



Solemn Mass of Consecration and Installation of the

MOST REVEREND JOHN CURTIS IFFERT

ELEVENTH BISHOP OF COVINGTON



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE ASSUMPTION

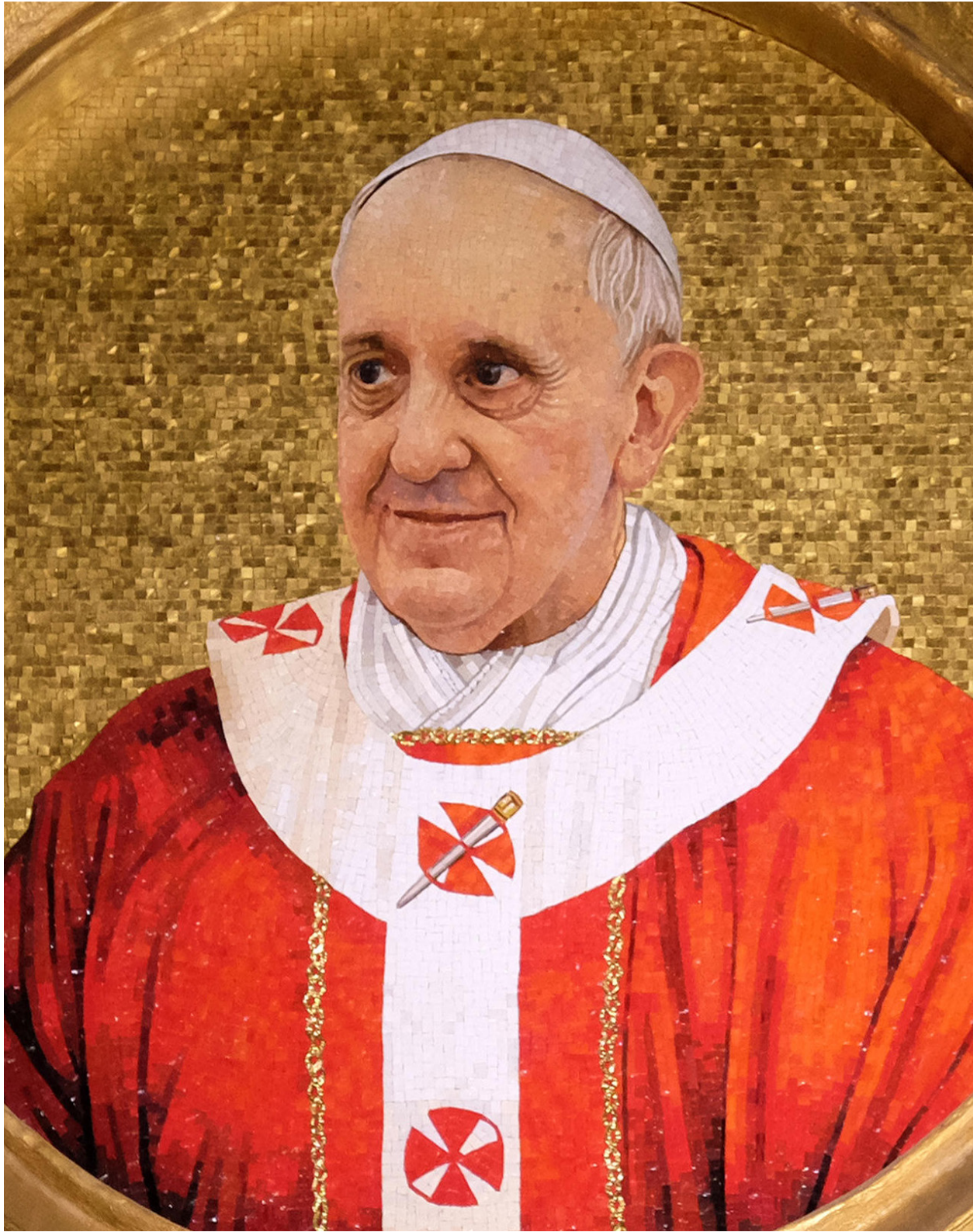
Cathedral Square | 1130 Madison Avenue

Covington, Kentucky

The Thirtieth Day of September

The Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-One

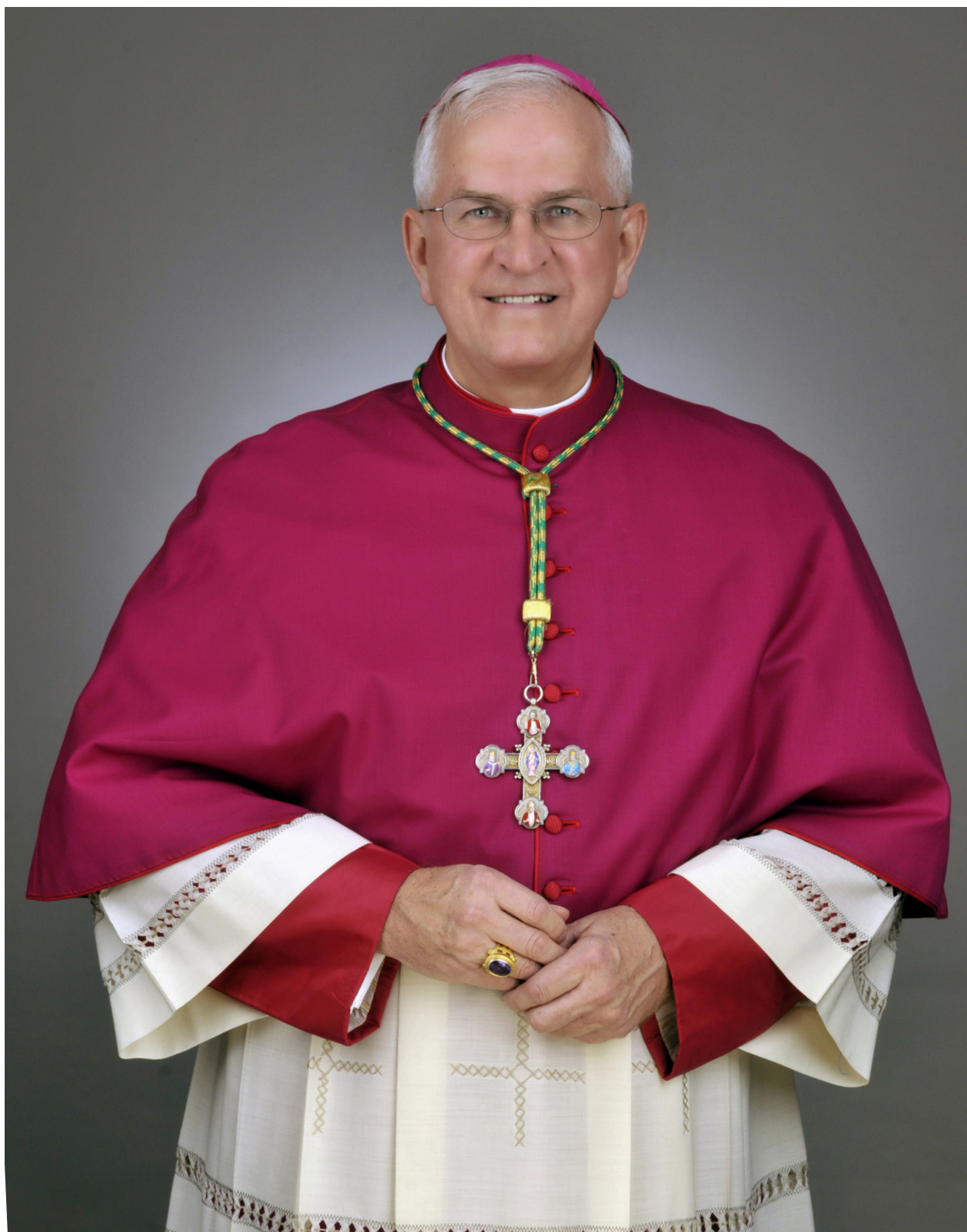
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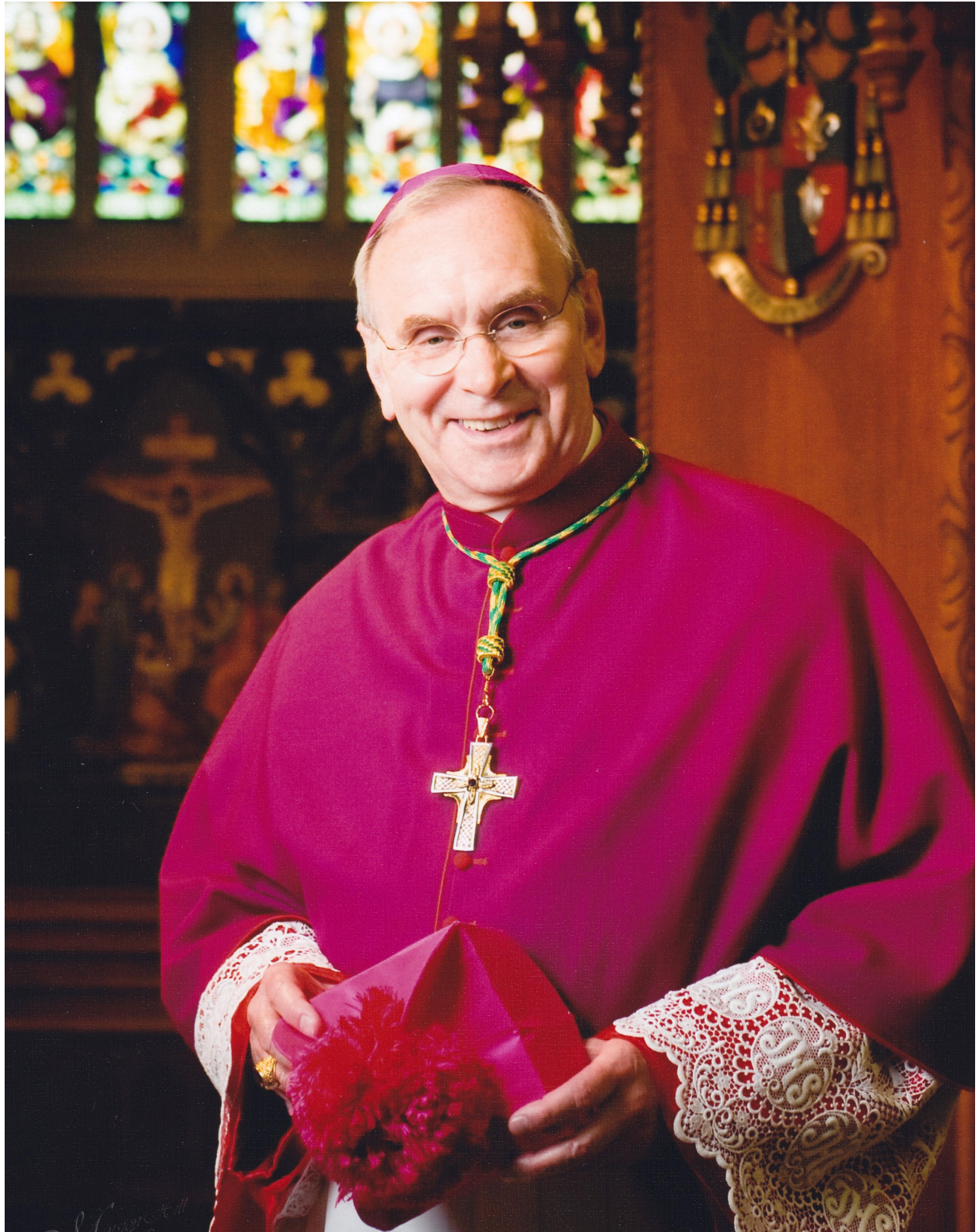
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ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
Apostolic Nuncio to the United States



MOST REVEREND JOSEPH EDWARD KURTZ
Archbishop of Louisville and Principal Consecrator



MOST REVEREND ROGER JOSEPH FOYS
Bishop Emeritus of Covington and Co-Consecrator



MOST REVEREND MICHAEL GEORGE MCGOVERN
Bishop of Belleville and Co-Consecrator



Interior,
St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica
of the Assumption

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON

The Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, was erected on July 29, 1853, by Pope Blessed Pius IX with Bishop George Aloysius Carrell, S.J. as its first bishop. At the time, it consisted of half of the Commonwealth of Kentucky with six priests and few Catholics. Today, over 150 years later, the Diocese of Covington has nearly 100,000 Catholics, 100 priests, 48 parishes, five missions, 15 Religious communities, 39 schools, a retreat center, a University, and a hospital system.

St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption



Modeled after France's great Gothic Cathedrals of Saint Denis and Notre Dame, St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption was begun in 1894 by Covington's Third Bishop, Camillus Paul Maes. On December 8, 1953, Pope Pius XII elevated St. Mary's Cathedral to the rank of minor basilica under the Episcopate of Bishop William T.

Mulloy. While much of the Cathedral Basilica's construction and decoration were completed by 1915, much of the work envisioned by Bishop Maes remained unfinished, awaiting the contribution of future generations.



In 2001, Bishop Robert W. Muench, Ninth Bishop of Covington, renovated the Cathedral Basilica and helped address numerous structural issues, including the addition of a new HVAC system. His successor, Bishop Roger J. Foys, continued to beautify the Cathedral Basilica with the addition of three monumental projects: In 2019, the remains of Bishop Camillus Paul Maes were

solemnly entombed in a new Crypt at the Cathedral Basilica; In 2021, twenty-four statues and two tympana were added to the façade, completing the vision of Bishop Maes; and additionally in 2021, a new Relic Shrine, dedicated to St. Paul with 300+ relics, was consecrated and dedicated in the Cathedral Basilica apse.

Thomas More University



Founded in 1921 by the Benedictine Sisters as Villa Madonna College, Thomas More University is a small liberal arts university consistently ranked by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best regional universities in the South and ranks highest among other private and public colleges and universities in Kentucky. The University serves

more than 2,000 students from across the country and around the world.

St. Elizabeth Healthcare



Founded by Henrietta Cleveland with the support of the Diocese of Covington and the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor in 1861, St. Elizabeth has served Northern Kentucky and the Greater Cincinnati region ever since. It is home to more than 10,000 associates and a Medical Staff of nearly 1,200 physicians and advanced practice providers.

As a Catholic healthcare ministry, St. Elizabeth provides comprehensive and compassionate care to improve the health of the people they serve.



*Bishop Carrell receiving the Bull
erecting the Diocese of Covington
from Pope Blessed Pius IX.
Detail, Saint Paul Relic Shrine
Altarpiece, St. Mary's Cathedral
Basilica of the Assumption*

BISHOPS OF COVINGTON

I. Most Reverend George Aloysius Carrell, S.J. Motto: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA (<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i>)	1853 – 1868
II. Most Reverend Augustus Maria Toebe Motto: O COR VICTIMA AMORIS (<i>O Heart, Victim of Love</i>)	1869 – 1884
III. Most Reverend Camillus Paul Maes Motto: CRUX MIHI DUX (<i>The Cross is My Leader</i>)	1884 – 1915
IV. Most Reverend Ferdinand Brossart Motto: SECTARE CARITATEM (<i>Charity First</i>)	1915 – 1923
V. Most Reverend Francis William Howard Motto: IN SPIRITU LENITATIS (<i>In the Spirit of Meekness</i>)	1923 – 1944
VI. Most Reverend William Theodore Mulloy Motto: DOCETE FILIOS VESTROS (<i>Teach Your Children</i>)	1944 – 1959
VII. Most Reverend Richard Henry Ackerman, C.S.Sp. Motto: QUIA TU MECUM ES (<i>Because You Are With Me</i>)	1960 – 1978
VIII. Most Reverend William Anthony Hughes Motto: TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED	1979 – 1995
IX. Most Reverend Robert William Muench Motto: JESUS MUST INCREASE	1996 – 2001
X. Most Reverend Roger Joseph Foys Motto: LUCEAT LUX VESTRA (<i>Let Your Light Shine</i>)	2002 – 2021



MOST REVEREND JOHN CURTIS IFFERT

The Most Reverend John Iffert was born on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1967, in DuQuoin, Illinois to John and Mary Iffert; he has two sisters, Kim and Kathy. The family lived on a small farm on the outskirts of the town and they were active members of Sacred Heart Church. From the age of eight, Fr. John was a reader at Sunday Mass and later an altar server. He attended Sacred Heart School and DuQuoin High School.

After high school, Fr. Iffert attended Illinois State University and earned a Bachelors degree in political science. He accepted a fellowship with the State of Illinois and worked as an analyst in Illinois' Bureau of the Budget.

At St. Joseph Parish in Springfield, Illinois, Fr. Iffert was a catechist, preparing young Catholics for Confirmation. He became active in Koinonia and Teens Encounter Christ. These movements helped Fr. Iffert develop the habits of daily prayer, daily scripture reading, and daily Eucharist. He recommends these practices for every Catholic who seeks a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Fr. Iffert entered Mundelein Seminary (the seminary of the Archdiocese of Chicago) in August 1992. He earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Master of Divinity degrees. On June 7, 1997, Bishop Wilton Gregory (now Cardinal Gregory) ordained Fr. Iffert a priest of the Diocese of Belleville.

Fr. Iffert served as parochial vicar at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Belleville, Illinois (1997-2000), and pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Columbia, Illinois (2000-2003). With his bishop's blessing, Fr. Iffert entered the novitiate of the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great. After a year as a novice and four years in simple vows, he returned to the Diocese of Belleville in 2008.

From 2008 to 2021, Fr. Iffert was pastor of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish in Mount Vernon, Illinois. In 2014, he was also appointed pastor of St. Barbara Parish in Scheller, Illinois. During his tenure, St. Mary Parish achieved their goal of building a new parish church. The church and altar were dedicated on January 13, 2013.

Fr. Iffert also worked alongside Mount Vernon's community and church leaders to found Lifeboat Alliance Family Shelter, where they "help people who are homeless weather life's storms." In 2013, this ecumenical ministry received the Governor's Cup Award as an exemplary community-based project. This distinction is granted to only one project in the State of Illinois each year.

From 2010 to 2020, Fr. Iffert served as Vicar Forane of first the East and then the North Central Vicariate. In 2014, he was appointed Co-Vicar for Priests. Fr. Iffert has served the Diocese of Belleville as a member of the College of Consultors, the Presbyteral Council, the Priest Personnel Board, the Diocesan Finance Council, the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Board, and the Board of Directors of Camp Ondessonk.

On October 1, 2020, Bishop Michael McGovern appointed Fr. Iffert Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Belleville.

On January 12, 2021, Fr. Iffert was appointed the pastor of Saint Stephen Catholic Church in Caseyville, Illinois.

Fr. Iffert was appointed the Eleventh Bishop of Covington on July 13, 2021.

*Façade Detail,
St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica
of the Assumption*



A DAY OF THANKSGIVING

The Crosier of Bishop Iffert — a gift from Bishop Foys and the Priests of the Diocese of Covington

FRIENDS IN CHRIST,
I am so grateful today! I rejoice in your presence, in the Church gathered, in God's gracious mercy. I am eager to pray with you, and I beg your prayers for me and for the Diocese of Covington.

I am thrilled that people by whom I was formed and from whom I am called, are gathered alongside those to whom I am being sent and with whom I am to walk together in faith. Together we will implore God's mercy on this local Church, and pray that I may be sealed and transformed — consecrated — to become a shepherd after the heart and pattern of Jesus the Good Shepherd and his devoted Apostles. Thank you. Thanks be to God!

I am grateful for my parents John and Mary Iffert, who first taught me to pray and to treasure Bible stories. I give thanks for my family and friends, many of whom are here today. I am happy that so many priests and religious are here. From the age of seven I have found heroes, teachers, mentors, and eventually collaborators and friends among you. Parishioners and coworkers I have known over the years are here, alongside those I am just beginning to know in Kentucky. Thank you and thanks be to God for you.

I am grateful to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his Christ-centered leadership, and for calling me to become the Bishop of Covington. I ask you to join me in praying everyday for Pope Francis, for his intentions, and that his ministry as the Universal Pastor of Christ's flock will always remind us of our essential unity. I am also grateful to Archbishop Christophe Pierre for his constant travels and labors on behalf of the Holy See, and the support he offers to me and to all the bishops of the United States.

I am especially grateful to all the bishops who are gathered here. The warm reception and fraternal support I have received from you and our brother bishops lends me strength and sustains my hope-filled confidence during this transition.

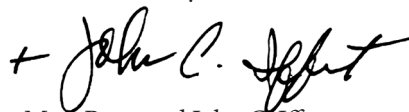
Special thanks to Archbishop Joseph Kurtz and to the bishops of the Province of Louisville for your welcome and encouragement. Thank you to Bishop Michael McGovern for your support and guidance over the past year; especially your generous friendship and help through these weeks of preparation. I am also grateful to the Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton for your trust and encouragement over a dozen years. Finally, deepest thanks and gratitude to Bishop Roger Foys for your kindness, trust, and warm reception from the moment you learned that I would be called to the Diocese of Covington. Thank you.

Thank you to the members of the committee that prepared everything for the events surrounding my Consecration and Installation under the guidance of the Very Reverend Daniel L. Schomaker. Thank you to all those who have worked tirelessly in preparation for today.

Thank you also to the many volunteers from St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption and from the parishes, schools, and agencies of the Diocese of Covington who are serving and ministering today. I am grateful to you. I pledge that I will make a constant effort to be a good shepherd to the Diocese of Covington and to care for this magnificent church.

I ask your help. Pray for me, that the grace of Consecration will begin to remake my heart after the image of Christ's own Sacred Heart. And no matter where God leads us or what events we face together, may we . . . *"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Jesus Christ"* (1 Th 5:16 -18).

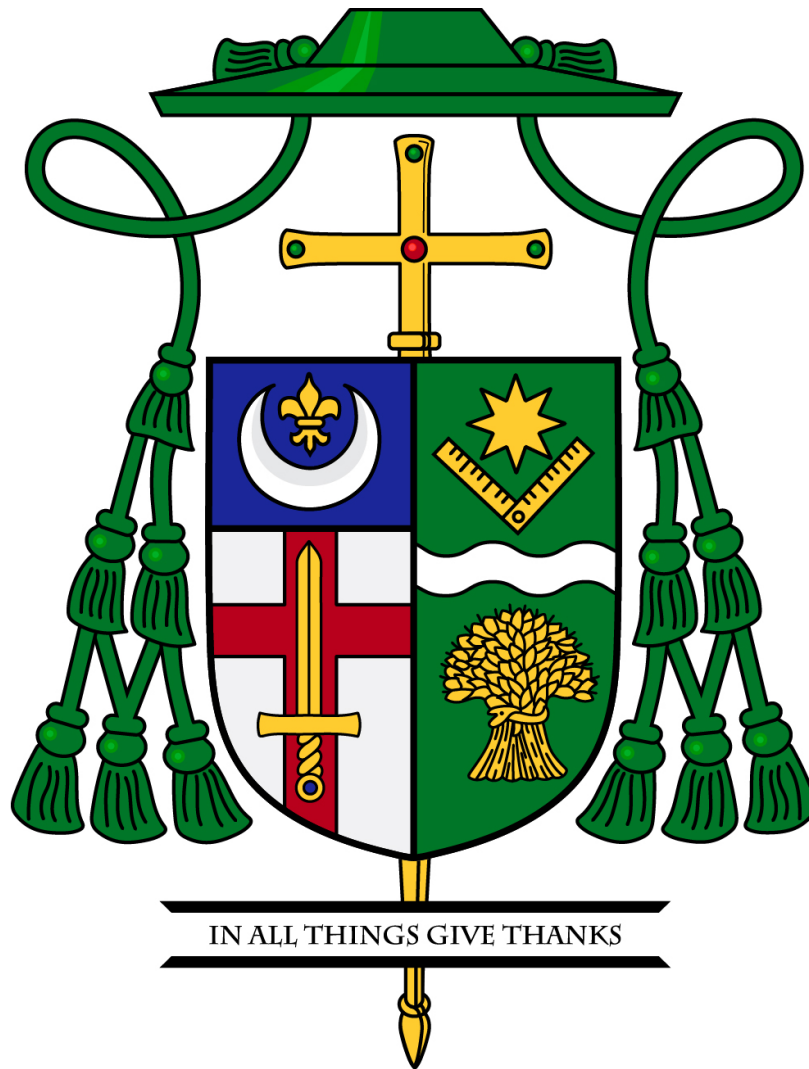
Yours Devotedly in the Lord,



Most Reverend John C. Iffert
Bishop of Covington

THE COAT OF ARMS OF

MOST REVEREND JOHN CURTIS IFFERT



WHEN A BISHOP IS ORDAINED, THE CHURCH INVITES HIM TO DECLARE A MOTTO AND DESIGN A COAT OF ARMS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MOTTO IS TO REFLECT THE BISHOP'S BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS WITHIN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. THE COAT OF ARMS UTILIZES SYMBOLS TO IDENTIFY THE BISHOP.

Bishop Iffert's Coat of Arms combines a design of his own choosing with the Coat of Arms of the Diocese of Covington.

The diocesan design on the left hand side of the shield was commissioned by Bishop William T. Mulloy following the 1953 elevation of Covington's Cathedral to the status of a minor basilica. It was devised by William F. J. Ryan of New York, N.Y. and West Chatham, Massachusetts.

Imposed on the blue upper portion is a gold fleur-de-lis within the arms of a silver crescent moon. Both are symbols of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Their juxtaposition in this fashion indicates her Assumption, or, as the artist conceived it, "the Blessed Virgin elevated above the sub-lunary world." It is under this aspect that Mary is Patroness of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

Below it is a red cross on a white field. Pointing upward on the vertical beam of the cross is a gold sword, the symbol of St. Paul, patron of the Diocese of Covington.

The right hand side of the shield identifies Bishop Iffert and reflects his hopes for his episcopal service to the Diocese of Covington.

A green background symbolizes hope, evokes the fertile land, and calls to mind the bishop's childhood on a family farm. It also alludes to the coat of arms of the Diocese of Belleville, which shows a beautiful city atop a green hill.

A wavy, silver barrulet bisects the green field, representing a river. The Ohio River forms the northern border of the Diocese of Covington and the southeastern border of the Diocese of Belleville, connecting the diocese where Bishop Iffert will exercise episcopal ministry to the diocese where he served as deacon and priest.

The upper portion features an eight-pointed star within the arms of a carpenter's square. They honor Our Lady and Saint Joseph the Worker. This title for Saint Joseph especially emphasizes the dignity of those who labor. The star also appears on Pope Francis' coat of arms. Together, the symbols attest that Bishop Iffert was appointed by Pope Francis in the Year of Saint Joseph.

The lower portion features a bundle of wheat bound in the middle as at harvest. This symbol carries multiple meanings. First, Bishop Iffert is from a region in southern Illinois nicknamed "Little Egypt." The grain calls this to mind because "the whole world came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain" (Gn 41:57). Harvest imagery also alludes to Thanksgiving Day in the United States. The bishop was born on Thanksgiving Day.

Most significantly, the wheat reminds the Christian of the bread that becomes the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Christ makes Himself and His self-emptying love fully present to His people in this central act of worship and thanksgiving.

Above the shield is a gold cross surmounted by a green pontifical hat called a gallero. The cross and hat with six tassels on either side portray the rank of a bishop.

The phrase on the scroll beneath the shield, "In all things give thanks," (Th 5:18) is Bishop Iffert's episcopal motto. It reflects his conviction that turning to Christ with rejoicing, prayer, and thanksgiving — especially encountering Christ in the midst of the Church and receiving Him in the Sacrament of His Most Holy Body and Blood — is God's will for Christians in every circumstance.

The personal Arms of Bishop Iffert were devised by Reverend Guy Selvester, Washington, New Jersey, in consultation with The Most Reverend John C. Iffert, 2021.



Duveneck Mural Detail,
Blessed Sacrament Chapel of
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PRELUDE

Selections for Trumpet, Organ, and Choir

Blessed Jesus, We are Here

J.S. Bach

Exultabunt Sancti

Paul Huber

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

Please stand.



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless-ings
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, Wait - ing to hush our
7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship him in



1. let us sing: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. sail a - long, O _ praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
3. Lord to hear, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
4. on our way, O _ praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
5. take your part, O _ sing now! Al-le - lu - ia! All you that pain and
6. fi - nal breath, O _ praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! You lead back home the
7. hum-ble - ness, O _ praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther,



1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
4. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
5. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!
6. child of God, For Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him!
7. praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One: O praise him!



1-7. O praise him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore*;
tr. by William H. Draper, 1855–1933, alt. Music: *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

SIGN OF THE CROSS AND GREETING

Please sit.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Most Reverend Roger J. Foy
Bishop Emeritus of Covington

Please stand.

PENITENTIAL ACT

The Archbishop invites the faithful, saying:

Brethren (Brothers and Sisters), let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

After a brief pause, all recite together the formula of general confession:

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Archbishop follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

R̄ Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

Chant/Casali

Priest/Deacon/Other Minister All respond Priest/Deacon/Other Minister

Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Chris - te, e - lé - i - son.

All respond

Chris - te, e - lé - i - son.

The choir sings the third invocation.

GLORIA

Mass VII, Chant, Mode 5

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple

of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us;

you take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Text: *The Roman Missal*
 Music: *The Roman Missal*
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COLLECT

O God, who out of the abundance of your untold grace alone
 choose to set your servant and Priest John Curtis Iffert
 over your Church of Covington this day,
 grant that he may carry out worthily the office of Bishop
 and, under your governance in all things,
 he may direct by word and example
 the people entrusted to his care.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

R Amen.

Please sit.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

61:1-3abcd

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.

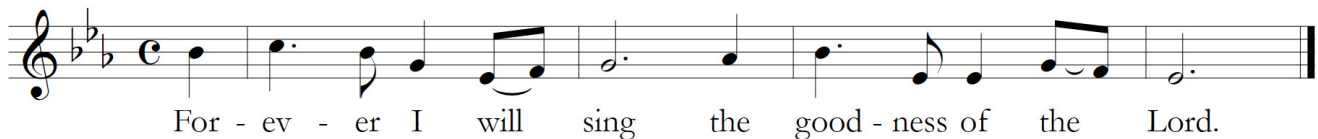
The word of the Lord.

℟️ Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

89:21-22, 25 & 27

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“I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him,
That my hand may be always with him, and that my arm may make him strong.” **℟️**

“My faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him, and through my name shall his horn be exalted.
He shall say of me, ‘you are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.’” **℟️**

Composed in honor of the Episcopal Ordination of the Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Eleventh Bishop of Covington, September 30, 2021

READING II

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

4:1-2, 5-7

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have this ministry through the mercy shown us,
we are not discouraged.

Rather, we have renounced shameful, hidden things;
not acting deceitfully or falsifying the word of God,
but by the open declaration of the truth
we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord,
and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus.

For God who said, *Let light shine out of darkness*,
has shone in our hearts to bring to light
the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ.

But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us.

The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

ALLELUIA

John 10:14

Chant, Mode VI.



*"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me."*

GOSPEL

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

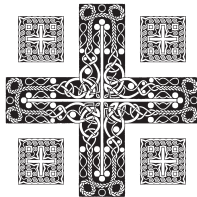
21:15-17

After Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples
and eaten breakfast with them, he said to Simon Peter,
“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”
Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.”
He then said to Simon Peter a second time,
“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”
Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”
He said to him, “Tend my sheep.”
He said to him the third time,
“Simon, son of John, do you love me?”
Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time,
“Do you love me?” and he said to him,
“Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.”
Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.


Please remain standing.



THE RITE OF ORDINATION

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS


Chant/Robert Schaffer




All 1. Ve - ni Cre - á - tor Spí - ri - tus,
Choir 2. Qui dí - ce - ris Pa - rá - cli - tus,
All 3. Tu se - pti - fór - mis mú - ne - re,
Choir 4. Ac - cén - de lu - men sén - si - bus,
All 5. Hó - stem re - pél - las lón - gi - us,
Choir 6. Per te sci - á - mus da Pa - trem,
All 7. De - o Pa - tri sit gló - ri - a,



Men - tes tu - ó - rum ví - si - ta:
 Al - tís - si - mi dó - num De - i,
 Di - gi - tus pa - tér - nae déx - te - rae,
 In - fun - de - a - mó - rem cór - di - bus,
 Pa - cém - que do - nes pró - ti - nus:
 No - scá - mus at - que Fí - li - um
 Et Fí - li - o, qui a mór - tu - is



Im - ple - su - pér - na grá - ti - a
 Fons vi - vus, i - gnis, cá - ri - tas,
 Tu ri - te pro - mís - sum Pa - tris,
 In - fír - ma no - stri cór - po - ris
 Du - ctó - re sic te práe - vi - o,
 Te - que u - tri - ús - que Spí - ri - tum
 Sur - ré - xit, ac Pa - rá - cli - to,



Quae tu cre - á - sti pé - cto - ra.
 Et spi - ri - tá - lis ún - cti - o.
 Ser - mó - ne di - tans gút - tu - ra.
 Vir - tú - te fír - mans pér - pe - ti.
 Vi - té - mus om - ne nó - xi - um.
 Cre - dá - mus om - ni tém - po - re.
 In sae - cu - ló - rum sáe - cu - la. A - men.

Text: Attr. to Rabanus Maurus, 776-856

Tune: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS, LM; Mode VIII; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

PRESENTATION OF THE ELECT

The Bishop-elect is led by the priests assisting him to the Archbishop, before whom he makes a sign of reverence. The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, Bishop Emeritus of Covington, says:

Most Reverend Father, the Church of Covington asks you to
ordain this Priest, John Curtis Iffert,
to the responsibility of the Episcopate.

The Archbishop asks him:

Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?

He replies:

We have.

The Archbishop says:

Let it be read.

All sit while the document is read by the Apostolic Nuncio. After the reading, all present give their assent to the election of the Bishop by saying:

℟️ Thanks be to God.

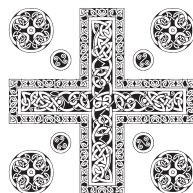
The assent is followed by the applause and standing of all.

The Chancellor takes the Apostolic Mandate and shows it to the College of Consultors; she then records the proceedings in the archive of the Diocese of Covington.

Please sit.

HOMILY

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz
Archbishop of Louisville



INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Bishop-elect alone rises and stands before the Archbishop, before whom he makes a sign of reverence. After the instruction, the Archbishop examines the Bishop-elect:

PROMISE OF THE ELECT

The Archbishop then questions the Bishop-elect with these words:

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?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

Do you resolve to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

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?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

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?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

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?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

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?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

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

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do.

Archbishop:

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?

The Bishop-elect replies:

I do with the help of God.

Archbishop:

May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment.

LITANY OF SUPPLICATION

Please kneel.

While the Bishop-elect lies prostrate on the floor, all kneel in prayer for him and for the Church:

Cantor, then Assembly

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

pray — for us.

Lord, de-liv-er us, we pray.

Be mer-ci-ful to us sin-ners, Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.

Christ, hear — us. Christ, Christ, hear — us.

gra-cious-ly hear — us. Christ, gra-cious-ly hear — us.

After the singing of the Litany, the Archbishop alone stands, and with hands extended, says:

Graciously hear our petitions, O Lord,
and pour out upon this, your servant,
the power of your blessing,
flowing from the horn of priestly grace.
Through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

All stand.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER OF ORDINATION

The Principal Consecrator, the Co-consecrators, and all Bishops present impose hands on the head of the Bishop-elect, signifying that the ordination of a Bishop is a collegial act of the Order of Bishops, incorporating a new member into their community for the service of the Church.

While the Book of the Gospels is held above the head of the Bishop-elect, the Prayer of Ordination is said. This ancient prayer invokes the power of the Holy Spirit upon the Bishop-elect and recalls the importance and role of the Bishop within the Church.

The Archbishop, alone, begins:

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
who dwell 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:

All 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.

The Archbishop 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.

R Amen.

Please sit.

ANOINTING OF THE HEAD

The Archbishop anoints the head of the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

May God, who has 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.

THE HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

The Archbishop presents the Book of the Gospels to the newly ordained Bishop saying:

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

THE HANDING ON OF THE INSIGNIA

— *Ring* —

The Archbishop places the ring on the ring finger of the right hand of the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

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

— *Miter* —

The Archbishop places the miter on the head of the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

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.

— *Crosier* —

The Archbishop, lastly, gives the crosier to the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

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

SEATING IN THE CATHEDRA

Please stand. The newly ordained Bishop is invited to take possession of the Church of Covington by being seated in the cathedra. All applaud.

Choral Motet — Ecce Sacerdos magnus

Maximilian Stadler

Behold a great priest who in his days pleased God: Therefore, by an oath the Lord made him to increase among his people. To him He gave the blessing of all nations, and confirmed His covenant upon his head. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; therefore, by an oath the Lord made him to increase among his people.

FRATERNAL KISS

The newly ordained Bishop sets aside the crosier, stands and receives the fraternal kiss (sign of peace) from the Archbishop, the Co-consecrators, and then all the Bishops present, welcoming him into their order.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

John U. Iffert, Kim Dorsey, and Kathy Nesbit
The father and sisters of Bishop Iffert

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

O God Beyond All Praising
Thaxted

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, We wor-ship you to-day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, Ac-cept the love we bring,
1. And sing the love a-maz-ing That songs can-not re-pay;
2. That we who know your fa-vor May serve you as our King;
1. For we can on-ly won-der At ev-'ry gift you send,
2. And wheth-er our to-mor-rows Be filled with good or ill,
1. At bless-ings with-out num-ber And mer-cies with-out end;
2. We'll tri-umph through our sor-rows And rise to bless you still;
1. We lift our hearts be-fore you And wait up-on your word,
2. To mar-vel at your beau-ty And glo-ry in your ways,
1. We hon-or and a-dore you, Our great and might-y Lord.
2. And make a joy-ful du-ty Our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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Choral Motet — The Truth Your Word Imparts

St. Ethelwald

Help us, O Lord, to learn the truth your Word imparts; to study, that your laws may be inscribed upon our hearts. Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we proclaim, that all our thoughts and words and deeds may glorify your Name. Your words of truth and love we learn from day to day; revealed to Saints from God above, and guide us on our way. Help us, O Lord, to teach the beauty of your ways, that yearning souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise. Amen.

Sung on the Feast of Saint Jerome, this work honors and praises the Word of God.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth
are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation is written on three staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth'. The second staff contains the melody for 'are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is'. The third staff contains the melody for 'he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff contains the melody for 'Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and'. The second staff contains the melody for 'Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.'.

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GREAT AMEN

A-men.

The musical notation is written on a single staff, showing the notes for 'A-men.'.

OUR FATHER

Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name;
thy king - dom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our tres - pass - es,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours now and for ev - er.

AGNUS DEI

Chant/Hassler

A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di: mi - se -
ré - re no - bis. A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta
mun - di: mi - se - ré - re no - bis.

The choir sings the third invocation.

COMMUNION

Choir —Very Bread

Randolph Currie

*Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us; Jesus, with thy love befriend us.
Thou refresh us, thou defend us; thine eternal goodness send us in the land of life to see.
Thou, who all things canst and knowest; thou, O Christ, who on earth such food bestowest,
grant us with thy saints, tho' lowest; where the heavenly feast thou showest fellow heirs and guests to be.*

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas

Taste and See
Stephen Dean



Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

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| 1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips.
The Lord shall be the glory of my soul;
the humble shall hear and be glad. | 5. Saints of the Lord, revere him;
those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek him lack no blessing. |
| 2. Glorify the Lord with me,
together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord: he answered me;
he set me free from all my fear. | 6. Children of the Lord come and hear,
and learn the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life,
whose only love is for his wealth? |
| 3. Look upon the Lord and be radiant;
hide not your face from the Lord.
He heard the cry of the poor;
he rescued them from all their woes. | 7. Keep evil words from your tongue,
your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. |
| 4. The angel of the Lord is with his people
to rescue those who trust in him.
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
seek refuge in him and be glad. | |

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Ubi caritas est vera


Bob Hurd

Refrain: All




*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir




est, De - us i - bi est.

1. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the

to Refrain



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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Choral Thanksgiving — Rejoice In the Lord, Always

Robert Schaffer

*Rejoice in the Lord, always; again will we sing: Rejoice! Let everyone know of your spirit, the Lord is near, Rejoice!
Have no fear, no care. But in all things by prayer and supplication, let God know your needs.
And the peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ, the Lord.
And whatever is true, whatever is righteous, whatever is just, whatever is pure;
whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious; if there is something of excellence,
if there is anything worthy of praise: Give yourselves to these things.
Rejoice in the Lord, always, again will we sing Rejoice!
Let everyone know of your spirit; the Lord is near, rejoice in the Lord, Rejoice!*

Text: Phil. 4: 4-9

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy,
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

CONCLUDING RITES

FIRST BLESSINGS

**The newly ordained Bishop Iffert is led by the co-consecrators through the Cathedral to bless
all who are present.**

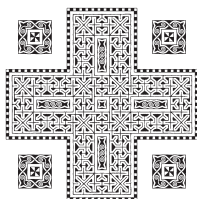
HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Te Deum laudamus
Mode III

Please sit.

REMARKS

Most Reverend John C. Iffert
Eleventh Bishop of Covington



SOLEMN BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Bishop Iffert:

The Lord be with you.

R And with your spirit.

Deacon of the Word:

Bow down for the blessing.

Bishop Iffert:

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 from the flourishing of a holy flock
may come eternal joy for its shepherds. **R** Amen.

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. **R** Amen.

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. **R** Amen.

And may almighty God bless you,
✠ the Father, and **✠** the Son, and the Holy **✠** Spirit.
R Amen.

Deacon of the Word:

Go in peace. **R** Thanks be to God.

As is custom for solemn liturgies in Covington's Cathedral Church, the *Salve Regina* is sung.

SALVE REGINA

Chant, Mode V

Sal - ve, Re - gí - na, ma - ter mi - se - ri - cór - di - ae:

Vi - ta, dul - cé - do et spes no - stra, sal - ve.

Ad te cla - má - mus, éx - su - les, fí - li - i He - vae.

Ad te sus - pi - rá - mus, ge - mén - tes et flen - tes

in hac la - cri - má - rum val - le. E - ia er - go, Ad - vo - cá - ta no - stra,

il - los tu - os mi - se - ri - cór - des ó - cu - los ad nos con - vér - te.

Et Je - sum, be - ne - dí - ctum fruc - tum ven - tris tu - i,

no - bis post hoc ex - sí - li - um os - tén - de.

O cle - mens, O pi - a,

O dul - cis Vir - go Ma - rí - a.

Text: Latin attr. to Hermannus Contractus, 1013–1054.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Grösser Gott



1. Ho - ly God, we praise thy name; Lord of
 2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel
 3. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

1. all, we bow be - fore thee! All on earth thy
 2. choirs a - bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and
 3. Spir - it, Three we name thee; While in es - sence

1. scep - ter claim, All in heav'n a - bove a - dore thee;
 2. Ser - a - phim, In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing;
 3. on - ly One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;

1. In - fi - nite, thy vast do - main, Ev - er -
 2. Fill the heav'ns with sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly,
 3. And a - dor - ing, bend the knee, While we

1. last - ing is thy reign. In - fi - nite, thy
 2. ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!" Fill the heav'ns with
 3. own the mys - ter - y. And a - dor - ing,

1. vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
 2. sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 3. bend the knee, While we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: 78 78 77 with repeat; *Te Deum laudamus*; attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414;

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900.

Music: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774.

POSTLUDE FOR TRUMPET AND ORGAN

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

Psalm XIX

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“WHEREVER I GO FROM HERE, LORD,
LET ME BE STRONG IN FAITH
AND POOR IN SPIRIT.
MAKE ME A MAN
AFTER YOUR OWN HEART.”

Adapted from a prayer attributed to St. Isaac Jogues, S.J., Bishop Iffert's Patron Saint