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Diocese welcomes Coadjutor Bishop David Talley to Alexandria

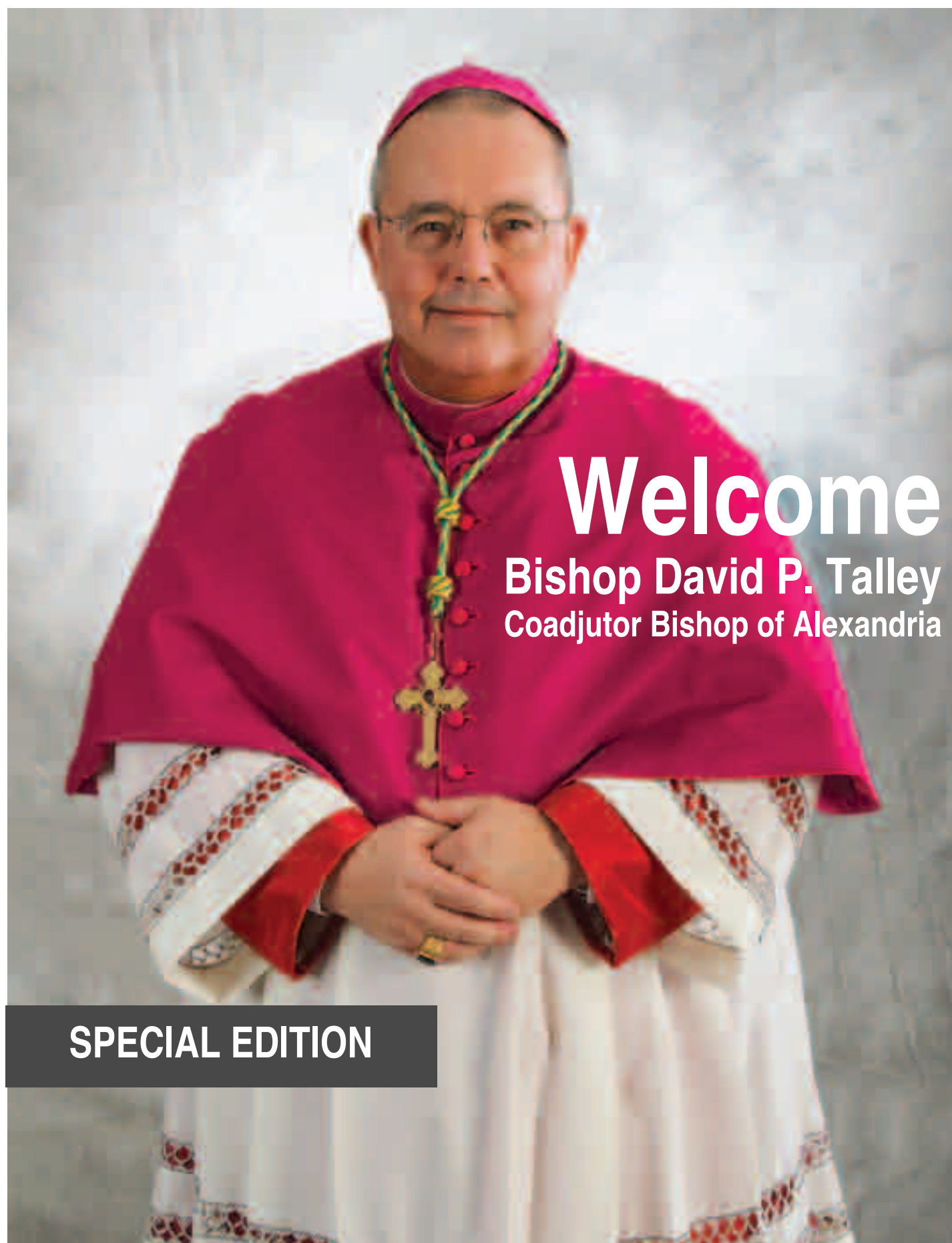
Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States; 18 bishops and almost 90 members of the clergy joined the people of the Diocese of Alexandria, in welcoming Bishop David Talley as coadjutor to Alexandria during a Mass of Welcome held Nov. 7 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. See pages 14-15.

Bishop Talley embraces his new diocese with joy

Even before the Nov. 7 Mass of Welcome, many people in the diocese already had the surprise opportunity to meet Bishop Talley at various events. Find out more about Bishop Talley, originally from Atlanta, pages 8-9.

Unique relic of St. John Berchmans coming to Shreveport Dec. 8-18

The Diocese of Shreveport will host a unique relic – the heart of Saint John Berchmans - at the Cathedral of the same name, Dec. 8-18. Find out more about this unique relic, leaving Belgium for the first time, on page 20.



Welcome
Bishop David P. Talley
Coadjutor Bishop of Alexandria

SPECIAL EDITION

*I will give you
a new heart*

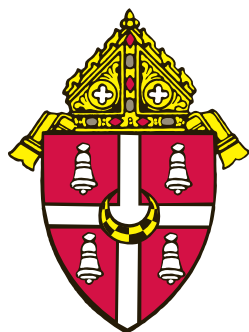
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Bishop Ronald Herzog and the staff of
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Coadjutor Bishop David P. Talley



Welcome Bishop Talley!



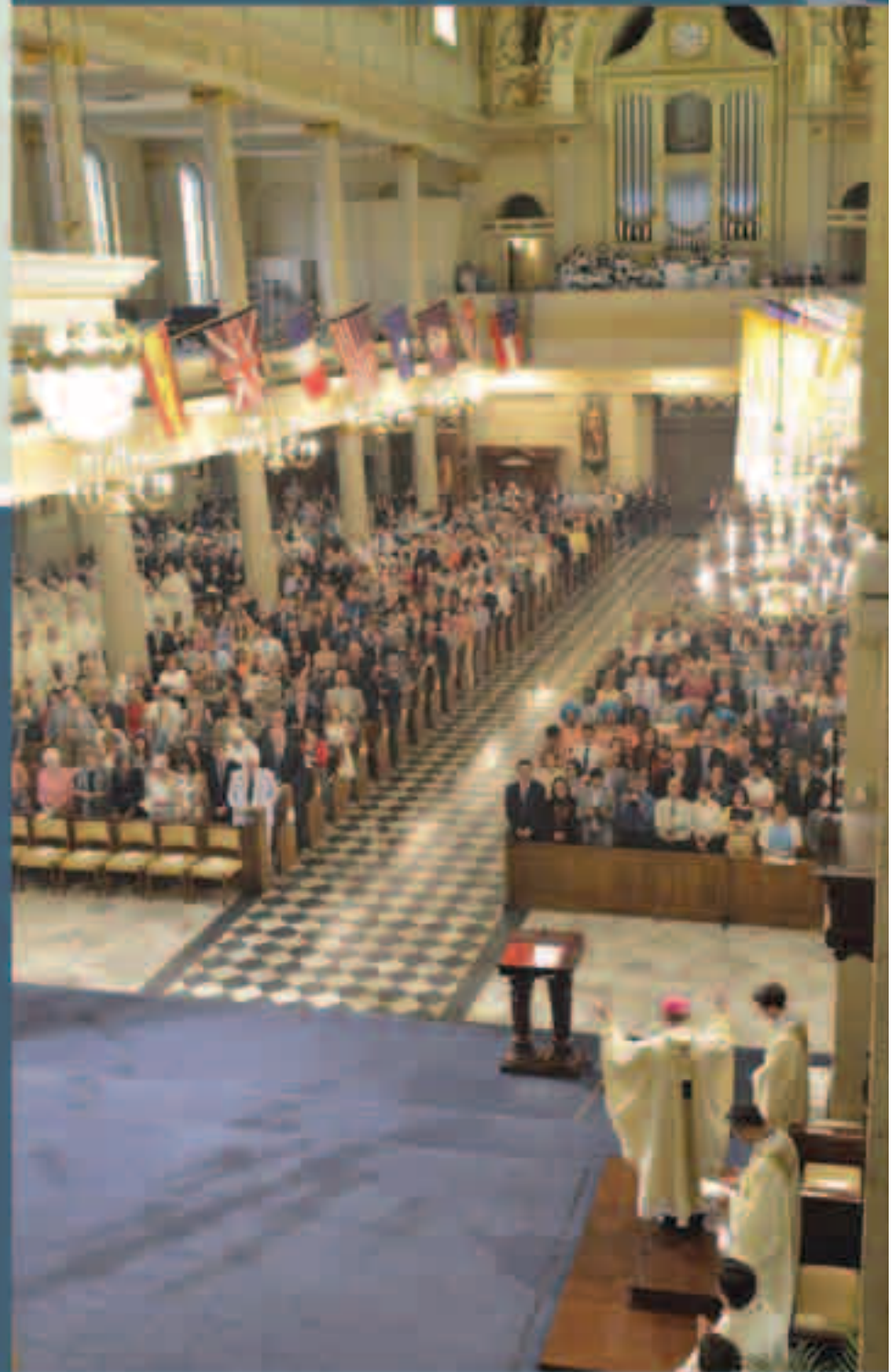
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Welcome Bishop Talley!



Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond,
Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, the clergy,
religious and faithful of the
Archdiocese of New Orleans offer
our prayers for you as you begin your
ministry in the Diocese of Alexandria.

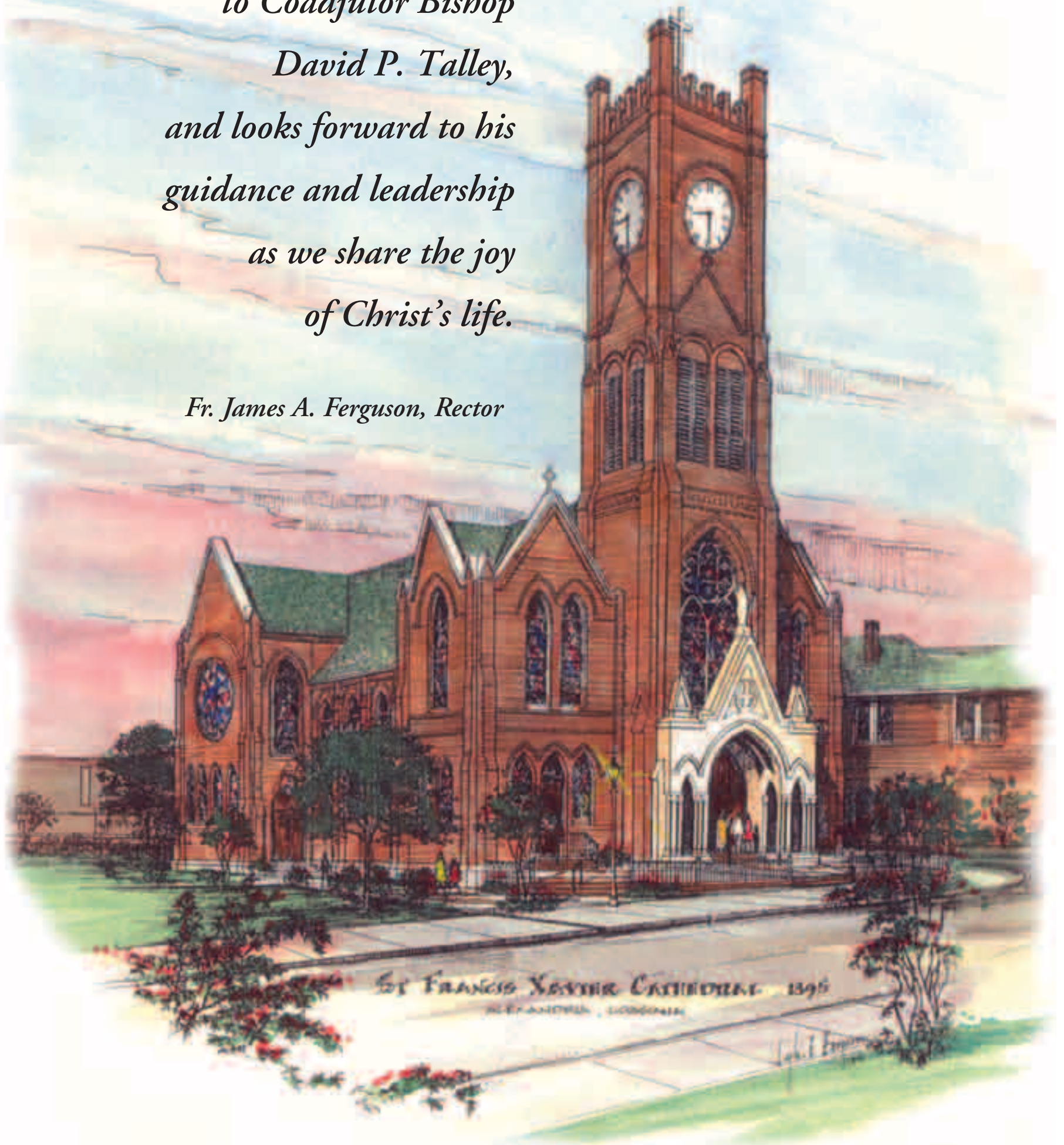


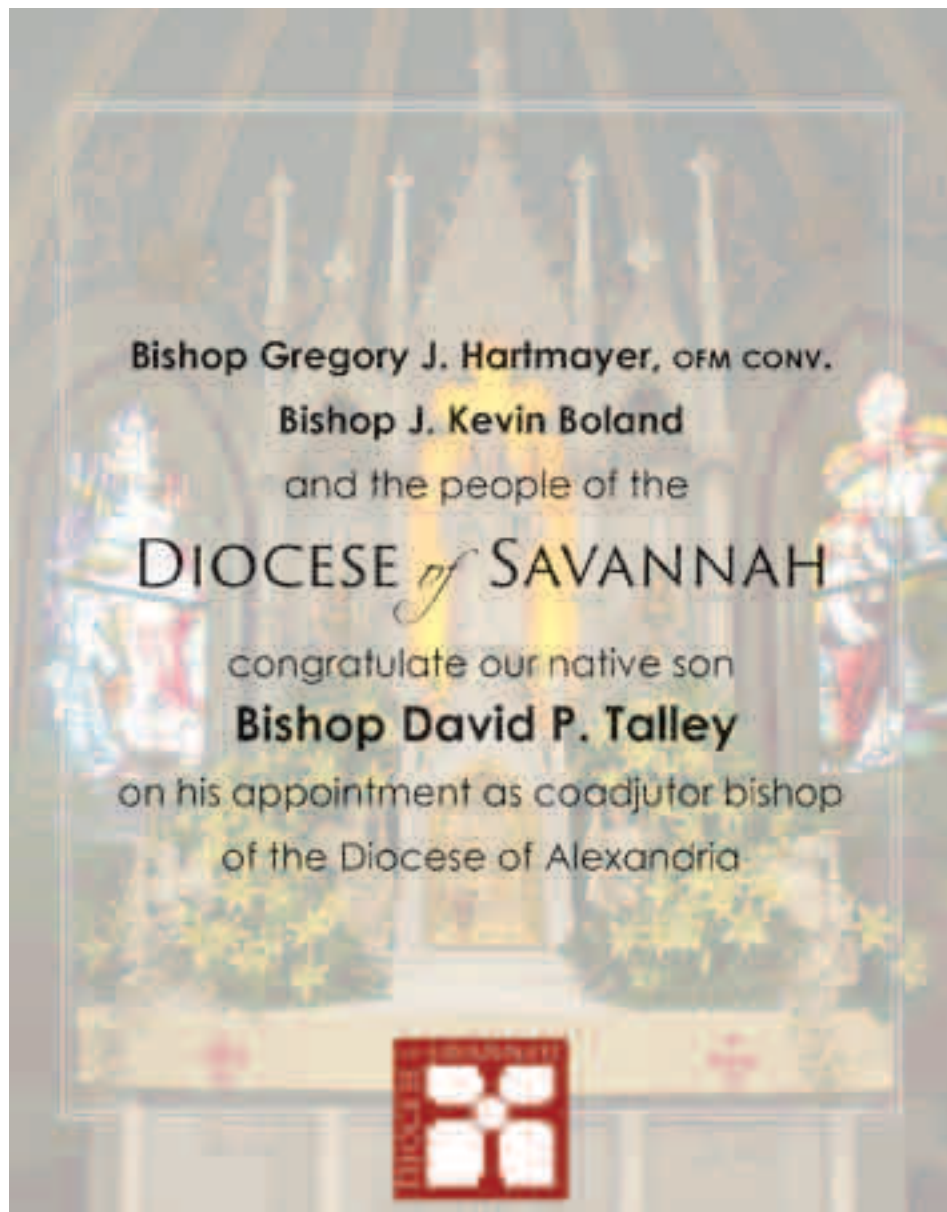
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*bids a joyful welcome
to Coadjutor Bishop
David P. Talley,
and looks forward to his
guidance and leadership
as we share the joy
of Christ's life.*

Fr. James A. Ferguson, Rector





Bishop David Prescott Talley Quick Glance

Age: 66

Hometown: Columbus, Georgia

Background: Grew up Southern Baptist; converted to Catholicism at age 24

Ordained a Priest: June 3, 1989

Title of Monsignor: May 2001

Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta: April 2, 2013

Coadjutor Bishop of Alexandria: Nov. 7, 2016

Bachelor of Theology: St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana

Master of Divinity Degree: St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana

Masters Degree in Social Work: University of Georgia

Licentiate in Canon Law: Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy

Doctorate in Canon Law: Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome, Italy

Pastor, several Metro Atlanta parishes

Vicar General

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His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles,
with the clergy, religious and laity of the
Diocese of Lake Charles
congratulate

Most Reverend David P. Talley

on his appointment as
Coadjutor Bishop
of the
Diocese of Alexandria



Welcome Bishop David Talley!



*We offer our prayers as
you begin as our shepherd...*

*~ Father Chad Partain,
and Father Louis Sklar,
the parishioners, faculty,
staff and students*

St. Frances Cabrini Church and School, Alexandria

Welcome Bishop David Talley!

Bishop Talley embraces his new diocese with joy, humility, eagerness to serve

By Jeannie Petrus
CT Editor

Since the announcement was made Sept. 21 that Bishop David P. Talley from Atlanta would be the coadjutor bishop for the Diocese of Alexandria, everyone seems to want to know so much more about him.

What's he like? Will he be coming to our parish? When can we meet him?

Even before the Nov. 7 Mass of Welcome, many people in the diocese already had the surprise opportunity to meet him at various events.

On Oct. 29, he visited Winnsboro for an informal BBQ fundraiser for the seminarians; celebrated the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Oct. 30; celebrated a Children's Mass with the students at St. Frances Cabrini School on Oct. 31; and on All Souls Day, celebrated the noon Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Bunkie, followed by a blessing of the cemetery.

After the Nov. 7 Mass of Welcome, Bishop David Talley began his official duties as coadjutor bishop of the diocese.

So, until the day that you get to personally meet Bishop Talley, here's a brief informal interview with the new bishop.

Tell us briefly about your family -- mom, dad, sisters, brothers.

I'm the oldest of five (a brother and three sisters). My parents divorced, so I have another brother from my dad's second marriage.

You grew up in a devout Baptist family and then converted to Catholicism when you were 24 years old. Do you see this as an advantage or a disadvantage?

My brother and his wife are devout disciples of the Lord, and they raised their two children in a Christ-centered family. He is a deacon in his Baptist community.

My middle sister was initiated into the Roman Catholic Church years after I was serving as a priest. She is a committed member of her Catholic parish.

In the vocation I have been called to, as a successor of the Apostles, I live and work as a strong and committed Catholic. Still, I hear the Lord's will...that we seek unity in Him, as a redeemed humanity.

Those of us who rejoice in the name CHRISTIAN know that we are anointed in Him and through his obedient love, we are called to sanctity and service...and to be one.

You have served in many pas-



BISHOP TALLEY meets with parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Oct. 30 after the regular 11 a.m. Sunday Mass.

toral roles in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Which three ministries are your favorite (dearest to your heart) and why?

Three gifts in my 27 years as a cleric:

- *Parish Communities.* I have worked in parish communi-

ties (the Church is the people of God...clerics and laity). The parishes and missions of a diocese are where we seek to serve the Lord's flock;

- *People with Disabilities.* I have been a chaplain to the community of persons living with disabilities...and abilities, and I have learned from them...to be available and to love every moment of life;

- *The Presbyterate.* I have served the priests of Atlanta's presbyterate as their advocate...and have loved the brothers.

When you first learned of your appointment, what went through your head?

I prayed for Bishop Herzog and for myself...that we would find a way to shepherd the people of Alexandria, in simplicity and joy...and the holiness that is the gift of God's grace.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is probably 4-5 times larger than the Diocese of Alexandria. What is your first impression of Alexandria?

Atlanta has one million Catholics, 300 priests and 100 parishes and missions. Our Diocese of Alexandria is much, much

See BISHOP TALLEY, pg. 9



STUDENTS AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SCHOOL in Bunkie received a visit from Bishop Talley Nov. 2 after he celebrated an All Souls Day Mass at the church. (At right) Alongside the pastor, Father Scott Chemino, Bishop Talley explains the meaning of his coat of arms to the eager students.





PROMISE TO BE AN LSU FAN. At the meeting with clergy and diocesan staff Sept. 21, Bishop Talley was given an LSU cap by Father Scott Chemino, vicar general for the diocese. Although a life-long Georgia fan, he vowed to become an LSU fan.



BISHOP TALLEY greets the students at St. Frances Cabrini School as they enter the church for a school Mass Oct. 31. (Photo by Melinda Martinez.)

Bishop Talley

Continued from page 8

smaller. However, this is but one perspective. Our diocese has such richness in the cultural heritage passed on to us. We are a small minority of the Christian population in the diocese (save the southern-most part of the diocese)... but we have so much to offer...so much given to us as Catholics.... Word, Sacrament, Service. We are a Church....and are called to be the light of the world.

What will you miss the most about leaving your home in Georgia?

The whole thing is about

surrendering to the will of the Lord; and Peter in our midst.... Pope Francis...has asked me to become a brother and a shepherd to the people of Alexandria. And I am happy to say YES, with joy.

What are you most looking forward to in your new position as coadjutor bishop?

To assist Bishop Herzog; to prepare myself to accept the responsibility of living/being the instrument of the Good Shepherd; to listen and learn from the priests and deacons and religious and lay faithful; to lead the diocese in a


spiritual and cultural renewal... ..a call unto holiness...to live... happily, joyfully, as the Father desires us to live. To live Jesus Christ.

Explain the meaning behind your motto: “He will give you a new heart.”

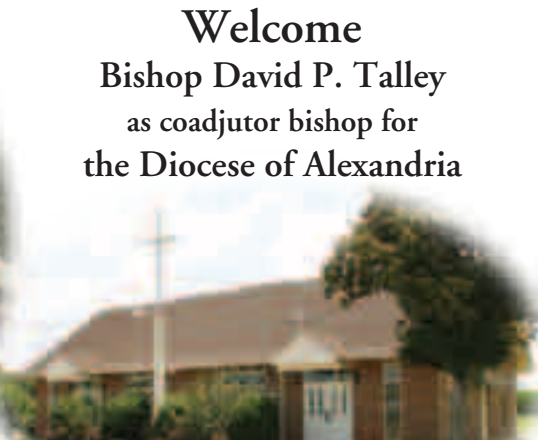
Actually, the English translation from Ezekiel is I will give you a new heart (dabo vobis cor novum). This gift of God (this grace) is seen in the Sacred Heart of the Lord...and in the gift of the Spirit...living and burning in our hearts.



ST. FRANCES CABRINI KINDERGARTENERS sit on the floor with Bishop Talley and show him their loose teeth. Bishop Talley told the young kids a story and taught them a song to go along with it. (Photo by Melinda Martinez.)



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Welcome

Bishop David P. Talley

as coadjutor bishop for

the Diocese of Alexandria




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Bishop David P. Talley and the Catholic Church in Alexandria, Louisiana!

CONGRATULATIONS, DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA!

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Bishop David Talley
to the Diocese of Alexandria

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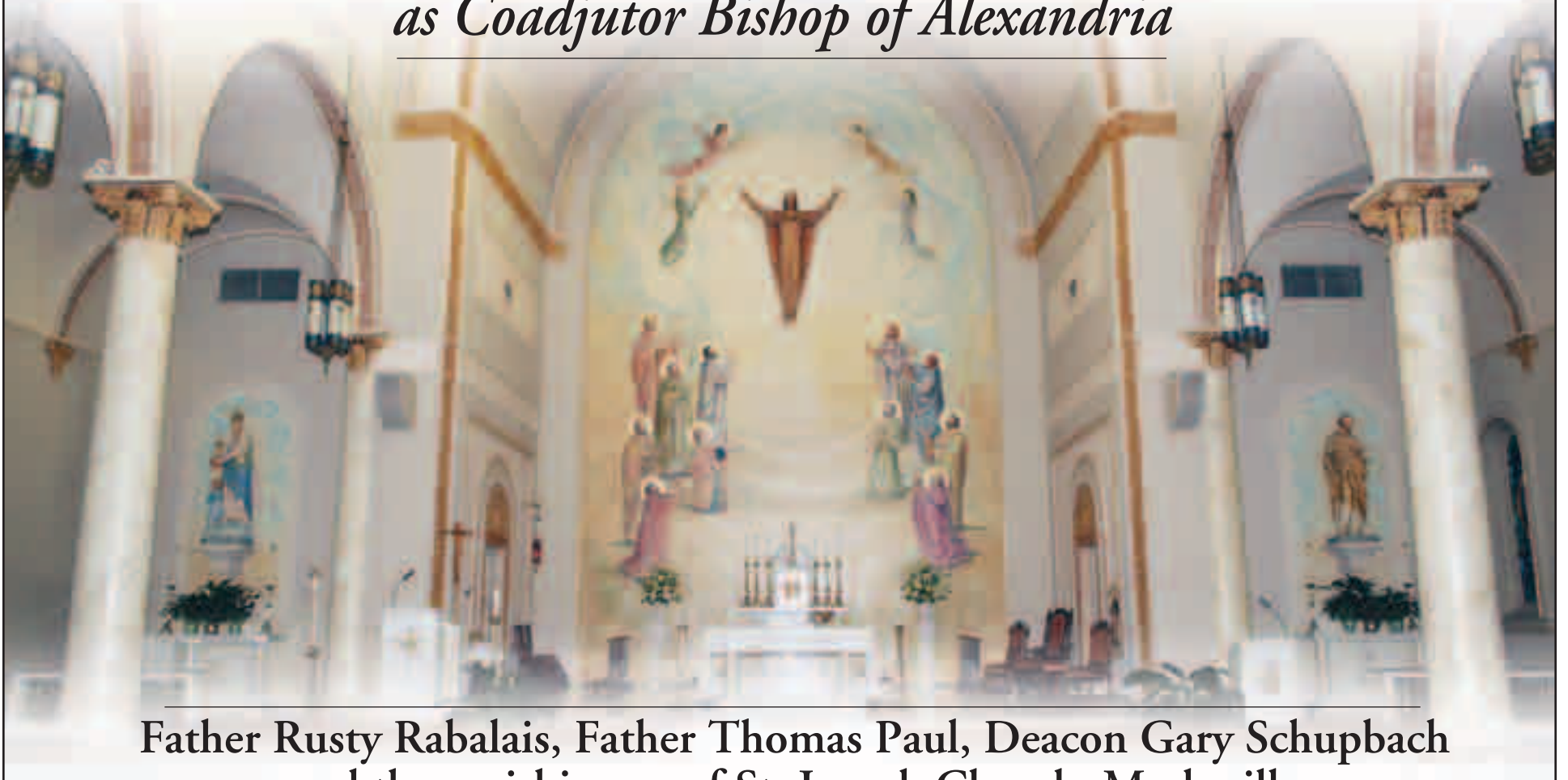
Congratulations
to the Diocese of Alexandria and
Coadjutor Bishop David P. Talley!

Bishop James V. Johnston, Jr., and
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Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
offer our deepest congratulations and
prayerful best wishes on your
appointment as Coadjutor Bishop
of the Diocese of Alexandria!



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*Prayerful Welcome to Most Reverend David P. Talley
as Coadjutor Bishop of Alexandria*



Father Rusty Rabalais, Father Thomas Paul, Deacon Gary Schupbach
and the parishioners of St. Joseph Church, Marksville

A close-up photograph of a wooden crozier, a traditional bishop's staff, with a decorative headpiece. The wood is polished and shows some wear. The background is a blurred, warm-toned interior, possibly a church.

Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone,
the clergy, religious and faithful
of the Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina, offer

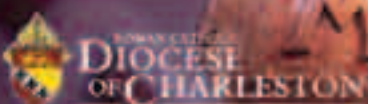
congratulations

to Most Rev. David P. Talley
on his appointment as coadjutor bishop
for the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana.



May the Lord bless you
and guide you on your journey.

Ad multos annos!



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OUR PRAYERS
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CONGRATULATIONS
TO
**Coadjutor-Bishop
David P. Talley**

on your appointment as coadjutor-bishop
of the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana



The Diocese of Fort Worth,
Bishop Michael F. Olson, the priests,
religious, deacons, and laity of the
Diocese join our prayers with those of the
faithfull of the Diocese of Alexandria in
welcoming you.



**The Most
Reverend
David J. Malloy,**
and the Clergy,
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*We, the Church of Baton Rouge,
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and the Diocese of Alexandria.*

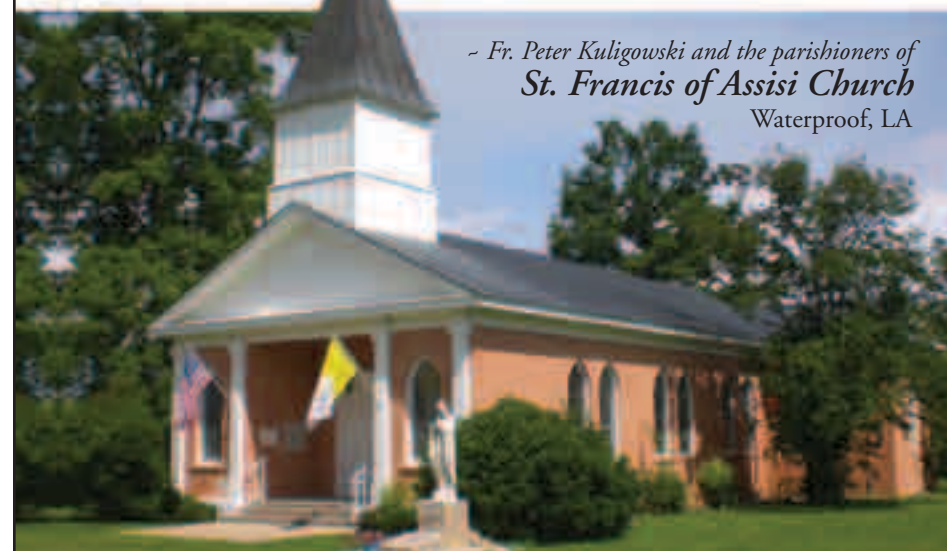
Our best regards and prayers are with you!



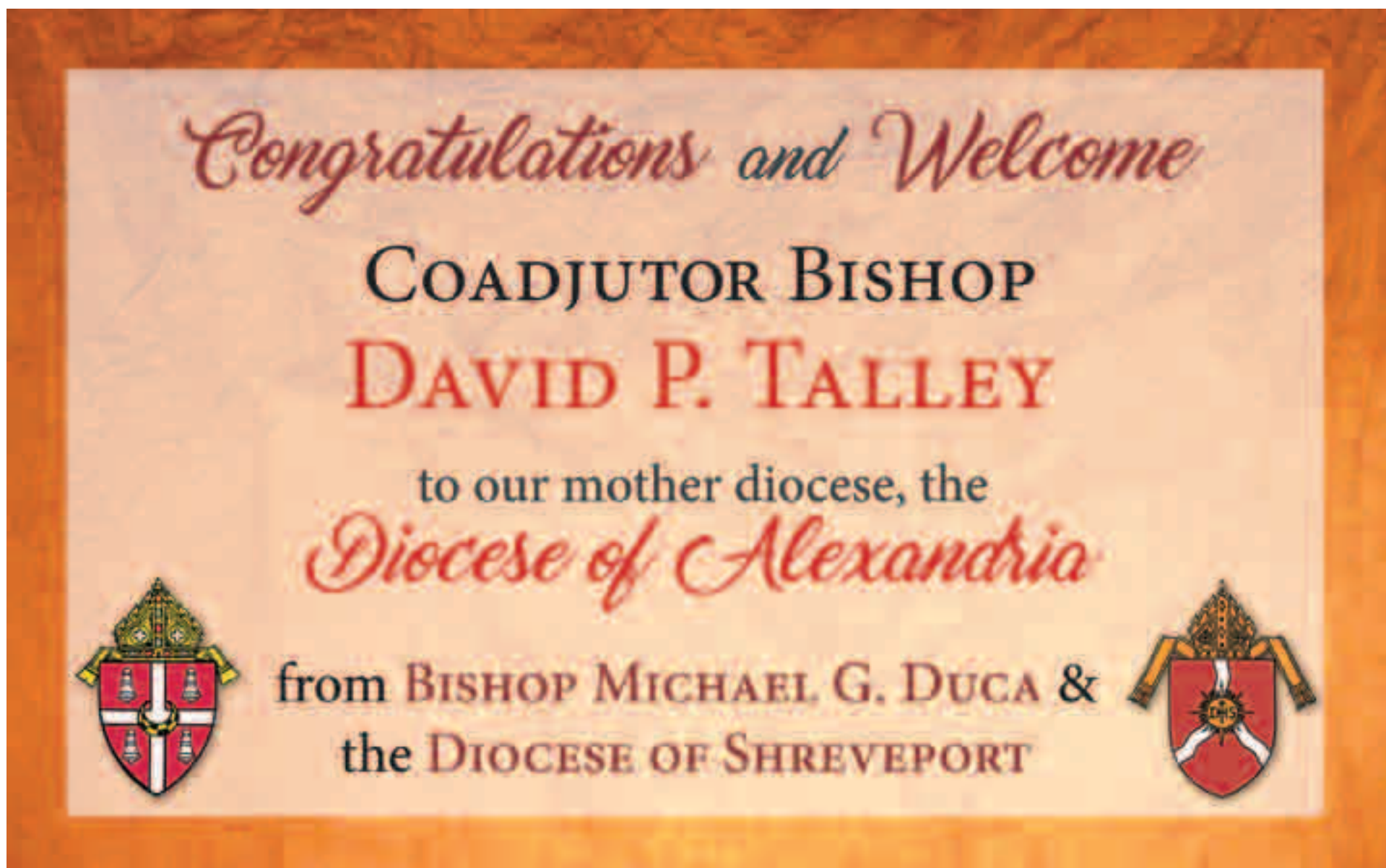
**Most Rev. Robert W. Muench
Bishop of Baton Rouge**



Welcome! Bishop David P. Talley,
welcome to our diocese!



~ Fr. Peter Kuligowski and the parishioners of
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Mass of Welcome

for Bishop David Prescott Talley
St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
November 7, 2016



THE FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS of Columbus and Peter Claver lead the procession into the Cathedral, followed by the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre, the deacons, priests, and 18 bishops and archbishops.



18 BISHOPS AND APOSTOLIC NUNCIO. Bishop Talley stands on the front row between Apostolic Nuncio Christophe Pierre and Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans. Others pictured are (R2) Archbishop Emeritus Alfred Hughes, New Orleans; Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, Louisville, Ky and president of the USCCB; Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Atlanta; Archbishop Emeritus John Favalora, Miami; and Archbishop Thomas Rodi, Mobile; (R3) Bishop Glen Provost, Lake Charles; Bishop Douglas Deshotel, Lafayette; Bishop Curtis Guillory, Beaumont; Bishop Robert Muench, Baton Rouge; and Bishop Robert Baker, Birmingham; (R4) Bishop Emeritus Kevin Boland, Savannah; Bishop Emeritus Sam Jacobs, Houma-Thibodaux; Bishop Shelton Fabre, Houma-Thibodaux; Bishop Michael Duca, Shreveport; Chorbishop Richard Saab, Birmingham; and Auxiliary Bishop Luis Zarama, Atlanta.



IT'S OFFICIAL! Bishop Talley stands between Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, as he gestures a "thank you" to the people of the Diocese of Alexandria for his warm welcome after receiving the papal bull. (Photo by Lilly B Photography)

(at right) Bishop Talley walked through the aisles of the Cathedral showing the official papal bull from the Vatican announcing his appointment of coadjutor bishop in the Diocese of Alexandria. (Photo by Liz Shaw)





VICAR GENERAL Scott Chemino and Chancellor Chad Partain process into the Cathedral.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SISTERS Elizabeth Ann Holmes, Nina Vincent, Mavis Champagne, and Anita Bianchini celebrate with Frank, from one of the OLS Community Group Homes, after the Mass of Welcome and getting to meet Bishop Talley.



APOSTOLIC NUNCIO CHRISTOPHE PIERRE reads the papal bull (announcement of appointment).



ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND of New Orleans, congratulates Bishop Talley after officially receiving his appointment as coadjutor bishop.



BISHOP TALLEY WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. (far left) Bishop Talley and his "baby sister" Amy. Bishop Talley is the oldest of five siblings.

(at left) Bishop Talley and friends from his first parish as a priest at St. Bridget Catholic Church. "We've been friends for 27 years," he said.

Photos available on Facebook at Lilly Brouillette or Diocese of Alexandria



*Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, MSpS,
and the faithful of the Archdiocese of San Antonio
congratulate Coadjutor Bishop David P. Talley
on his appointment by the Holy Father
Pope Francis as the Coadjutor Bishop for the
Diocese of Alexandria.*

*We offer our prayers and best wishes to Bishop
Talley as he begins his episcopal ministry in
Louisiana.*



*"He will give you a new heart!"
Bishop David P. Talley*

The Administration, Faculty,
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to the Central Louisiana Area.
We offer our Prayers and Best Wishes
as you begin your call as
coadjutor bishop for
the Diocese of Alexandria



Welcome Coadjutor Bishop David P. Talley to Central Louisiana



With grateful hearts from the Priests, Staff and Parishioners of
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Welcome Bishop Talley!

By Bishop Ronald Herzog

It is with a heart filled with grateful joy that I welcome Coadjutor Bishop David Talley to the Diocese of Alexandria. His knowledge and experience is sure to complement the many treasures we already hold in this small mission diocese in Central Louisiana. I am sure that you will welcome him with open hearts as you did with me more than 11 years ago.

As most of you know, the past few years have been an uphill struggle for me as I have worked diligently to regain the physical strength after my stroke two years ago. What has been especially difficult for me is having the will and heart to improve, but -- try as I might -- it hasn't been enough to keep me consistently going the way I want to and need to.

Knowing my limitations, I had a conversation with Apostolic Nuncio Christophe Pierre several months ago about my upcoming mandatory retirement in April 2017 (when I turn 75 and by canon law, am required to retire). He asked if I considered requesting a coadjutor bishop to assist me until my retirement. At the time, I was not aware that a coadjutor bishop could

be assigned to an incumbent bishop. He assured me that by requesting a coadjutor bishop, who would automatically become bishop after my retirement, the diocese could avoid a long period of time (sometimes 1-2 years) waiting for a new bishop to be named.

Requesting a coadjutor bishop seemed to be the best decision for everyone.

As coadjutor bishop, Bishop Talley will assist me in the every day duties and responsibilities of shepherding the diocese. From making decisions at the Chancery Office to celebrating Masses around the diocese, and conferring sacraments like Confirmation, Bishop Talley will be a constant figure in the parishes and at diocesan events.

While the major decisions will need my final approval, I plan to give Bishop Talley more and more decision-making authority as my retirement in April draws near. At the point of retirement, my new title will be Bishop Emeritus. I look forward to the care-free days of my retirement.

In the meantime, I am now a resident at a local retirement home in Alexandria, where I will be conducting diocesan




business and continuing physical therapy. I welcome cards, letters, emails, and phone calls -- and occasional visitors if you call ahead!

We still have important business to attend to in the diocese and, with me as your bishop and with the help of Bishop Talley, we can move forward with strength and a new vision.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusted and found help.

So my heart rejoices; with my song I praise my God."

-- Psalm 28:7-8 NAB



ARCHBISHOP THOMAS J. RODI
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MOST REVEREND
DAVID PRESCOTT TALLEY

AS HE BEGINS HIS SERVICE AS
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WE PRAY GOD WILL SHOWER ABUNDANT
BLESSINGS UPON HIM.

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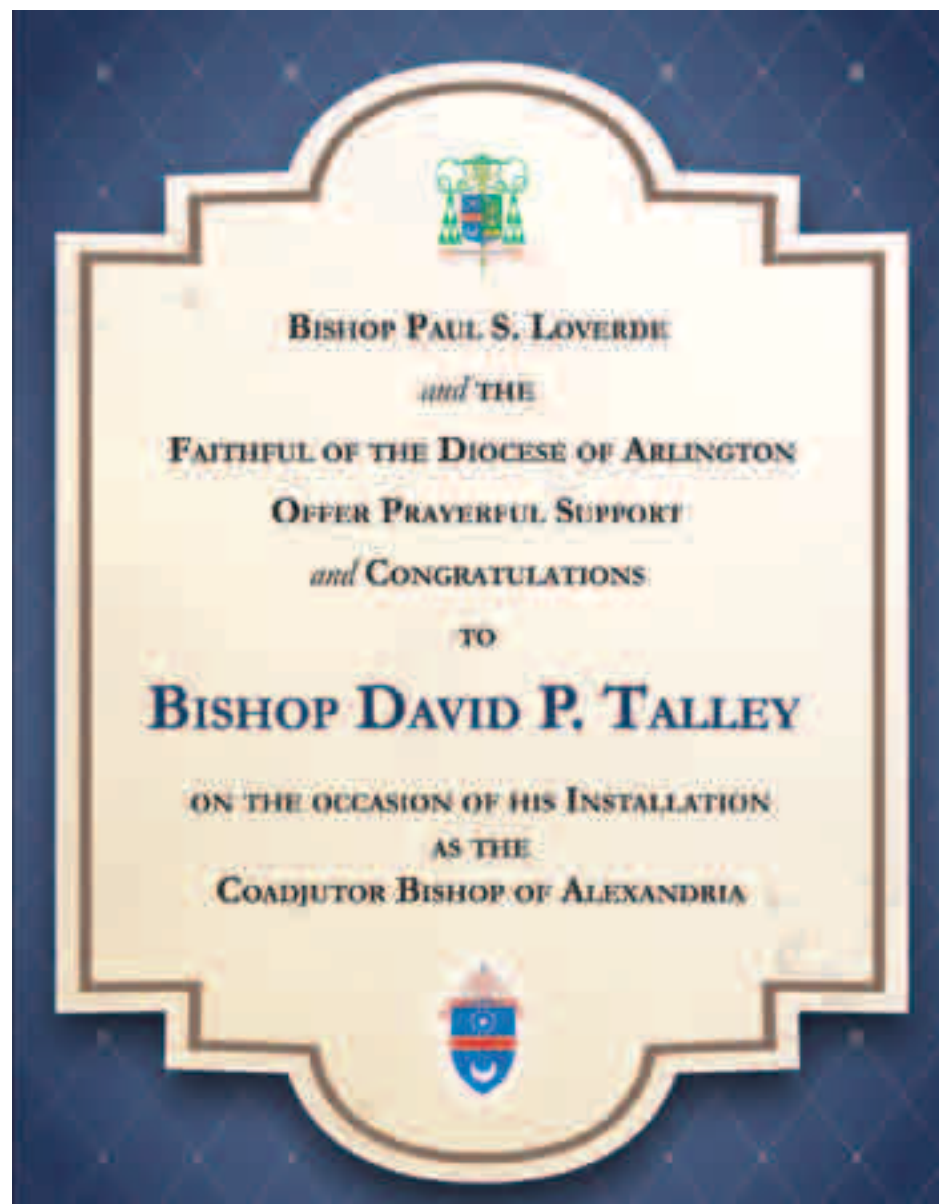
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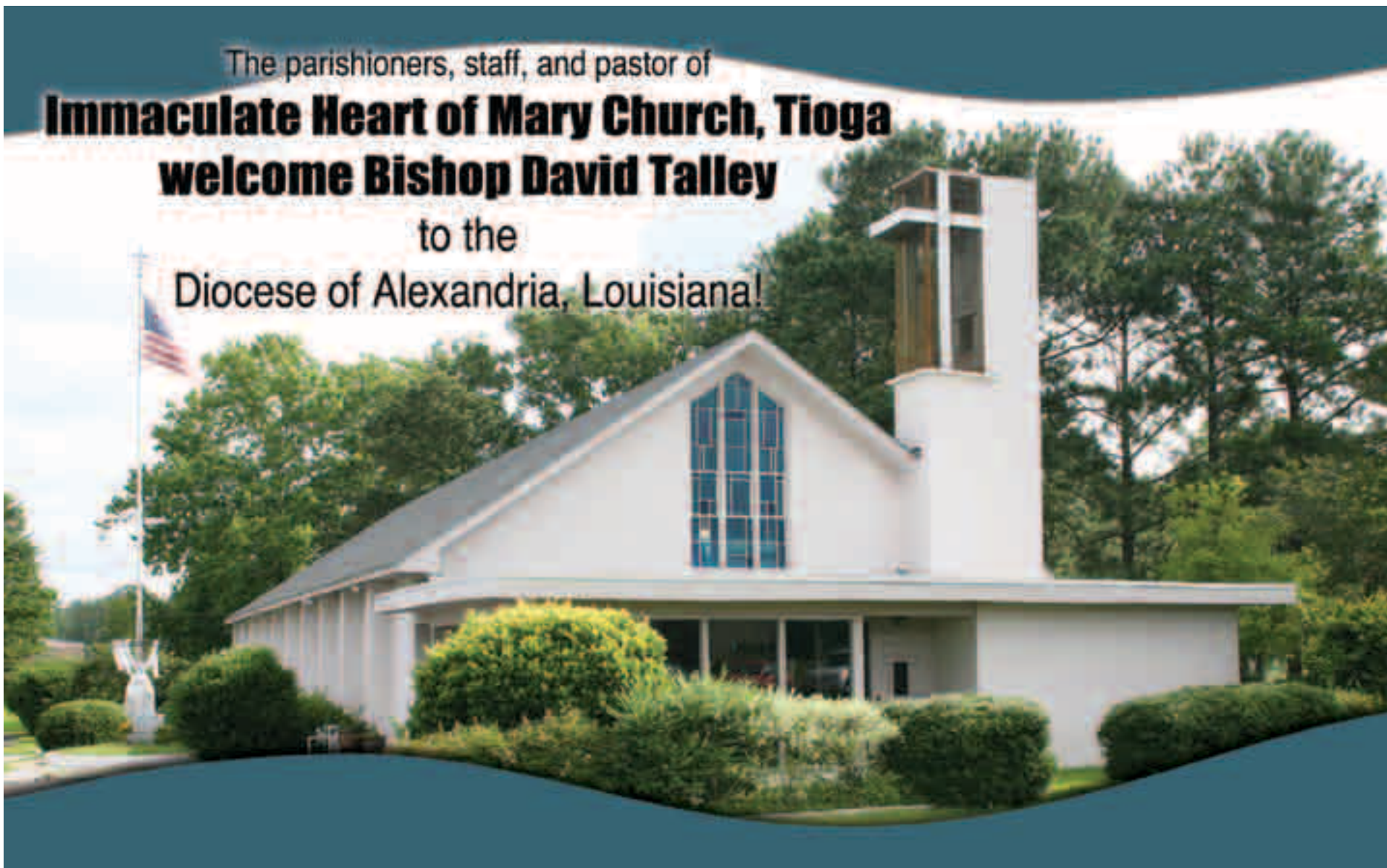
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The parishioners, staff, and pastor of
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Tioga
welcome Bishop David Talley
to the
Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana!



Year of Mercy meant to show God's mercy is accessible to all

VATICAN(CNS) The Catholic Church's Year of Mercy, which closed Nov. 20, was meant to help people understand that God's mercy and forgiveness are accessible to all and that, experiencing God's mercy, they are called in turn to forgive and show mercy to others, Pope Francis said.

Professing faith in God's mercy, he said, means very little unless one backs up that profession with actions of love, service and sharing.

Engaging in interreligious dialogue and encouraging one's faithful to meet and get to know their neighbors of other religions are part of preaching mercy, he said. Dialogue helps eliminate "closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drives out every form of violence and discrimination."

Dialogue "is pleasing to God and constitutes an urgent task," he said, because it responds to the need to make peace in societies and, "above all to the summons to love which is the soul of all authentic religion."

"To bow down with compassionate love before the weak and needy is part of the authentic spirit of religion, which rejects the temptation to resort to force, refuses to barter human lives and sees others as brothers and sisters, and never mere statistics," the pope said.

Pope Francis also insisted that the mercy believers are called to share also must be extended to the Earth, "which we are called to protect and preserve from unbridled and rapacious consumption."



DOOR OF MERCY AT CATHEDRAL. A group of 7th and 8th grade CCD students from Sacred Heart in Moreauville toured St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Oct. 23 with Deacon Richard Mitchell and walked through the Door of Mercy. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral commemorated the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy on Nov. 20 at the 11 a.m. Mass.

Mercy Fridays

As the jubilee began last December, Pope Francis said he would ditch the media one Friday afternoon each month and personally try to give life to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Throughout the year, he used his weekly general audiences and monthly Saturday jubilee audiences to teach about the reality of God's mercy and the obligation of sharing mercy with others.

But the Mercy Friday visits -- even the two that were not held on a Friday -- were about presence. While top personnel at

the places he visited had some advance notice, in most cases the guests, residents or patients did not. The Mercy Fridays gave them a chance to tell the pope their stories and, usually, to share a late afternoon snack with him.

Here is a list of the pope's Mercy Friday visits during the Holy Year, which ended Nov. 20:

- Dec. 18, in an event that turned out not to be private at all -- the pope opened the Holy Door at a remodeled Rome Caritas homeless shelter and celebrated Mass there.
- Jan. 15, Pope Francis vis-

ited a retirement home in Rome and a nearby care home for people in a persistent vegetative state.

- Feb. 26, he visited members of a residential community for people recovering from drug addiction.

- March 24, Holy Thursday, Pope Francis celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper at a refugee center in Castelnuovo di Porto, north of Rome, and washed the feet of asylum seekers.

- April 16, Pope Francis joined Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Greek Orthodox

Archbishop Ieronymos II of Athens for visits with refugees on the Greek island of Lesbos. The pope brought 12 of the refugees to Rome with him.

- May 13, he visited Il Chicco, a L'Arche community south of Rome. L'Arche communities are homes where people with and without intellectual disabilities share their lives.

- June 17, the pope visited two communities of priests; one was a home for retired priests and the other was described as a community for priests with "various difficulties."

- July 29, during Pope Francis' visit to Poland for World Youth Day, the Vatican described the following events as part of the Mercy Friday initiative: a silent visit to the Nazi's Auschwitz death camp; a visit to a pediatric hospital; and the celebration of the Way of the Cross that connected each station to a work of mercy.

- Aug. 12, he visited a community for women rescued from the slavery of prostitution.

- Sept. 16, Pope Francis visited the neonatal unit of a Rome hospital and a hospice across town.

- Oct. 14, he spent the afternoon at Rome's SOS Children's Village, which attempts to provide a home-like atmosphere for children under the age of 12 whose parents cannot care for them.

- Nov. 11, Pope Francis visited seven families formed by young priests who left the ministry to marry.



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Heart of St. John Berchmans coming to Shreveport Dec. 8-18

by Jessica Rinaudo
Diocese of Shreveport

From Dec. 8 - 18, the Diocese of Shreveport will host a relic – the heart of Saint John Berchmans – at our Cathedral, the only one in the world named for the saint.

This is the first time the heart has ever left its home in Belgium, and it is coming to Shreveport in connection with the 150th anniversary of the miracle that occurred in Grand Coteau, La. that ultimately led to Saint John Berchmans' canonization.

In connection with this relic coming to Shreveport, the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans is hosting an exhibit and a number of events surrounding its presence. The heart will also venture to Grand Coteau on Dec. 14, the actual anniversary day.

Life of St. John

John Berchmans was born in 1599 in Diest, which is modern day Belgium. In 1615, at age 16, John enrolled in a newly opened Jesuit college. There he felt called to join the Society of Jesus despite his father's wishes to the contrary. In 1616, he entered the Jesuit novitiate.

John was known for his kindness and endearing personality and he wished to become an army chaplain after being ordained and in hopes of being martyred on the battlefield. He was known for



THE ACTUAL HEART of St. John Berchmans will be coming to Shreveport Dec. 8-18 at St. John Berchmans Cathedral.

valuing little, ordinary things and for his special devotion to Mary. All those who knew him, and even those who only glimpsed him, called him "the Angel" for his purity and ability to chase away sadness.

After making his first vows in Antwerp, he was sent to Rome to study philosophy. He penned the Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception, which is still prayed today.

In 1621, he succumbed to "Roman fever," and on August 13,

1621, at the age of 22, he died.

Many stories of miracles have arisen since his death, but the one that led to his canonization took place in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. At the convent of the Sacred heart, novice Mary Wilson had fallen gravely ill. She and a group of sisters prayed a novena for healing through the intercession of the recently beatified Blessed John Berchmans. On the ninth and final day of the novena, he appeared to her in her sickness and she was immediately and completely healed.

Why the heart?

Why his heart was saved after his death is a subject of curiosity for some, but something that is easily explained. Before Berchmans died, he was already well known for his spirituality and sanctity. Fr. Mangum likened him to the modern day Mother Teresa. People knew they were seeing a living, walking saint. People would go to Mass to see him serve.

At the time of John's death, there was a postmortem examination and his heart was noted to be in good condition.

He died in the city of Rome in 1621. They couldn't take his body and cross the Alps, and go all the way back to his home in now modern day northern Belgium. One of the Flemish Jesuit priests was returning to his homeland and that's when the decision was made to take his heart. And as he went home – a two and a half months' journey – the priest stayed at Jesuit houses along the way and the oth-

er Jesuits venerated Berchmans' heart, on bended knee.

Since that time the heart, under attentive and proper care, has remained relatively incorrupt and now resides in a beautiful reliquary that has remained in Belgium.

The exhibit

The exhibit will include documents from the original canonization process. They haven't been opened since the late 1800's, but will be brought to the Diocese of Shreveport by the Archdiocese of New Orleans' chief archivist, Emilie Leumas.

There will also be extra parish Masses during which the heart will be present for veneration, scheduled talks, and additional relics of many other saints. The schedule of events, including Masses, speakers and veneration times, is available at www.sjbdevotion.org. Individuals are welcome to all events, but groups should call the Cathedral's office at 318-221-5296 before coming.

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Nov. 27: Use Advent season to prepare for coming of Christ

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical calendar for the Roman Catholic Church. It is the four weeks preceding Christmas and derives from the Latin *adventus* which means "arrival."

The season of Advent is all about waiting, praying, and fasting in preparation for Christ to come as the light of the world. It is a Christian tradition intended to help us prepare for the coming of Christ into the world.

There are four weeks that connect to four main themes: hope, peace, joy, and love. Each week the readings and prayers focus on these themes, which help us prepare for Christmas.

This important season reaches its fulfillment at Christmas with the incarnation. It was in that moment when Jesus became human, like us, and showed us a new way to be in relationship with God.

And so, during the season of Advent we are called to pray and reflect on ways in which we can



ADVENT THEMES. There are four weeks in Advent that connect to four main themes: hope, peace, joy, and love. Each week the readings and prayer focus on these themes, which help us prepare for Christmas.

prepare ourselves to receive the light that will come at Christmas.

There are several affordable "page-a-day" booklets available

that can assist you in your faith journey during Advent. If you haven't received one from your parish, visit these two website:

- www.twentythirdpublications.com/advent
- www.ligouri.org/advent-day-breaks

Any of these booklets can be used by individuals, families, or groups.

Fasting during Advent is one of the best ways to prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. While fasting on bread and water one day a week is commendable, there are other ways to fast. Fast from watching TV, using Facebook or texting. Spend less time preparing for Christmas (shopping, cooking, decorating) and more time in prayer, or sharing the Advent season with your spouse or children. Finally, consider attending a weekday Mass(es) and going to confession.

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A Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.



This we ask in the name of
Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



PRIEST RETREAT. Father Tom Boyer, retired from the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, led the annual priest retreat held Oct. 24-28 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville.



OLS TEMPORARY VOWS. Sister Porimolla Murmu recites her temporary vows in front of Sister Sandra Norsworthy, United States delegate for the Our Lady of Sorrows congregation; the Sacred Heart School and community, and witnessed by the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows in Moreauville. Congratulations Sister Porimolla for accepting her temporary vows! May God continue to bless her in her ministry. We are very blessed that she is a part of the Sacred Heart family! Pictured is Sister Sandra Norsworthy, Sister Porimolla Murmu, Sister Cristina Angelini, formation director; and Sister Kalen Sarmiento, superior.

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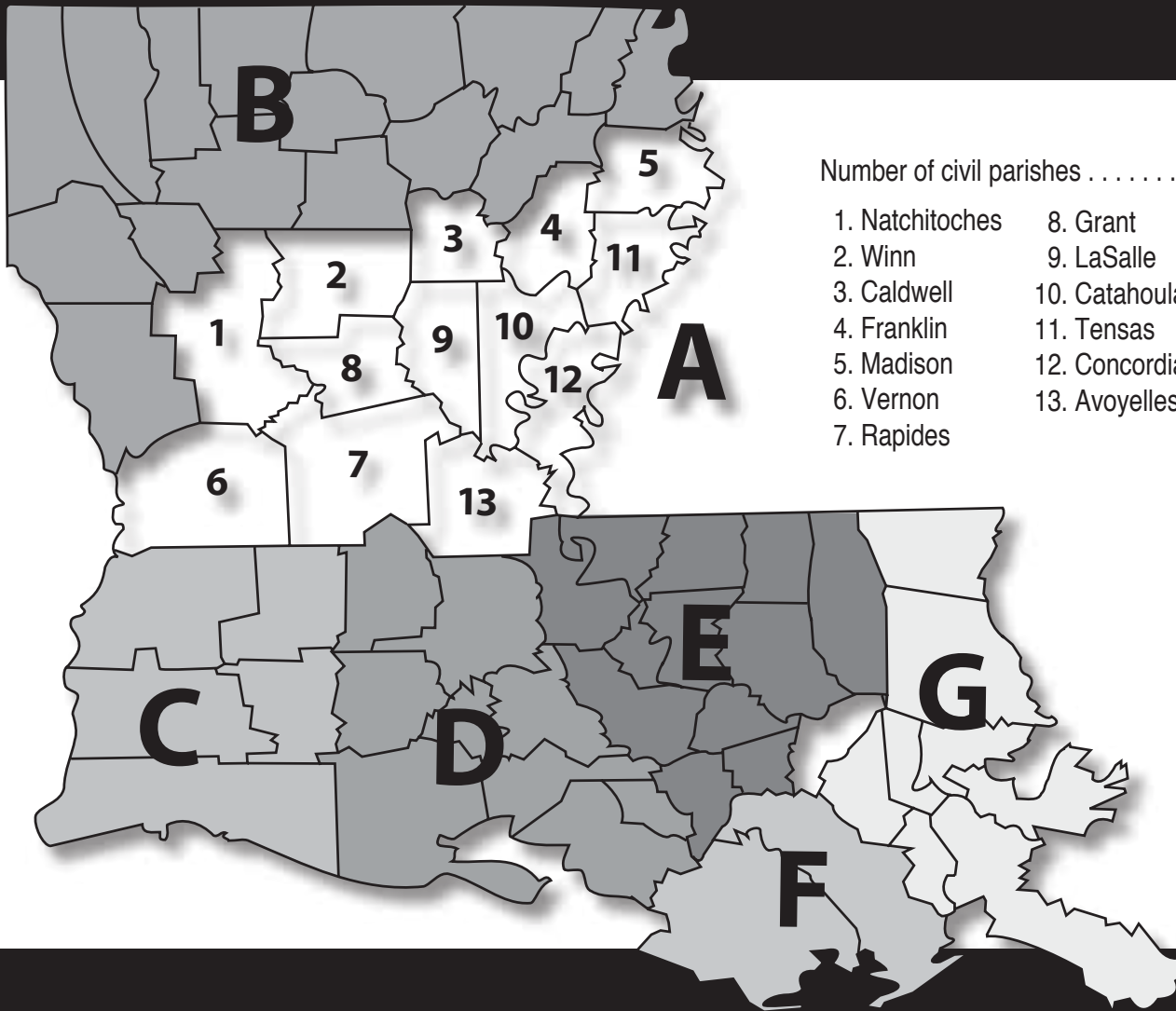
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| 5. Madison | 12. Concordia |
| 6. Vernon | 13. Avoyelles |
| 7. Rapides | |

Number of Catholics 44,000

Number of Priests (active/retired) 83

Number of Deacons 12

Number of Seminarians 11

Number of Church Parishes 50

Number of Missions 21

Number of Schools 8

Number of Sisters 24

Number of Brothers 4

Number of Baptisms 878

Number of Marriages 201

Number of Deaths 656

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

• **Dec. 4: The Rapides Symphony Orchestra** will perform *Celebrating the Holidays with Jazz* at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center in Alexandria at 2:30 p.m. Admission: \$25 for adults; \$15 for seniors; and \$10 for students.

• **Dec. 6: Lessons and Carols** will be performed by the NSU Chamber Choir at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (145 Church St) in Natchitoches at 7:30 p.m. Admission: Free

• **Dec. 13: Join the Red River Chorale** for their annual holiday concert at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Downtown Alexandria. "Joy to the World" features sacred Christmas music in the form of the English service of Lessons and Carols. If not a season ticket holder, admission is \$15 for adults; \$5 for students. Call 318-484-4463 to purchase tickets.

• **Dec. 15: Lessons and Carols** featuring Trinity Episcopal Church choir and special guests, Trinity Episcopal Church, 533 Second Street. 7:30 p.m. FREE

• **Dec. 18: The St. Cecilia Chorale** will perform a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Mansura. Following the concert will be the celebration of Mass at 5:30 p.m. by Bishop David Talley. There is no charge for admission to the concert, but donations are accepted. The public is invited.

• **Dec. 20: The St. Martin Catholic Church Choir** in Lecompte will present *A Festival of Carols* at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. The concert will feature traditional sacred music of the Advent and Christmas seasons. The choir, under the direction of John de Chiaro, will be accompanied by the Alexandria String Chamber Orchestra. The concert is free and open to the public.

Christmas Trail of Lights - Alexandria

Dec. 1-3: Alex Winter Fete Downtown Alexandria

This year's event, Dec. 1, 2, and 3, will have a new 100-foot-ice slide that will accompany the ice skating rink. Saturday, Dec. 3, the Ugly Sweater 5K will return as part of the Winter Fête festivities. The race start time is 8 a.m. Register for this race, today. Proceeds will benefit United Way to help the Cenla community.

Other Winter Fête festivities include fire-breathers and magicians, the Polar Express Train, food vendors, live music, and of course Santa Claus!

Dec. 2-23: Holiday Light Safari Alexandria Zoo

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hundreds of thousands of lights adorn the zoo. Musical entertainment, Santa, train rides and more. Dates: Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-23. Go to www.thealexandriazoo.com

Dec. 9: Old-Fashioned Christmas Kent House Plantation

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sing carols and help play the bell choir. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment as you and your family complete Christmas crafts to take home as well as some to help



decorate the Kent House. Stop and visit with Papa Noel and get your face painted. Call: 487-5998.

Dec. 10: Christmas Spectacular Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts

7 p.m. As the flagship for Lagniappe Theatre, it's the only event of its kind in central Louisiana. This Christmas Variety show is in the vein of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular in New York City. Featuring performances from dance troupes, choirs, theatre groups, and of course everyone's favorite Cajun radio hosts Jean

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Dec.11: The Live Nativity
First United Methodist of Alexandria
6 - 8 p.m., Drive through the live nativity to experience a re-enactment of the Christmas story, complete with live animals, carols and candlelight. Admission: Free

Dec. 16-18: A Living Nativity
Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria
7 p.m. on Dec. 16-17; 2 p.m. on Dec. 18. A two-act visually stunning multimedia event. It will feature a cast and choir of over 400 people, a full orchestra, live animals, flying angels and much more! It is complete with all of your Christmas favorites, including the beautiful Living Nativity. At the heart of this production will be the simple story of Christmas-the manger, shepherds, Joseph and Mary, the Christ child-and the glorious hope we have in our Savior! A buffet is available on Saturday night. You will need to purchase those tickets separately. For more info, go to www.calvarynet.net

Christmas Parades

Dec. 3: Natchitoches, 1 p.m.
Dec. 3: Bunkie, 4 p.m.,
Fireworks, 6 p.m.
Dec. 9: Pineville, 7 p.m.
Dec. 10: Leesville, 5:50 p.m.
Dec. 11: Alexandria, 2 p.m.

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90th Annual Festival Of Lights Natchitoches Christmas Schedule Nov. 19, 2016 – Jan. 6, 2017

More than 300,000 Christmas lights and 100 plus riverbank set pieces are on every night at dusk through January 6, 2017. Downtown attractions include carriage tours through the historic district. Shops and restaurants open late. All events take place in the Landmark Historic District along the Cane River Lake and along the Cane River Lake south of Natchitoches.

• Nov. 19: Turn on the Holidays

11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Front Street and Downtown Riverbank
Admission: Free

"Turn on the Holidays," the official kickoff to the Natchitoches Christmas season, is a fun-filled day of family-friendly activities including local talent, live music entertainment, children's activities, and fireworks! Admission is free!

-- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Le Amies Christmas Treasures Arts & Craft Show at Natchitoches Event Center, 750 Second St. -- Free!

-- 7 p.m. Fireworks over Cane River- Free!

• Nov. 19 - Dec. 31: Fireworks Show

7 p.m. every Saturday of festival*

**Firework show will be held on Friday, Dec. 23 rather than Saturday due to Christmas Eve. Admission is charged for all shows except the Nov. 19, Dec. 23, and Dec. 31 shows.

• Nov. 25 - Dec. 23: Holiday Kids Fest

3 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Fridays

(Nov. 25, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23)

10 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Saturdays

(Nov. 26, Nov. 10, Nov. 17)

Front Street and Downtown Riverbank

Admission: Free admission on Fridays, \$6 for children 12 and under.

Holiday Kids Fest, held Friday evenings and all day on Saturdays during the Christmas season, features an assortment of inflatables and amusements for kids, delicious food from vendors and music entertainment.

• Nov. 25 - Dec. 31: Christmas in the Park at DarkWoods

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• Dec. 3: Christmas Festival

7:45 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Front Street and Downtown Riverbank

Admission: Armbands are required for entry to Front Street & Downtown Riverbank.

Advance armband is \$6 for ages 12 & over;

\$4 for children 6-11; Free for children under 5.

Festival Day: \$8 for ages 12 & over;

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The Natchitoches Christmas Festival is ranked 3rd "Best Holiday Light Show" in the nation, behind the Rockefeller Center and Disney World, by Yahoo.com. Celebrate the Christmas Season in Louisiana's oldest city! Enjoy a day filled with live musical entertainment, arts, crafts and food vendors, a parade and a magnificent fireworks show choreographed to holiday music over the Cane River Lake.

-- 7:45 a.m. -Natchitoches "City of Lights" 5K - NSU Campus

-- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. -Fe'te de Hiver at Fort St. Jean Baptiste with historians, re-enactors and period merchants, admission \$4 for ages 12 - 62.

-- 1:00 p.m. -Festival of Lights Parade

-- 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Live music on stage

-- 6 p.m. -Fireworks over Cane River Lake

• Dec. 3-4: Fe'te de Hiver

-- 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday

-- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday

Fort St. Jean Baptiste State Historic Site

Celebrate Christmas 18th century style with historians, re-enactors, and period merchants.

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• Dec. 4-23: Photos with Santa

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Visit Santa any night Dec. 4-23 at the Santa House on the Downtown Riverbank. Drop off your Christmas list, have your picture taken with him, or just drop by to say Hi!

• Dec. 6: Lessons and Carols

--7:30 p.m., Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Lessons and Carols will be performed by the NSU Chamber Choir at the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (145 Church St.) in Natchitoches. Admission: Free

• Dec. 7-17: Holiday Tour of Homes

Take a walk through the Natchitoches Historic District and visit some of our favorite homes decked out for the holiday season. To view the Tour of Homes schedule and list of homes, go to www.holidaytrailofflights.com. For Tickets Call: 800-259-1714

• Dec. 15: Lessons and Carols

-- 7:30 p.m.

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KC JIM TUMA HONORED. The Knights of Columbus Council #13296 from Kolin-Deville, presented Jim Tuma with an award of appreciation Sept. 21 for his contributions to the council. As a charter member of the council, Tuma has been active in so many projects and services over the years. Standing with Tuma is Kenneth Antee, past Grand Knight.

Dec. 1: Advent Reflection Series

An Advent Reflection Series on the Spirituality of St Elizabeth of the Trinity by Fr Chad Partain will be offered at Cabrini School Library every Thursday evening in Advent at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend and learn more about one of the Church's newest saints.

Dec. 6: Christmas at the Nest

Holy Savior Menard High School invites all students in grades PreK3-6th grade to Christmas at the Nest, on Tuesday, Dec. 6 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Menard. Come enjoy Christmas crafts and games, light refreshments, pictures with Santa, and stories by award-winning storyteller Sylvia Davis. Free.

Dec. 8-18: Relic of St. John Berchman

On December 8, the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans will host a unique and exciting historical and spiritual event when a rare Catholic relic – the literal heart of Saint John Berchmans – makes its way from Belgium to Shreve-

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port. This special event coincides with the 150th anniversary of the apparition and miracle of St. John Berchmans that occurred in Louisiana.

The schedule of events, including Masses, speakers and veneration times, is available at www.sjbdevotion.org. Individuals are welcome to all events, but groups should call the Cathedral's office at 318-221-5296 before coming.

Dec. 8: OLPS Adult Faith Formation

The Spirituality and Education Commission at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria has one remaining Adult Faith Formation in 2016. The Dec. 8 presentation will be from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the Divine Providence Center. Father Taylor Reynolds giving a talk on "The Influence of the Holy Spirit." The talk is free and open to the public.

Dec. 11: St. Joseph Anniversary Mass

St. Joseph Church in Cheneyville will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Sunday Dec. 11 with a Mass at 10 a.m. Bishop David Tally, coadjutor for the Diocese of Alexandria will be the main celebrant and Father Jacob Thomas will be the concelebrant. The public is invited to attend.

Dec. 21: Sacred Heart Christmas Show

Sacred Heart School will hold its annual Christmas Show -- An Expression of Christmas -- Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. at The Earl Barbry Convention Center in Marksville. Each class will interpret their idea of Christmas with song and dance. The 8th grade students will bring all of these elements of Christmas together with "The Nativity". The finale, Joy To the World, will include the entire student body. Admission will be a donation at the door. The public is invited. For more information contact Karen Moreau @ 985-2772.



RODESSA METOYER HONORED. Bishop Desmond Council # 91 Junior Knights of St. Peter Claver, under the direction of Commander Quentin Price, Sr. presented organist Rodessa Metoyer with flowers and a certificate of appreciation, during Mass Oct. 9. A reception was held after Mass. Mrs. Metoyer has been the organist for St. James Memorial Church since 1964. Pictured are Quentin Price, Sr., Rodessa Metoyer, John Aaron and Aaron Jones.

Dec. 18: St. Cecilia Christmas Concert

The St. Cecilia Chorale will perform a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Mansura. Following the concert will be the celebration of Mass at 5:30 p.m. by Bishop David Talley. There is no charge for admission to the concert, but donations are accepted. The public is invited.

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Each bishop has his own coat of arms that bears his episcopal motto — usually a quote from Scripture — and symbols that have some personal significance to the man.

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When Bishop David Talley was named auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, he commissioned the creation of a coat of arms, which at that time, was symbolic of his own family's coat of arms integrated with important events in his lifetime in Georgia (mostly Atlanta).

As a coadjutor bishop, which means he will automatically become the sole bishop after Bishop Herzog retires, Bishop Talley had his coat of arms "impaled" with symbols from the Diocese of Alexandria. ("Impaled" means to integrate or combine.)

The results is the coat of arms at right. It was designed by Deacon Paul Sullivan of Saunderstown, Rhode Island.

The Coat of Arms

A bishop's coat of arms (also called an "episcopal heraldic achievement") is composed of a shield, the central and most important part of the design; a scroll with a

motto; and the external ornamentation.

External ornaments

The external ornaments start at the top with a green pontifical hat, called a "gallero," with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See of March 31, 1969.

Under the green gallero is a gold processional cross, that is placed in back of and above the shield.

Significance

The left side of the shield displays the arms of the Diocese of Alexandria; the right side displays the personal arms of Bishop Talley.

- The arms of the Diocese of Alexandria are based on the traditional arms of the Patriarchate of Alexandria, which were a red field bearing four silver bells.

- The gold and black checked crescent is derived from the Azpilcueta arms inherited by St. Francis Xavier, patron of the Cathedral church of the diocese. The cross dividing the shield is one of the many crosses in heraldry used to represent the Cross of Christ.



- On the right side, the special twelve-pointed silver (white) star known as the "Stellar Maris," or "Star of the Sea," a classic symbol honoring Our Blessed Mother, to whom His Excellency has such deep and profound devotion.

- The Stella Maris is placed between two "Cherokee Roses," silver (white) petals and gold (yellow) barbs and seed, that

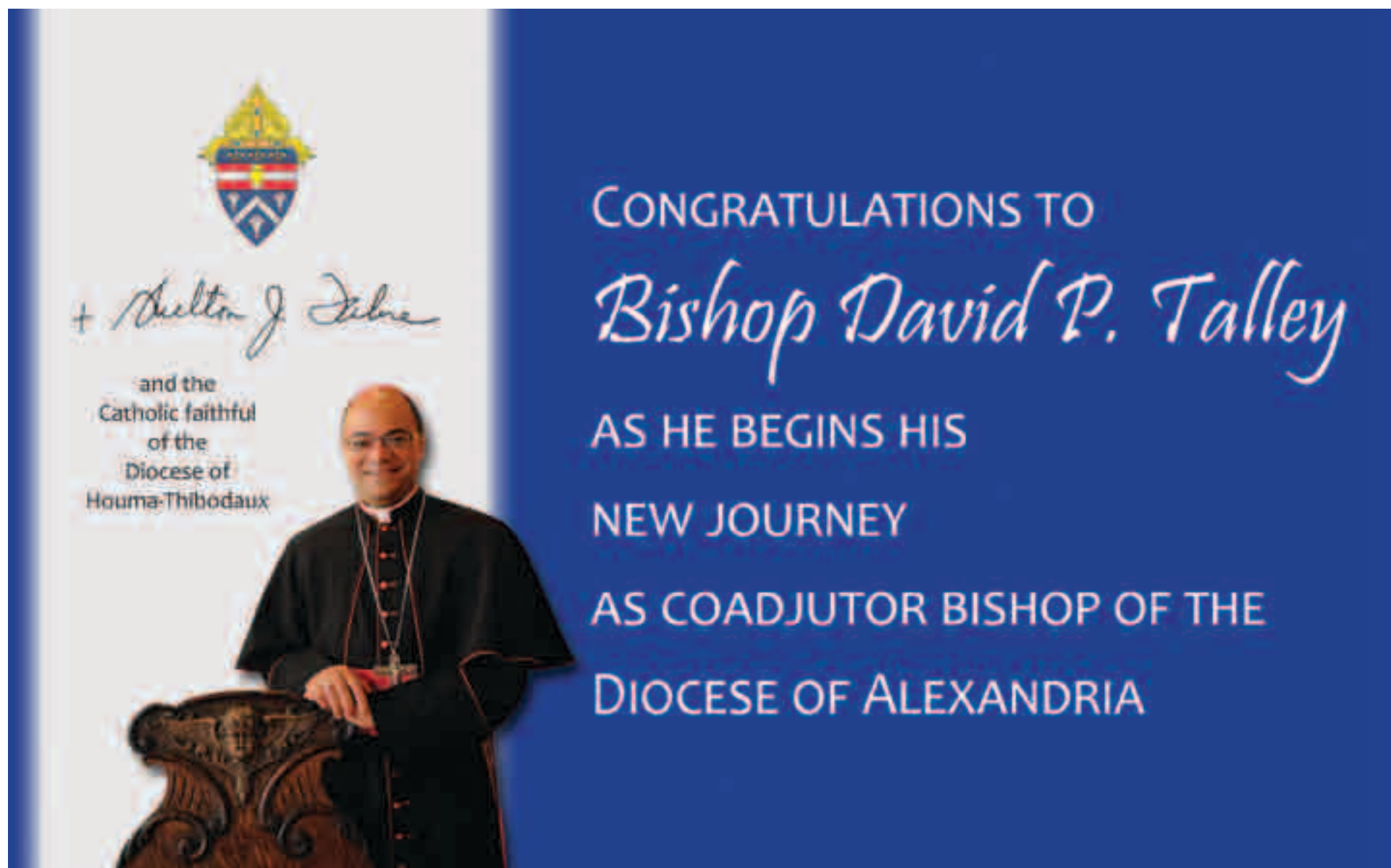
are the state flower of Georgia and are displayed in the arms of the Diocese of Savannah, where Bishop Talley was born, in Columbus, and in the arms of the Archdiocese of Atlanta where His Excellency served as auxiliary bishop.

- The chevron, from the Prescott family arms is composed of silver (white) and blue wavy bars, representing water and it signifies the Chattahoochee and the Savannah Rivers that run throughout the territories of the two Georgia dioceses.

- In the base of the design, is the bark of St. Peter, gold (yellow) with a silver (white) sail charged with the IHS, the monogram of the Holy Name, in red. The bark is the central feature of the logotype of the "Year of Faith" as designated by Pope Benedict XVI; the year of the New Evangelization now being carried forward by a new Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Motto

For his motto, His Excellency Bishop Talley has selected the Latin phrase "DABO VOBIS COR NOVUM." The phrase, taken from the Book of Ezekiel (Ez. 36:26) expresses His Excellency's faith that Jesus Christ instructs us that He "Will Give You a New Heart."





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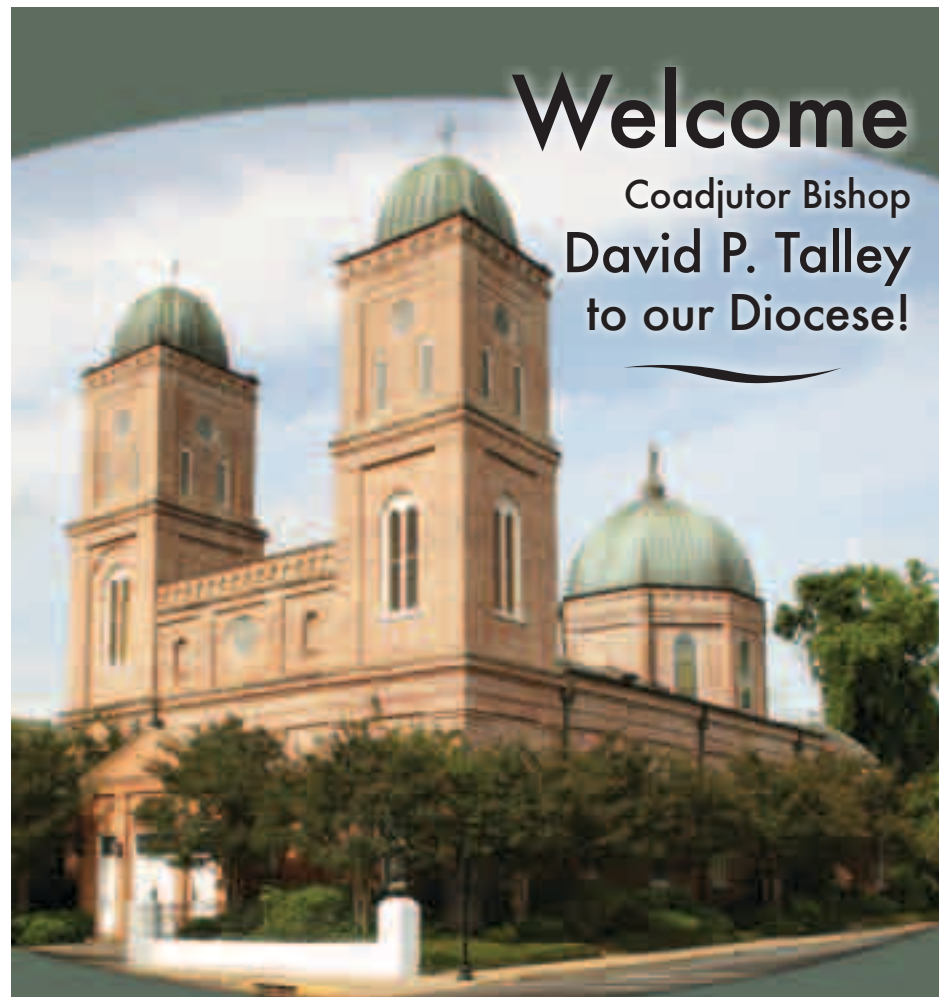
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Welcome

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Bishop David P. Talley

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MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU WITH EVERY GRACE AND BLESSING

AS YOU BEGIN YOUR NEW MINISTRY.



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AND THE PRIESTS, DEACONS, AND FAITHFUL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NASHVILLE



The families and parishioners of
St. Martin Catholic Church
in Lecompte welcome
Bishop David Talley
as our new Coadjutor.

*May the Good Shepherd bless you and
strengthen you in your new ministry
serving the People of God in the
Diocese of Alexandria.*

St. Martin Church
Lecompte, Louisiana



Bienvenidos,
Señor Obispo David Talley
a la Diócesis de Alexandria! Recibe un
fuerte abrazo de las familias y todos de la
Misión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
en Forest Hill.

*Dios le bendiga en su ministerio
nuevo como un servido del Pueblo de Dios en
Alexandria. La Virgen de Tepeyac siempre esté con
usted con la intercesión maternal.*

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Natchitoches, Louisiana



We welcome you

Bishop David Talley

*with joy and pray the Lord's joy is always
with you in your ministry as our shepherd.*

OUR PRAYERS and CONGRATULATIONS to

Bishop
David P. Talley

**Bishop Talley, we join our prayers with those of the
faithful in the Diocese of Alexandria for your success
as you begin your journey in Louisiana.**

**May God's blessings continue to be upon you and
His Church so your ministry there is abundant and joyful.**



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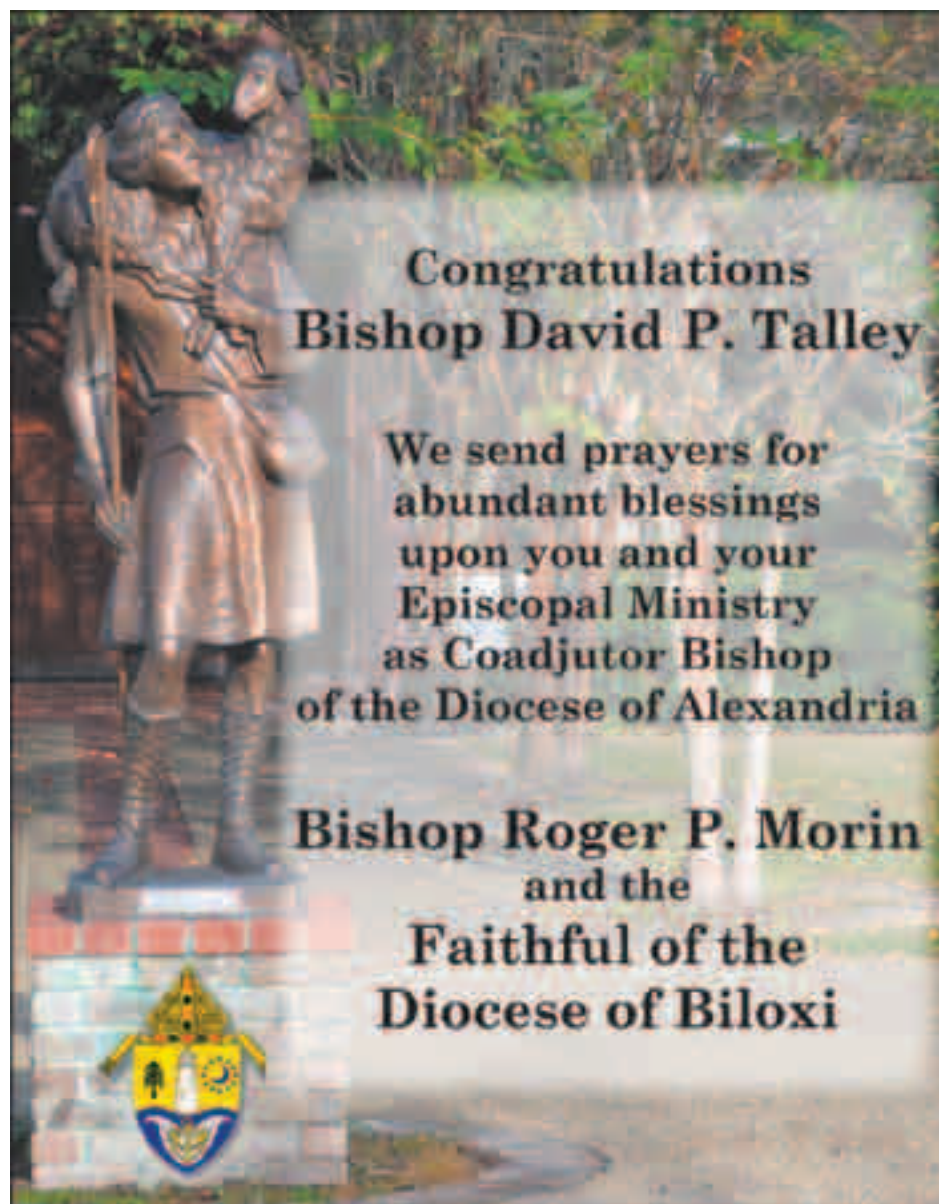


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**The Diocese of St. Thomas in the
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**Extends Congratulations and Prayerful
Best Wishes To**

Bishop David P. Talley

**On the occasion of his
Installation as Coadjutor Bishop of the
Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana**



**Congratulations
Bishop David P. Talley**

**We send prayers for
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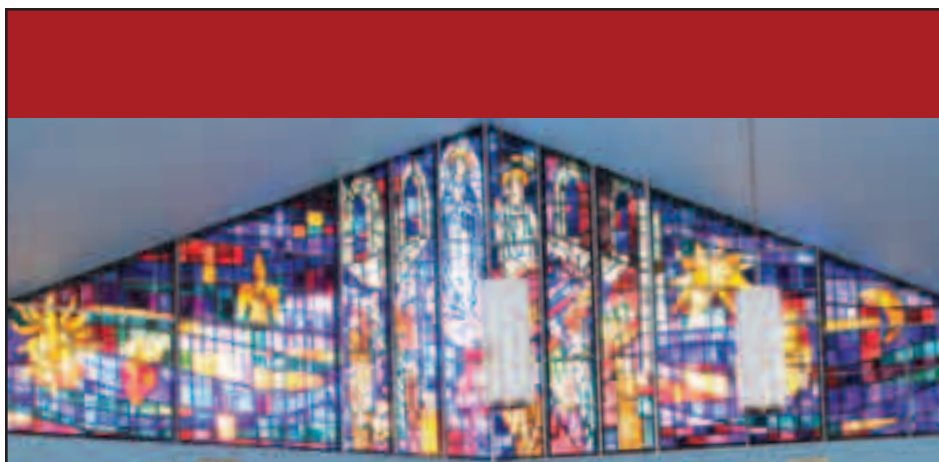


Welcome
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David P. Talley

***Congratulations on your appointment
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On behalf of
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
and the Diocese of Lafayette





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with an open heart!

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*Congratulations and
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Bishop David P. Talley

on his appointment as

Coadjutor Bishop

for the Diocese of Alexandria

*May God Continue to Bless You and the
People of the Diocese of Alexandria*

Bishop Frank J. Dewane

And the Clergy, Religious and Faithful
of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



THE AUXILIARY BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND FAITHFUL
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IN EXPRESSING
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TO

COADJUTOR BISHOP DAVID TALLEY

AND THE

DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA.



Bishop Talley to join long line of bishops in Diocese of Alexandria

Catholic missionaries who first came to Louisiana territory date back to 1682 when the Franciscan Zenobius Membre, chaplain to R. LaSalle's expedition down the Mississippi River, stopped at the village of the Tensas Indians, near present-day Newellton, La.

The next missionaries in Northern Louisiana were priests from the Seminary of Quebec, Canada, who arrived in the lower Mississippi Valley in 1699.

Francis de Montigny, their superior, took up residence among the Tensas Indians, and in the vicinity of Newellton built what was probably the first chapel within the future Diocese of Alexandria.

The oldest town in the diocese and in the entire state originated in 1716 when J. B. LeMoyne de Bienville sent a military force to establish Fort St. John the Baptist on an island in



Bishop Auguste M. Martin

the Red River. The settlement became known as "Le Poste de Natchitoches."

Bishop Auguste M. Martin 1st Bishop, Natchitoches (1853-1875)

In 1853 when Louisiana's second diocese was created from the Archdiocese of New Orleans with Natchitoches as its see city, Auguste Marie Martin was named the first bishop. At that time the diocese, covering three-fifths of the state, had five priests, six



Bishop Francis X. Leray

parish churches, three mission chapels, one school and 22,000 Catholics. Martin died Sept. 29, 1875.

Bishop Francis X. Leray 2nd Bishop, Natchitoches (1877-1885)

Francis Xavier Leray, who succeeded Martin, was consecrated April 22, 1877. Two years later he was made coadjutor archbishop of New Orleans, but he remained administrator of Natchitoches until 1883 when he became ordinary of New Orleans.



Bishop Antoine Durier

Bishop Antoine Durier 3rd Bishop, Natchitoches (1885-1904)

Antoine Durier, from Lyons, France, became the 3rd bishop of Natchitoches. One of his biggest accomplishments was calling the Sisters of Divine Providence and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart to his diocese to open much needed schools.

He also undertook the completion of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Natchitoches.



Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven

Bishop C. Van de Ven 4th Bishop, Natchitoches (1904-1932)

Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven became the 4th bishop of Natchitoches. In the spring of 1910, Bishop Van de Ven petitioned the Holy See to transfer the see city of the diocese (Natchitoches) to Alexandria, citing the latter's advantages of better roads and railroad communications, and its closer proximity to the large percentage of French Catholics living in the southern part of the diocese.



Bishop Daniel F. Desmond

Bishop Daniel Desmond 5th Bishop, Alexandria (1933-1945)

After the death of Bishop Van de Ven in 1932, Daniel F. Desmond was consecrated on Jan. 11, 1933. During his 12-year term as bishop, Desmond established 26 new parishes, many of them for black congregations for whom the bishop showed a special care and concern. He also built St. Margaret's Church in Boyce, and established church parishes in Lecompte and Simmesport.



Coadjutor Bishop David P. Talley

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes on your installation.

May the Diocese of Alexandria grow in faith and love with your spiritual guidance.

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**Bishop Charles P. Greco****Bishop Lawrence P. Graves****Bishop William B. Friend****Bishop John C. Favalora****Bishop Sam G. Jacobs****Bishop Ronald Herzog****Bishop Charles P. Greco
6th Bishop, Alexandria
(1946-1973)**

Bishop Charles Greco was appointed the 6th bishop of Alexandria on Jan. 15, 1946 and was consecrated Feb. 25, 1946. Bishop Greco erected more than 415 new buildings in 22 years including 124 churches and chapels, 48 schools, 64 rectories, 45 convents, 29 parish halls, seven hospitals, and nursing homes and 98 other buildings. A total of 33 new parishes were opened in the 27 years of his administration. He re-

tired May 22, 1973 and died on Jan. 20, 1987.

**Bishop Lawrence Graves
7th Bishop, Alexandria
(1973-1982)**

Lawrence P. Graves was installed as the 7th bishop of the diocese on July 8, 1973. When Bishop Graves took over as bishop in 1973, Catholics numbered more than 73,500 in a total population of 1,083,000. On Jan. 12, 1977, the diocese was redesignated as the Diocese of Alexandria-Shreveport.

**Bishop William B. Friend
8th Bishop, Alex.-Shpt
(1983-1986)**

On Aug. 31, 1979, William B. Friend was named auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Alexandria-Shreveport.

He was installed as the 8th bishop of Alexandria on Jan. 11, 1983.

When the diocese split in 1986, Bishop Friend became the first bishop of Shreveport.

He died on April 2, 2015 at the age of 83.

**Bishop John C. Favalora
9th Bishop, Alexandria
(1986-1989)**

Bishop John C. Favalora was consecrated on July 29, 1986 and became the 9th Bishop of Alexandria. He was named Bishop of St. Petersburg, Fla. on March 7, 1989.

**Bishop Sam G. Jacobs
10th Bishop, Alexandria
(1989-2003)**

Bishop Sam Jacobs was appointed the 10th bishop of Alexandria on July 11, 1989 and consecrated on Aug. 24, 1989.

Bishop Jacobs had a special connection to the Catholic youth and in 1995, established the first Steubenville South Catholic Youth Conference in the Diocese of Alexandria. During its 21-year-history, more than 70,000 students have attended the conference. He was named Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux on Aug. 1, 2003

**Bishop Ronald P. Herzog
11th Bishop, Alexandria
(Jan. 5, 2005-)**

Bishop Ronald Herzog was ordained the 11th bishop

of Alexandria on Jan. 5, 2005 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. Bishop Herzog was committed to building a strong priesthood in his diocese. In his 11 years as bishop, he has ordained 15 men to the priesthood. In 2007, Bishop Herzog organized the formation of the first class of permanent deacons in more than 30 years. By 2018, the diocese could have close to 30 deacons actively working in the diocese. Bishop Herzog remains the principle bishop of the diocese.



Welcome!


**Coadjutor
Bishop David P. Talley
to the Diocese of Alexandria**

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."
~ Matthew 23:29*

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Welcome Most Reverend David P. Talley!

*We wish all God's blessings on you as you begin
your service here in Central Louisiana!*

Mary, Mother of Jesus Church
Woodworth, Louisiana



Bishop Brendan Cahill
and
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Congratulates

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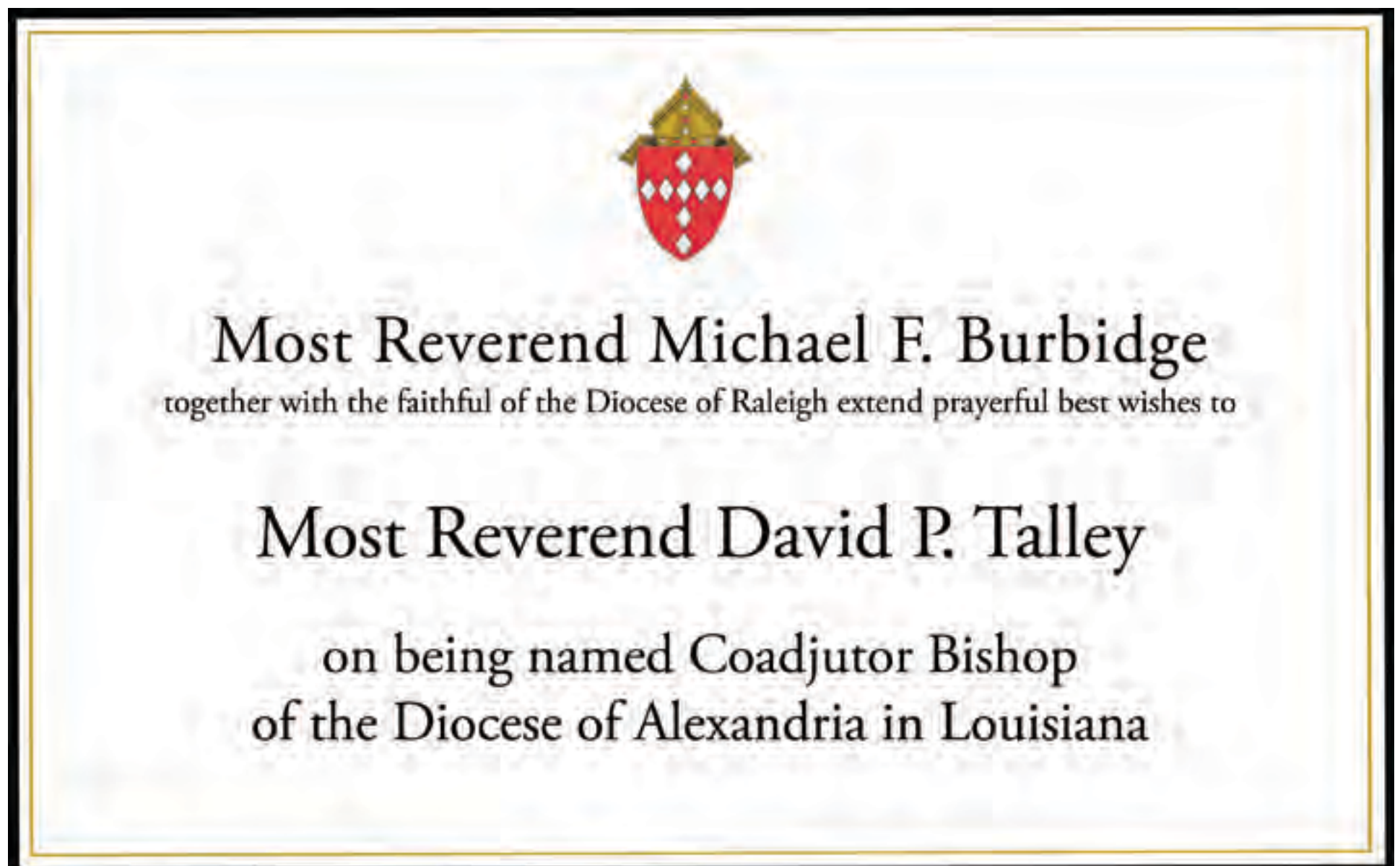
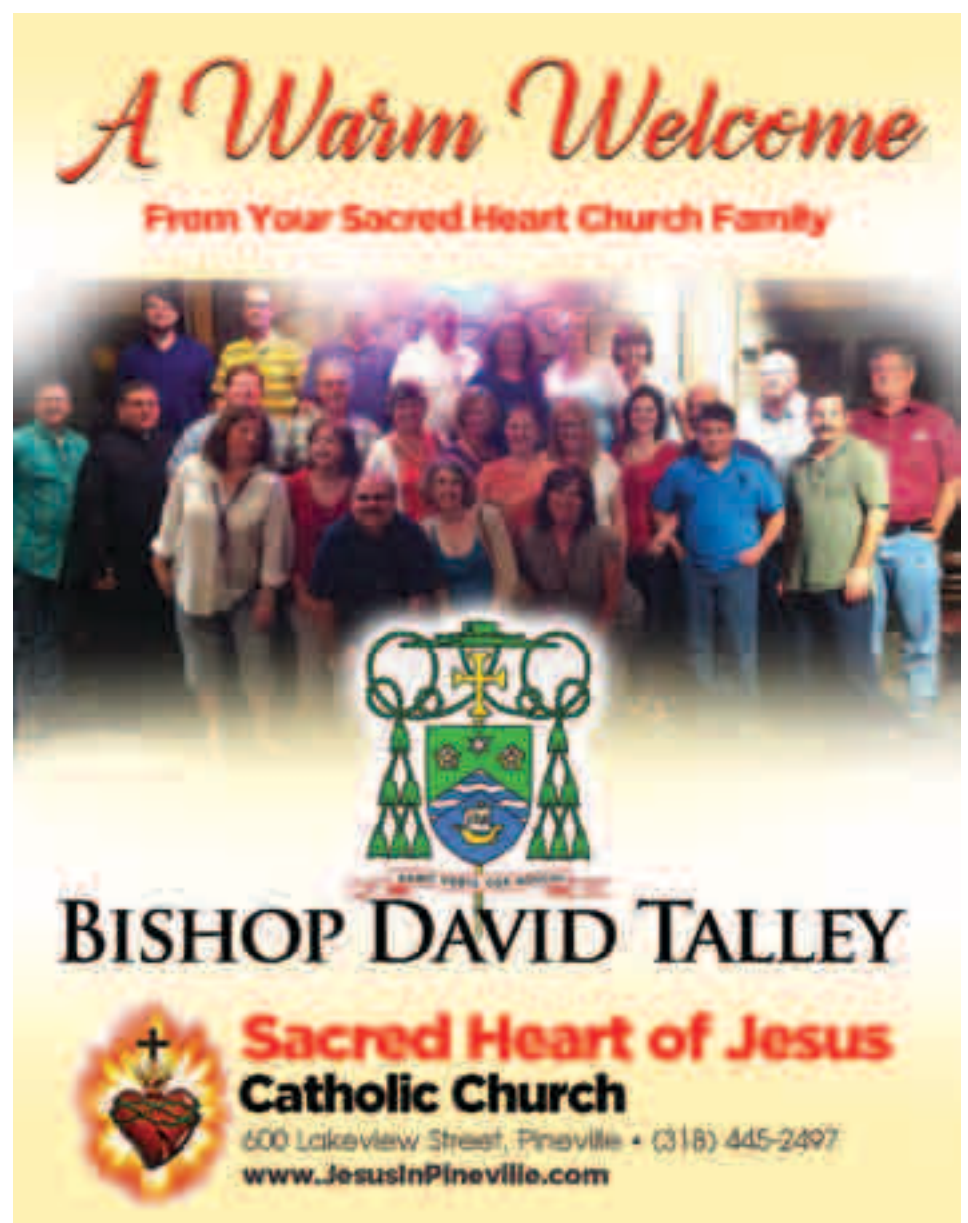
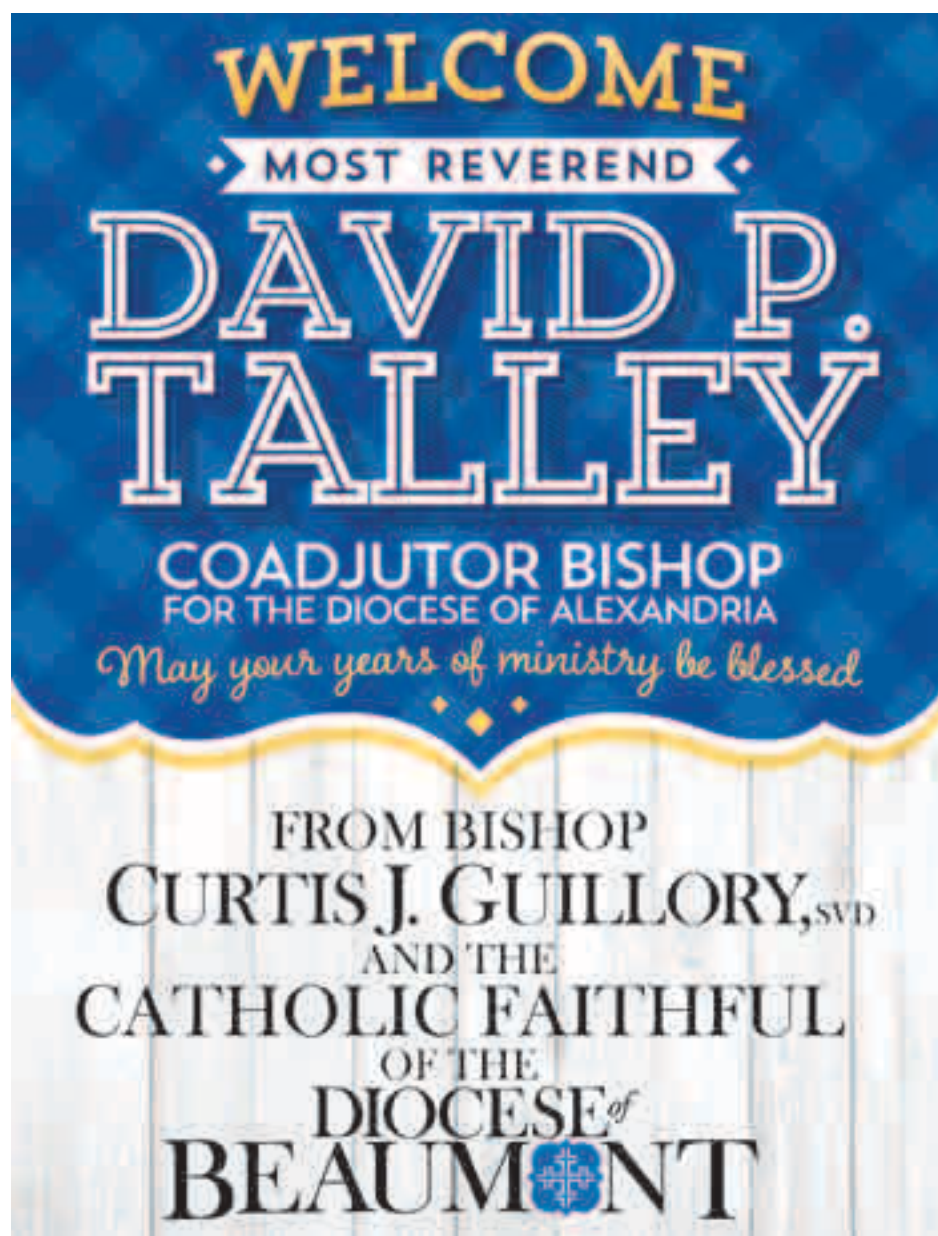
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May the Lord bless you as you
serve the people of Alexandria, Louisiana.

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted
Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares
The faithful of the Diocese of Phoenix

Disabilities Ministry in Atlanta close to Bishop Talley's heart

CHATSWORTH—For some, he reassuringly placed a steadying hand on their shoulders. For others in wheelchairs, he knelt down on the concrete floor to make sure they were eye-to-eye. For each, he put his head close to theirs, closed his eyes and prayed. As he confirmed young members of St. Toribio Romo mission church (in Georgia), the dedication and love for the disabilities community was written all over Bishop David P. Talley's face.

For the bishop, the Faith and Sharing Mass hosted by the archdiocesan Disabilities Ministry was his last before becoming coadjutor bishop of Alexandria, Louisiana. The bishop has given countless hours to the disabilities community during his 27 years of priesthood. Many who have served in the ministry alongside him came to say farewell at the Oct. 2 Mass. Bishop Talley confirmed several members of the disabilities ministry at St. Toribio, spending moments in prayer with each of them.

"Me llamo David (My name is David)," he told those in attendance at the mostly Spanish Mass. "I am very happy to be with you all today."

In his homily, which he gave in English but which was translated into Spanish and interpreted in American Sign Language, the bishop spoke of the importance of loving one another.

"Loving is how we were created to be. Loving is God's image and likeness," he said. "To love is to be like God because God is love."

But at some point, we stopped loving one another, he said.

"We saw hungry people, and we didn't feed them. We saw people who were sick, and we didn't care for them. We saw people who were lost, and we did not show them the way," he said. "So what did God



BISHOP TALLEY interacts with the participants at Toni's Camp, a summer camp in Atlanta for kids with disabilities. He carried luggage, greeted every camper and volunteer, and was chief cheerleader on activity day making sure everyone had water and sunscreen.

do with all of this? Did he want to judge us? No. He wanted to save us. He wanted to bring us back home to his heart—and that's when he gave us Jesus."

The sacraments are the way God communicates his love to us, Bishop Talley said.

"Jesus is present. He is here. He is in our hearts right now," he said. "What do we do with this power—because the presence of God in our hearts is a power, but only for good. So what we do for good, at St. Toribio Romo, is to become a holy people—a happy people, a generous people, a just people. And we will seek not to build walls between ourselves, but instead we will be bridges between each human heart."

Passion for the ministry

Bishop Talley knows firsthand about building bridges between human hearts. Since his first assignment as a priest at St. Jude the Apostle Church, Bishop Talley has served the disabilities community with enthusiasm and passion. The late Toni Miralles, who began the ministry at St. Jude, invited the young priest to spend a weekend with those with disabilities. It is an annual retreat now known as Toni's Camp in Miralles' honor.

Pat Tweed, a St. Jude parishioner who has served the disabilities community for 34 years, remembers that the future bishop was the first priest to spend the entire weekend at camp. He has put it on his calendar every year since, including coming back from Rome, Italy, for the camp when he was sent to study canon law.



BISHOP TALLEY at Toni's Camp in Atlanta.



"He fell right into it and he's never looked back," Tweed said. "I think he's the perfect example of Christ for us to follow. He's steadfast, and he was always there when we needed him. This is bittersweet—I'm happy for him, but what a loss for us."

Mike and Peter Miralles said that Bishop Talley, who became camp chaplain more than 20 years ago, took an even stronger leadership role in the ministry after their mother died in 2000. He became chaplain to the ministry with persons with disabilities for the archdiocese in 2002.

"What stands out to me is his caring for people with disabilities and his kindness and compassion," Mike Miralles said. "He had a real passion for the ministry and after my mother died, he stepped up and became more involved with the program."

His brother agreed.

"He is our shepherd for the ministry," Peter Miralles said. "He loves this ministry and the members of the ministry. He will always be family."

Karen Ehmer has also served the disabilities community, in-

cluding as a member of the Toni's Camp planning team, for more than two decades.

"My work in the disabilities ministry has definitely been impacted by his example. He was a true servant for all who attended Toni's Camp. He carried luggage to cabins, he greeted every camper by name by the end of the first night, all 80 to 90 of them, and most of the volunteers. He was chief cheerleader on activity day and made sure all had water and sunscreen," she said.

"In between all of this he noticed everything and somehow managed to highlight the love and joy he witnessed into his homilies at Sunday's Mass. Those homilies were meaningful to everyone, which considering that many of our campers have intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities, was no small accomplishment, making something that is abstract, real and concrete."

Listen and recognize

Scott Sowers first met Bishop Talley when he was the pastor of his parish, St. John Neumann Church in Lilburn, Ga. His

daughter Gloria, who has special needs, would get excited about going to Mass because she would get to see Jesus.

"We realized she was talking about Msgr. Talley. For her to say that—it's just an understanding of how he's personified to someone so innocent. She sees him as Jesus," Sowers said. "Bishop Talley just embodies the way we should all be, in my opinion."

Sowers said Bishop Talley was always encouraging of the special needs ministry, which has grown tremendously at St. John Neumann. When a new church was designed and dedicated in 2010, it incorporated many features to make the sacraments and the liturgical ministries accessible to those with disabilities.

"He's just so passionate. He was always there, as the pastor of our church, to say something positive or to offer a blessing," Sowers said. "He was always so lovely."

Maggie Rousseau, director of the archdiocesan Disabilities Ministry, said that the bishop helped the ministry grow, and the seeds he planted will continue to



BISHOP TALLEY greets Frank, a resident of one of the OLS Community Group Homes in Alexandria, and the Our Lady of Sorrows sisters after the Nov. 7 Mass of Welcome.

flourish.

"Bishop Talley was the water and the sun that fed and warmed those hearts and helped the wheat

to blossom," she said

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The Most Reverend Roger J. Foy, D.D., the priests,

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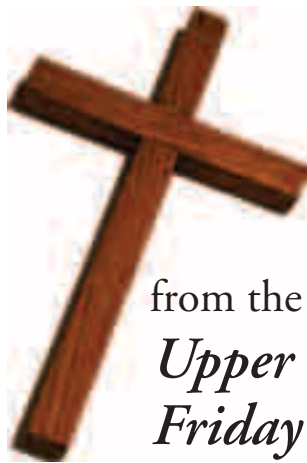
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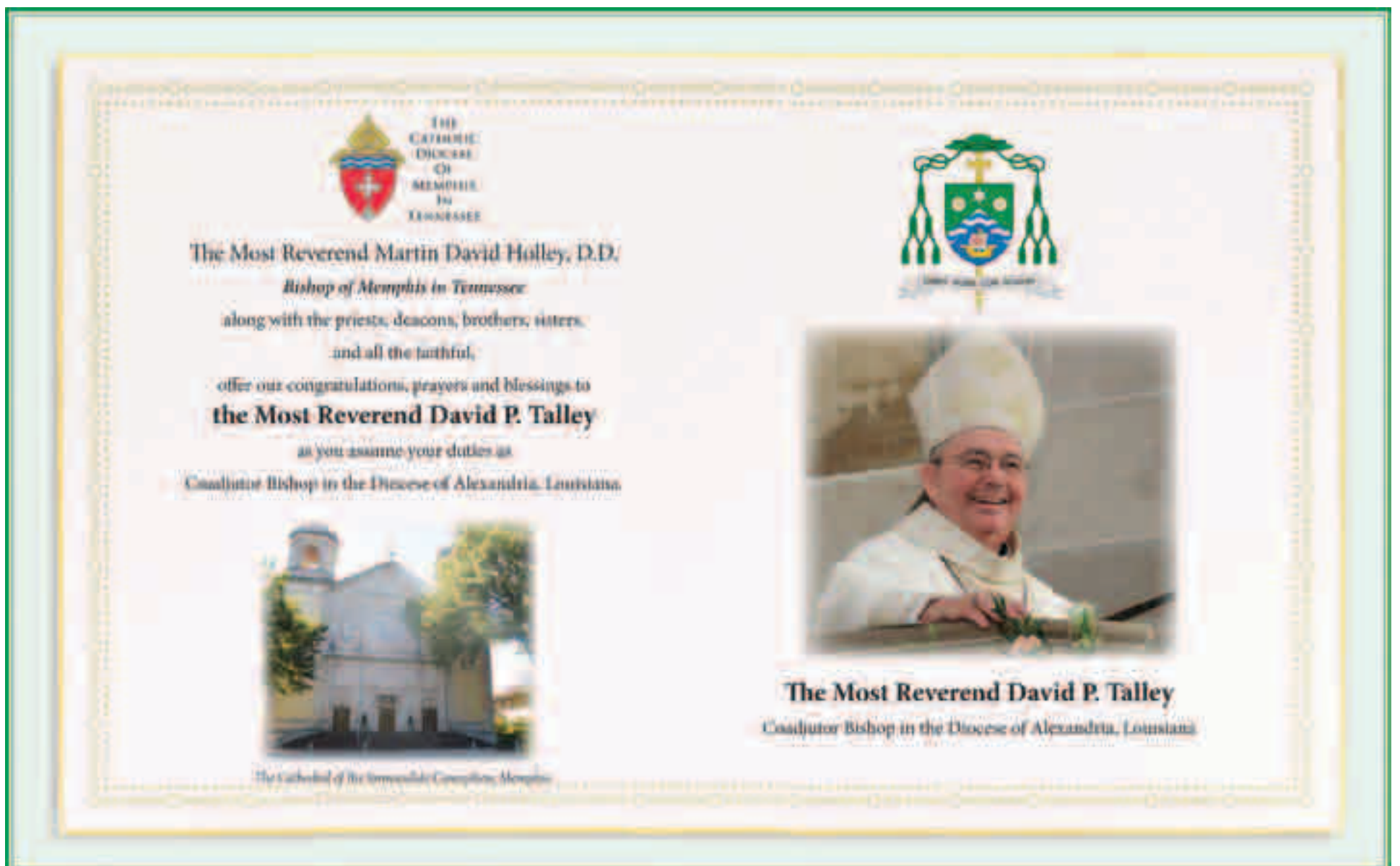
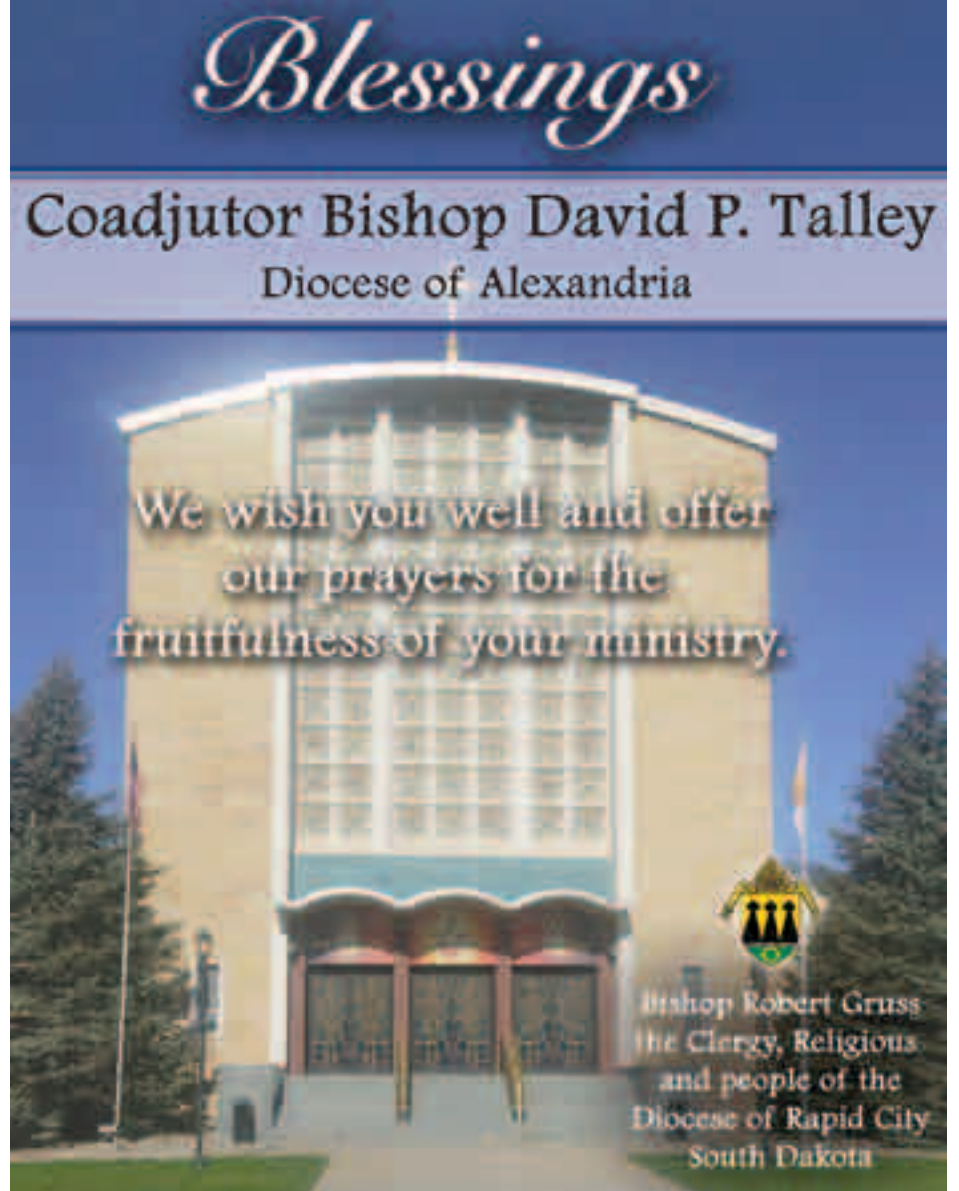
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David P. Talley

to the
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May God Bless your service here with us!

What is a Coadjutor Bishop?

- A **BISHOP** is the head of a diocese in the Catholic Church. There is only one bishop assigned to a diocese.

- Sometimes, when a diocese is so large, a single bishop may need the assistance of one or more **AUXILIARY BISHOPS**. An auxiliary bishop is one who assists the bishop of a diocese in the duties of running a diocese. However, the final authority rests with the main bishop.

- A **COADJUTOR BISHOP** is similar to the relationship between a retiring employee who's training his replacement. The coadjutor bishop has the same authority as the diocesan bishop, but isn't the diocesan bishop... yet. The diocesan bishop is still the final authority. However, upon the resignation or retirement of the diocesan bishop, the coadjutor bishop automatically becomes the new diocesan bishop: no need to wait around for the usually protracted process of finding a suitable replacement.



Bishop David Talley
Welcome to our diocese!



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| 8th Annual NLU Multicultural Christmas Concert 6:30 p.m. LA School for MSA, Natchitoches PRAY FOR BISHOP D. TALLEY | Christmas at the Nest 5:30-7:00 p.m. Holy Savior Menard HS Lessons & Carols 7:30 p.m. MB Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches PRAY FOR MSGR. S. TESTA | PRAY FOR FR. K. TEXADA | Advent Reflection Series 6:00 p.m. Cabrini School Library OLPS Faith Formation 6:30-7:30 p.m. Divine Providence Center SOLEMNITY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION A Holy Day of Obligation PRAY FOR FR. J. THOMAS | City of Pineville Christmas Parade 7:00 p.m. PRAY FOR FR. A. THOMPSON | Fireworks 7:00 p.m. Natchitoches Leesville Christmas Parade 5:30 p.m. PRAY FOR MSGR. J. TIMMERMANS | 100th Anniversary Mass 10:00 a.m. St. Joseph, Cheneyville City of Alexandria Christmas Parade 2:00 p.m. Live Nativity 6:00-8:00 p.m. First United Methodist, Alex THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT PRAY FOR FR. A. TRAVIS |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE PRAY FOR FR. G. UZONDU | Red River Chorale Joy to the World 7:30 p.m. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria PRAY FOR FR. A. VARGHESE | PRAY FOR FR. V. VEAD | Advent Reflection Series 6:00 p.m. St. Frances Cabrini School Library, Alexandria Lessons & Carols 7:30 p.m. Trinity Episcopal, Natchitoches PRAY FOR FR. N. VIVIANO | PRAY FOR FR. J. WILTSE | Fireworks 7:00 p.m. Natchitoches PRAY FOR FR. J. XAVIER | St. Cecilia Chorale Christmas Concert 3:30 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle, Mansura FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT PRAY FOR FR. K. ZACHARIAH |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| PRAY FOR FR. A. AELAVANTHARA | A Festival of Carols 7:00 p.m. St. Martin Church, Lecompte PRAY FOR FR. W. AJAERO | Sacred Heart School Christmas Show 5:30 p.m. Barbry Convention Center, Marksville PRAY FOR FR. T. ALLEN | Advent Reflection Series 6:00 p.m. St. Frances Cabrini School Library, Alexandria PRAY FOR FR. J. ANTONY | PRAY FOR FR. S. BRANDOW | Fireworks 7:00 p.m. Natchitoches CHRISTMAS EVE PRAY FOR FR. D. BRAQUET | CHRISTMAS DAY PRAY FOR FR. J. BROCATO |

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direct by word and example the people entrusted to his care. Amen.”*



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