Litany of the Supplication | Please stand.

The bishop-elect lies prostrate on the floor as a sign of humility as all join in prayer for him and the Church.



Cantor: Holy Mary, Mother of God

All: Pray for us.

Cantor: Saint Michael...

Pray___ for us.

Cantor: Lord, be merciful,

All: Lord, deliver us, we pray

Lord, de - liv - er us, we pray

Cantor: Be Merciful to us sinners

All: Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

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Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Cantor: Christ, hear us.

All: Christ, hear us.

Christ, hear us.

Cantor: Christ, graciously hear us.

All: Christ, graciously hear us.



Christ, gra-cious-ly hear us.

Laying of the Hands & Prayer of Ordination

While the bishop-elect kneels, Cardinal O'Malley, archbishops, and bishops lay their hands on him in silence, invoking the power of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit given by Christ to the apostles. Cardinal O'Malley and all archbishops and bishops present then offer the Prayer of Ordination.

Anointing of the Head | Please be seated.

Cardinal O'Malley anoints the head of the new bishop with chrism, signifying the full share in the priesthood of Christ that he has received through the Laying on of the Hands and the Prayer of Ordination.

Handing on of the Book of the Gospels

Bishop Ruggieri is commissioned to evangelize as he is presented with the Book of the Gospels.

Handing on of the Episcopal Ring, Miter, and Pastoral Staff

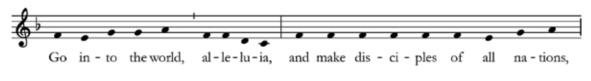
The new bishop is presented with his episcopal ring, miter, and pastoral staff, the signs of his ministry in the Church. The pastoral staff Bishop Ruggieri uses today belonged to Bishop David William Bacon (1815-1874), the first Bishop of Portland.

Installation | Please stand.

Cardinal O'Malley leads Bishop Ruggieri to the cathedra, marking his official installation as the thirteenth Bishop of Portland.

Fraternal Sign of Peace | Please be seated.

Bishop Ruggieri receives a sign of peace from Cardinal O'Malley and all attending archbishops and bishops as he is welcomed into the college of bishops.



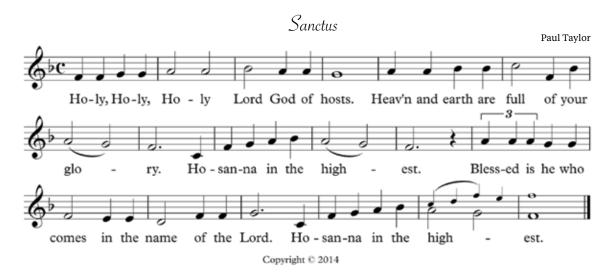


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

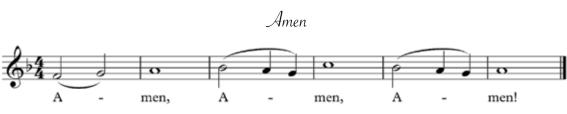
Presentation of the Gifts



Eucharistic Prayer







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Agnus Dei



Text and music: Chant; Graduale Romanum, 1974.

Communion Chant

"Simon, Son of John, do you love me more than these? Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Communion Hymn



Text: 10 10 10 10; Ancient Irish; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; fr. Eleanor Hull's *Poem Book of the Gael*, 1912, alt. Music: Trad. Irish Melody; adapt. from *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

Communion Motet

Os Justi

Anton Bruckner

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom; his tongue speaks what is right.

God's teaching is in his heart; his steps do not falter.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer | Please stand.



Text: Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence Walworth, 1820–1900, alt. Tune: GROSSER GOTT, 7 8 7 8 77; Karholisches Gesungbuch, Vienna, c.1774

Remarks by Bishop Ruggieri | Please be seated.

CONCLUDING RITE

Solemn Blessing | Please stand.

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit

Deacon: Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop: O God, who care for your people with gentleness

and rule them in love,

endow with the Spirit of wisdom

those to whom you have handed on authority to govern,

that the flourishing of a holy flock

may become the eternal joy of its shepherds.

All: Amen.

Bishop: As in your majestic power

you allot the number of our days and the measure of our years,

look favorably upon our humble service

and confer on our time the abundance of your peace.

All: Amen.

Bishop: Give a happy outcome to the tasks

that through your grace you have laid upon me, whom you have raised to the rank of Bishop;

make me pleasing to you in the fulfillment of my duties,

and so guide the hearts of people and pastor,

that the obedience of the flock may never fail the shepherd

nor the care of the shepherd be lacking for the flock.

All: Amen.

Bishop: And may almighty God bless all of you, who are gathered here,

the Father, + and the Son, + and the Holy + Spirit.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Recessional Hymn

O God, beyond All Praising



- 1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to day
- *2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
- 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav ior, ac cept the love we bring,



And sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can - not re - pay; Its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high; That we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



For we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send, But hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown, And wheth - er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



At bless-ings with - out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end.

Though small in mor - tal stat - ure to heav-en's gar-den grown.

We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still,



We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word; For Christ, the man from heav - en, from death has set us free, To mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

And we through him are giv - en the fin - al vic - to - ry!

And make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

^{*}May be omitted.

BIOGRAPHY of

THE MOST REVEREND JAMES THOMAS RUGGIERI

Thirteenth Bishop of Portland

he Most Reverend James Thomas Ruggieri was named the Thirteenth Bishop of Portland by His Holiness Pope Francis on February 13, 2024.

Bishop Ruggieri was born in Providence, Rhode Island, on January 12, 1968, to the late John A. Ruggieri, Jr. and Irene (Paolino) Ruggieri. The youngest of four sons, he was educated in the Barrington, Rhode Island, public school system. He is a 1986 graduate of Barrington High School.

He attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, then Providence College where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies in 1990. Following his undergraduate education, he went on to receive a Master of Divinity from St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1994. He was ordained a deacon on April 23, 1994, at the seminary by the Most Reverend Joseph J. Gerry, OSB, Tenth Bishop of Portland. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Providence on June 24, 1995, at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul by the Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau.

Bishop Ruggieri had been the pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Providence since 2003 and St. Michael the Archangel Parish, also in Providence, since 2020. In 2009, he, along with parishioners and supporters, founded St. Patrick Academy, a Catholic college-preparatory high school in Providence. St. Patrick Academy has been recognized for its mission of accepting students regardless of their families' financial situations.

Prior to St. Patrick Parish, Bishop Ruggieri was an assistant pastor at Holy Spirit Parish in Central Falls (2001-2003), All Saints Parish in Woonsocket (1998-2001), and St. Matthew Parish in Cranston — his first assignment following ordination.

Bishop Ruggieri has served in several administrative and leadership capacities, including on the Diocese of Providence's Presbyteral Council and as a diocesan dean (vicar forane).

Bishop Ruggieri has been recognized with awards such as the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Vision Award from Providence College and the Lumen Gentium Award for Evangelization from the Diocese of Providence. In addition, St. Patrick Parish was honored with the Loyola Press Opening Doors Parish Award for providing a welcoming environment for people with disabilities.

Bishop Ruggieri's work to feed the poor of Providence and his frequent travels around the city in his food truck have been well-documented. His engagement in the community was the hallmark of his ministry in his home state.

Bishop Ruggieri is fluent in Spanish, a language he learned so he would be able to serve Providence's inner-city parishes.



THE COAT OF ARMS

THE MOST REVEREND JAMES THOMAS RUGGIERI

Thirteenth Bishop of Portland

he design of the coat of arms of the Most Reverend James Thomas Ruggieri incorporates spiritual and theological symbols that are of personal importance to him. The coat of arms is comprised of three sections: the shield, the scroll with episcopal motto, and external ornaments surrounding the shield.

The Shield

The shield is split vertically, with the coat of arms of the Diocese of Portland comprising the left half and the bishop's personal arms on the right, symbolizing the marriage between a bishop and a diocese.

The personal arms of Bishop Ruggieri are divided horizontally (per fess). The upper half is painted white (argent) and bears an anchor painted blue (azure). It recalls the birthplace and home of the bishop in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. That state's flag and seal comprise a gold anchor and a scroll with the motto "Hope."

The anchor is an ancient symbol of the theological virtue of hope, deriving from the words of the Letter to the Hebrews: "We have this hope as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul …" (Hebrews 6:19). In this depiction, the stock of the anchor is positioned on the shank to resemble a Passion Cross, an equally ancient symbol of the theological virtue of faith.

In the lower half of the shield is a depiction of the five loaves and two fish that the Lord Jesus multiplied to feed five thousand men and those accompanying them in the crowd that day. The only pre-resurrection miracle that is recounted in all four Gospels, it holds a special place in the story of the public ministry of Jesus and points to the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The Feeding of the Five Thousand also highlights the cooperation of the Apostles — whose successor the bishop is — with the Lord, both in the ministry of charity and as celebrants and guardians of the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments.

The left side of the shield, representing the Diocese of Portland, features the diocesan seal, which includes a field of blue with a scattering of gold pinecones, echoing Maine's status as "The Pine Tree State." It is based on an ancient French royal family coat of arms and reflects the French roots of the diocese, which date back to 1604. The cross is taken from the arms of the Duke of Portland in England.

The Motto

Below the shield is a scroll bearing the motto "Auspice Maria," which translates from Latin as "Under the protection of Mary." It draws together the symbolism of the various parts of the bishop's arms, as the words of Cardinal Robert Sarah explain:

[G]rowth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

The Externals

The shield itself is ensigned with external elements that identify the bearer as a bishop. A gold processional cross appears behind the shield. In this rendering of his arms, the bishop has chosen to depict the cross in the shape of the San Damiano Cross, before which St. Francis of Assisi heard the call of God to "restore my Church." The galero or "pilgrim's hat" is used heraldically in various colors and with specific numbers of tassels to indicate the rank of a bearer of a coat of arms. A bishop uses a green galero with three rows of green tassels.

Bishop Ruggieri's coat of arms was designed by Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Father Philip G. Bochanski.

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