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**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin**

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has often described his time with the Church in central and southern Indiana through the people he has met. This image is composed of the faces of more than 1,000 people who have met, worshipped with and worked for the cardinal in his time here. They are in his heart, and he in theirs.

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# Congratulations & Thank You

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# A sincere, heartfelt thank you to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

As a journalist, it's hard to put into words how much Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has touched lives throughout his four years as the shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana.

Adding pictures and other artistic elements to the story probably doesn't do it justice either.

But the staff of *The Criterion* has spent the last month perusing past issues of the newspaper, trying to capture the essence of Cardinal Tobin's ministry here.

From ordinations to confirmations, from welcomes of immigrants to visits with prisoners, from the National Catholic Youth Conference to the annual Bishop's Bash for young adults, Cardinal Tobin made it his mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who crossed his path. Whatever a person's walk in life, he demonstrated a selfless love that each of us would do well to emulate.

As people of faith, his witness planted the seeds for all of us to embrace the Lord's call to be missionary disciples and spirit-filled evangelizers. Like Pope Francis, he, too "talks the talk" and "walks the walk" when it comes to living out the baptismal call of his ministry. He took to heart the pope's plea to be a "shepherd with the smell of sheep."

This week's issue is meant to be a special keepsake to help readers celebrate Cardinal Tobin's years as the shepherd of our local Church.

Many of you have come to know Cardinal Tobin on a personal level, and as he prepares to leave us to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., we felt it appropriate to look back—through stories, photos and graphics—at his ministry here. Even this only scratches the surface of the way he's shaped the faith of so many of us.

The pages that follow are filled with memories and defining moments that try

to paint a portrait of the compassionate, loving shepherd who gave so much to the people he served.

Also included are reflections from Cardinal Tobin's fellow bishops in Indiana, who have grown to know their fellow prelate quite well during the past four years, poignant words from members of religious orders in the archdiocese who will miss a shepherd who embraced them and their missions as a brother in Christ, and local poets who use their talent to extend their prayers and good wishes to a beloved pastor and friend.

Of course, no commemorative issue reflecting on his time here would be complete without the wisdom of children, who offer advice to the cardinal as he prepares for his new ministry for the universal Church and the Church of Newark.

Simply put, this issue is our staff's small way of offering our special "thank you" to a shepherd who has made our ministry for the Church such a privilege and joy.

Although the majority of this Dec. 2 issue is dedicated to Cardinal Tobin, you will find a few of our regular weekly features inside.

Next week's issue of *The Criterion* will include stories and photos from the Dec. 3 farewell Mass for Cardinal Tobin at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

To obtain more copies of this commemorative edition, call 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1585, or 317-236-1585. All of the features of this issue can also be found at [www.CriterionOnline.com](http://www.CriterionOnline.com).

May God bless Cardinal Tobin in his new ministry and mission, and may we, as disciples, nurture the many seeds he has planted here so that they may bear abundant fruit in the months and years to come.

—Mike Krokos



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin reacts to 3-year-old Kathryn Mack showing him her age during a Feb. 19, 2013, reception at St. Louis Parish in Batesville following a Mass celebrated there by the archbishop for Catholics in the Batesville Deanery. Joining Kathryn in meeting the archbishop are members of her family, from left: Deb, Grace (partially obscured), Pete, Christian and Spencer Mack, all members of St. Louis Parish. (File photos by Sean Gallagher)



Transitional Deacon John Kamwendo, left, and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin elevate the Eucharist on Dec. 3, 2012, at the end of the eucharistic prayer during Archbishop Tobin's installation Mass celebrated in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

## Dec. 3 farewell Mass will be streamed live on the Internet

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin will share his gratitude with the people of the archdiocese on Dec. 3, beginning with a Mass at 11 a.m. in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian St., in Indianapolis.

For those who cannot attend, the Mass will be streamed live on the Internet. The livestream can be viewed by logging onto [www.archindy.org/streaming](http://www.archindy.org/streaming).

The Mass will serve as an opportunity for him to say farewell to the archdiocese he has served and grown to love since his installation as its shepherd on Dec. 3, 2012. The date is also the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, principal patron of the archdiocese. †

December 3, 2016

**Greetings!**

On behalf of the City of Indianapolis, it is my honor to congratulate Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin.

Indianapolis has been blessed to have such a strong civic and spiritual leader as Cardinal Tobin. As Mayor of Indianapolis, it is vital to have strong community partners who share my vision for our city—a city committed to peace, equality, and charity. Archbishop Tobin has been an extraordinary leader in Indianapolis, advocating for the rights of all Hoosiers, particularly the poor. His presence in Indianapolis will be greatly missed—his role has been important not just to our Catholic community, but to every Indianapolis constituent. I look forward to continuing to work with the archdiocese on vital issues to our community, including poverty and inequality.

Again, I extend my sincere congratulations to Cardinal Tobin. As everyone gathers today in celebration of this occasion, I hope you join Indianapolis in our pursuit of a better, more peaceful world.

My thoughts and prayers are with Cardinal Tobin as you embark on this new call to service.

Warm regards,

Joseph H. Hogsett  
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# Bishops reflect on legacy of Cardinal Tobin for Hoosier Catholics

By Sean Gallagher

Like many Hoosier Catholics, bishops across Indiana were overjoyed to learn on Oct. 9 that Pope Francis had chosen Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin as a member of the College of Cardinals.

About a month later, these leaders of the Church in Indiana also shared in Hoosier Catholics' sadness at seeing Cardinal Tobin appointed to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

Bishop Charles C. Thompson, shepherd of the Diocese of Evansville, Ind., said that Cardinal Tobin's "legacy of leadership is ultimately about leaving the footprint of Pope Francis on the Church in Indiana.

"His example of servant-leadership is marked with a humble spirit, gracious hospitality, a keen intellect and prayerful presence," said Bishop Thompson, who was appointed to lead the Church in southwest Indiana in 2011. "His calm and gentle way allows all to feel welcome and valued in his presence. Remaining Christ-centered in all situations, he is able to avoid getting pulled into any particular ideology.

"Having served with him these past four years, I consider him a bishop's bishop, a brother and friend. Like Pope Francis for the universal Church, Cardinal Tobin has enabled the local Church to expand its horizons in its focus on the Kingdom of God at hand."

Bishop Thompson said the faithful in Indiana can carry on Cardinal Tobin's example by "imitating his humility, hospitality, gentleness, prayerfulness and gracious attitude."

Bishop Donald J. Hying of the Diocese of Gary, Ind., said he values Cardinal Tobin's "joyful humanity in radiating love and goodness.

"I'm sure Pope Francis saw these qualities in him, and elevating him to the College of Cardinals is an affirmation of Cardinal Tobin's faith and service to God's people," said Bishop Hying, who was appointed to lead the Church in northwest Indiana in 2014. "Our prayers go with him as God calls Cardinal Tobin to now serve the people of our Church in Newark."

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., Diocese said Cardinal Tobin "has been an exemplary witness of the bishop's vocation to be a witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd.

"When I think about Cardinal Tobin's legacy here, what immediately comes to mind is the priority he has given to loving outreach to the poor, to immigrants and to the marginalized, to all those who are struggling in life," said Bishop Rhoades, who has led his diocese since 2009. "I think, for example, of the cardinal's spearheading the pastoral letter of the Indiana bishops on poverty in Indiana. I expect that this essential part of the Church's mission will continue as a priority here, thanks to the vision of Cardinal Tobin."

Bishop Rhoades hopes Hoosier Catholics will benefit from Cardinal Tobin's example in the future.

"In many ways, Cardinal Tobin exemplifies the priorities and approach of Pope Francis," he said. "I think we can continue Cardinal Tobin's legacy by our attentiveness to the teachings of Pope Francis and his call to be a Church of and for the poor. I also think we can carry his legacy forward by following his example of evangelization that attracts people to the Church through our example of goodness, charity and mercy toward all."

Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, who has



The bishops of Indiana pose during a May 14, 2015, meeting of the Indiana Catholic Conference in Evansville, Ind. They are, from left in the front row, Bishops Dale J. Melczek, retired bishop of Gary, Charles C. Thompson of Evansville, Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and William L. Higi, retired bishop of Lafayette. In the second row, from left, are Bishops Donald J. Hying of Gary, Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette, Gerald A. Gettelfinger, retired bishop of Evansville, and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin. (Submitted photo)

led the Lafayette, Ind., Diocese since 2010, said Cardinal Tobin has been a leader for Catholics across the state "by his personal thoughtfulness and not authority.

"Cardinal Tobin is effective because he is a believer and accepts Christ's saving action in his life," Bishop Doherty said. "This is what gave energy to his life as a missionary, and it is something we all can feel when he is around."

He also pointed to the Indiana bishops' pastoral letter on poverty as an important legacy that Cardinal Tobin leaves behind as he prepares for ministry in northern New Jersey.

"I think that the key word is 'cooperation,'" Bishop Doherty said. "The lesson flows from our baptism when we are charged to share ... with Christ in acting as priest, prophet and king. Holy relations with God, teaching by word and action, leadership infused with wisdom and mercy.

"It was Cardinal Tobin, working as part of a larger group, who suggested the main structure to the Indiana bishops' pastoral letter 'Poverty at the Crossroads.' That structure is 'see, judge, act.' Each piece is like one part of a three-period hockey game. If we fail to show up for any one period, we cannot succeed." †



## Congratulations, Cardinal Joseph Tobin!

As you answer the call to serve God's people more deeply, may you help all of us know what it means to be a witness to the healing ministry of Jesus in the world. The community of St. Vincent is praying for you as you begin your leadership of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

Thank you for four years of pastoral service to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

**You will be missed!**



# Retired bishop not surprised at pope's selection of Cardinal Tobin

By Sean Gallagher

Many people in the Church were surprised when Pope Francis announced on Oct. 9 that he had chosen Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin as one of the newest members of the College of Cardinals.

No other archbishop of Indianapolis had been selected as cardinal. Neither had any leader of the Archdiocese of Newark, to which Cardinal Tobin was subsequently assigned on Nov. 7.

But Bishop Dale J. Melczek, the retired bishop of Gary, Ind., wasn't astonished when Pope Francis made his announcement about the new cardinals. His knowledge of Cardinal Tobin stretches back to the late 1970s shortly after the outgoing-archbishop of Indianapolis was ordained a Redemptorist priest and began ministering at Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit, where he had grown up.

At the time, Bishop Melczek was a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit serving in its chancery. When then-Father Tobin was chosen as a young priest by his fellow clergy to serve as the vicar for a vicariate—the equivalent of a deanery in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis—in that archdiocese, Bishop Melczek met with him often.

Their association continued until 1990, when then-Father Tobin was assigned by his religious superior to serve in a parish in Chicago.

"He just seemed so filled with the love and mercy of God that he felt kind of compelled to reach out with love and understanding," said Bishop Melczek in a Nov. 2 interview with *The Criterion*. "He had a passion for bringing the love of God to other people.

It was this knowledge that led Bishop Melczek, who served as bishop of Gary from 1992 until his retirement in 2014, to

take Cardinal Tobin's appointment to the College of Cardinals in stride.

"I personally wasn't surprised that he was made a cardinal, because I knew that he had interacted on many occasions with Pope Francis before he was pope and afterward," he said. "I'm sure it was a personal recognition because Archbishop Tobin's gifts and spirituality are so obvious. He's such a transparent person."

While Bishop Melczek wasn't surprised at the selection, he was happy about it.

"I was thrilled beyond belief," he said. "The universal Church will benefit, as it has already in the past from his gifts. He's a man of the Gospel. He's a man of Vatican II. I'm so joyful that his gifts are recognized and being used on behalf of the Church."

Bishop Melczek noted that the deep respect that Cardinal Tobin showed the people in Detroit whom he served will now extend to Catholics around the world.

"He has a deep love and respect for every person," Bishop Melczek said. "And that shows in the way that he interacts with other people. He really believes that every baptized person shares in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

"That was the way he operated as a pastor and as an associate pastor. He valued every person. It was an interior love of God that he experienced and that he easily and freely shared with others."

Bishop Melczek's appreciation for this quality in Cardinal Tobin increased in knowing how much he gave himself to ministry in situations he wouldn't have chosen for himself.

"It wasn't his goal to serve in his home parish," Bishop Melczek said. "He really wanted to be a missionary. But he ended up there, so OK. That's where the Lord wanted him to serve.

"He was so self-giving, and he had this sense that his life was not about him."

That acceptance of God's will for him, Bishop Melczek said, continued when Cardinal Tobin was chosen by Pope Benedict in 2010 to be ordained a bishop and serve as the secretary of the Vatican's Congregation of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

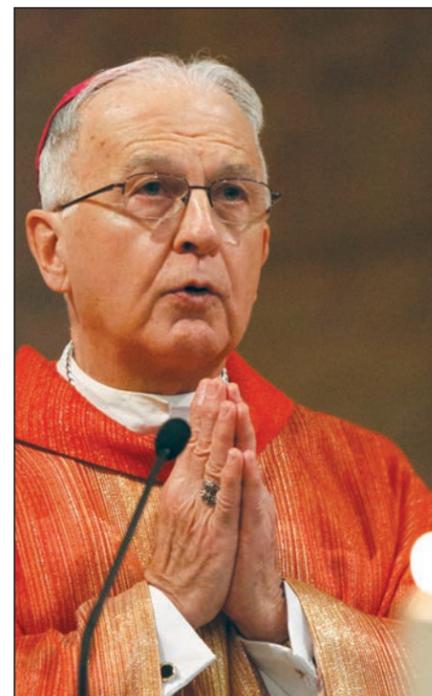
This change in his life happened shortly after he had finished 12 years of service as the general superior of his religious order, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), and he was expecting to return to ordinary priestly ministry.

Now it's happened again, when it was announced on Nov. 7 that Pope Francis had selected Cardinal Tobin to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, something that Bishop Melczek said is "a heavy cross" for his friend whom he knows "had a deep love for the people of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and was looking forward to ministering to them for many years.

"However, Cardinal Tobin is a man of the Church and he is also, at the depth of his heart, a missionary," he said. "He's always ready to do whatever the Church asks him to do. He realizes that in God's will is our peace. From a human point of view, it's difficult to uproot himself, yet he knows that he belongs wherever the Lord wants him."

Bishop Melczek said that Cardinal Tobin has encouraged Catholics across Indiana during the past four years to embrace God's love and mercy in their lives, and to then share it with others.

Cardinal Tobin's final act in leading the Church in central and southern Indiana—accepting God's will that he is to leave the Hoosier state behind to lead the Church in northern New Jersey—can



Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary, Ind., is pictured concelebrating Mass with U.S. bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome in this Feb. 13, 2012, file photo. He retired as bishop of Gary in 2014. Bishop Melczek has known Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin for nearly 40 years since their days ministering as priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

also help Catholics here grow in their faith.

"As difficult as it was personally to uproot himself, he knows that that is what he needs to do and joyfully does it," Bishop Melczek said. "He doesn't do it begrudgingly. He just accepts it, because it's clear that it's God's will.

"And once we know what God's will is, we do it with joy and we find peace in that." †

## Congratulations to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR



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# Parents' love and example planted seeds of faith for Tobin children

*(Editor's note: This story is the first of 10 "defining moments" that have shaped Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin throughout his life, and reflected key parts of his ministry in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the past four years. Look for these "defining moment" stories throughout this special edition.)*

By Mike Krokos and John Shaughnessy

The journey that led Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin to become a cardinal begins with two love stories.

The first story involves the love of his parents—Joseph and Marie—for each other.

"As years go on, I become much more aware and much more grateful for the gift of one's family, beginning with my parents," said Cardinal Tobin, the oldest of their 13 children.

"My mother had five cousins and three aunts who were nuns.

"My dad's mother immigrated to Boston and came from a rather poor, passionate and rollicking group of shanty Irish.

"You have this wonderfully pious mother—and a father who came out of a really tough background and who was a great football player. They found a love that not only united them, but brought the best out of each of them. And we kids were the benefit of that."

His second love story reveals the depth of the bond between a father and a son.

Growing up in a family that lived in one half of a duplex in Detroit for all of his childhood and youth, Cardinal Tobin saw up close the way his father treated his mother and cared for his children.

At 19, the future cardinal and his father worked alongside each other as they helped to build a larger house for the family on a small farm in Canada.

"I think the greatest gift my father gave me was an image of manhood," the cardinal said. "A man in the best sense. A chivalry toward women. A self-sacrificing love for his family. And he never once sent me to church. He took me with him. When I was kneeling next to him, I wanted to be like him."

The cardinal's father worked for General Motors, but he made sure he kept his work and family life separate.

"I said to him [one time], 'I never see you bring home work.' He looked at me and said, 'That's because I married your mother, I didn't marry General Motors.'"

Of course, the reality of nearly every love story is that there are not only chapters of hope, but heartbreak. The cardinal's dad died during a blizzard in 1977 when he suffered a heart attack after helping people stranded in the snowstorm.

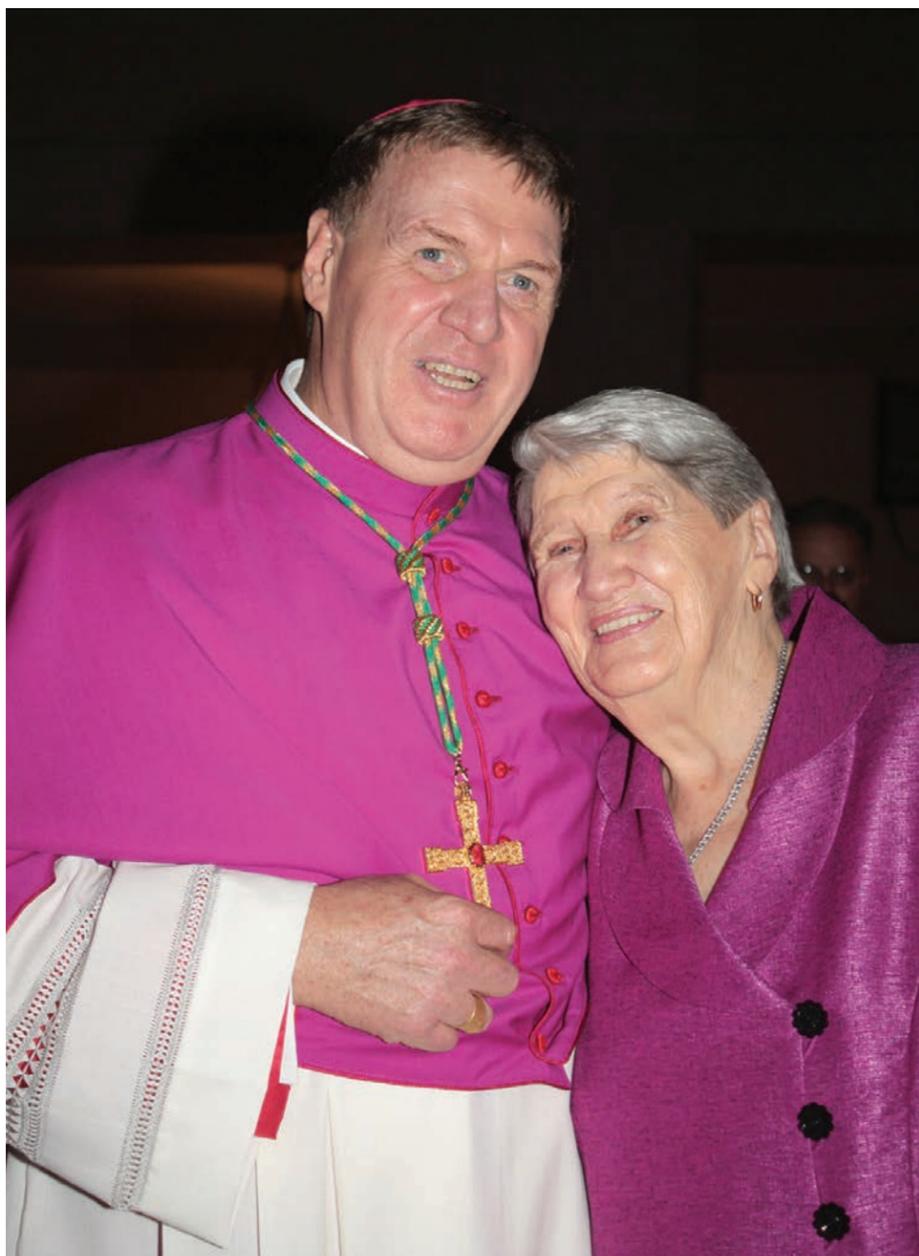
"My dad died when he was 54, and he left my mother with 13 children, the youngest of whom were 5 and 6," Cardinal Tobin recalled.

After his father's death, he went to General Motors to collect his dad's personal items. While he was familiar with many of the things that his dad kept in a box of belongings, there was one thing he didn't recognize: a wooden cross that was taped to a calculator.

"Anybody who came into that office saw it. He didn't show it off, but when they got close to him, they couldn't help but see it," Cardinal Tobin noted. "It was a symbol of what his faith meant. It meant that he was seeding, sowing where he lived: with his family, with his wife, with his children, in his community, in his parish and in his workplace."

His mother has kept a similar focus on faith, Cardinal Tobin said. She always stressed that her husband was with her through the years, helping her raise their 13 children.

The cardinal noted, "And when people say, 'Mrs. Tobin, how wonderful!—13 children and they all went to college,' her response is, 'How wonderful!—13 children and they all practice their faith.' " †



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin poses with his mother, Marie Tobin, on Oct. 9, 2010, after he was ordained an archbishop at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. (Criterion file photo)



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THE REDEMPTORISTS  
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# Religious order leaders express thanks for Cardinal Tobin

By Sean Gallagher

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has a soft spot in his heart for the men and women who have dedicated themselves to God and the Church in religious life.

He himself did this as a young man when he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), later served as the superior general of that worldwide order, then helped guide the life and ministry of the Church's more than 1 million religious as the secretary (second in authority) of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

So it's not surprising that the leaders of religious communities based in central and southern Indiana were grateful for Cardinal Tobin's leadership in the archdiocese over the past four years, elated to learn that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal and sad when they heard that he had been appointed to leave the Hoosier state to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J.

"Cardinal Tobin is truly a good man," said Providence Sister Dawn Tomaszewski, who was elected the new general superior of the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods in July. "I feel like he has been a wonderful pastor for all of us. And certainly in terms of religious women, he has been



Sr. Dawn Tomaszewski, S.P.

so supportive of the work we do and the ministries in which we're involved."

She saw this support on display in the first visit that Cardinal Tobin made to her community's motherhouse, which is northwest of Terre Haute.

"The first day that he came, he went from table to table in our dining room, greeting people," said Sister Dawn. "I don't even know if the man got to eat that day. Then he went and visited our sisters in health care. His pastoral attention has really been exquisite."

She understands the choice of Pope Francis to have him lead the Church in northern New Jersey, but is sad about it, too.

"We're going to miss him," said Sister Dawn. "There's no two ways about it. I want to try to say I'm happy for Newark, but I'm certainly sad for us. I understand the ways of the Church. The needs of the Newark Archdiocese are significant. And yet, it's been wonderful to have a man like this with us, even for a few years."

Cardinal Tobin took a retreat at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad shortly before he was installed as archbishop of Indianapolis on Dec. 3, 2012, and was at the monastery when he learned via Twitter on Oct. 9 that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal.

Benedictine Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, elected the leader of the archabbey in June, appreciated Cardinal Tobin's close connection with his community.

"He has always been a vocal supporter of our prayer and work here at Saint

Meinrad, for which we are grateful and by which we are inspired," Archabbot



Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, O.S.B.

in the Church."

Franciscan Sister Maureen Irvin, congregational minister of the Oldenburg-based Sisters of St. Francis, valued Cardinal Tobin's connecting of faith to care for the environment, a priority shared by her community.



Sr. Maureen Irvin, O.S.F.

"We were especially pleased with Cardinal Tobin's promotion of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," she said. "I think he challenged the Catholics of central and southern Indiana to live our faith and values by recognizing climate change and its impact on those living in poverty and on Earth, our common home."

Sister Maureen also sees a message in Cardinal Tobin's acceptance of God's will in his own life, even when it presents difficult, unwanted challenges.

"I think we need to remember Cardinal Tobin's open response to the many changes required of him in recent years, from his being named an archbishop, to coming to Indianapolis, to being named a cardinal and then being appointed to the Newark Archdiocese," she said. "He saw each of these changes as the will of God, and responded with a generous heart and spirit."

Discalced Carmelite Mother Anne Brackman, prioress of the Monastery of St. Joseph in Terre Haute, leads a small community of cloistered nuns dedicated to a hidden life of prayer for the Church and the world.

As active as Cardinal Tobin has been in serving the faithful in central and southern Indiana and the broader Church around the world, she said she and her community feel shaped in their life and prayer by the witness of Cardinal Tobin.

In explaining this close connection, Mother Anne quoted the 20th-century philosopher Max Scheler who, in distinguishing a leader from a model, said "to leaders we submit, but models we love and in loving, become akin to them."

Mother Anne added that Cardinal Tobin for her community is "a man who inspires us to be welcoming and accepting, to look beyond our local Church to the world and its needs, especially now as the world grapples

Kurt said. "I believe Cardinal Tobin leaves a legacy of genuine care for his people. He was a great promoter of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as he was also one who encouraged the participation and leadership of women



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin poses with the Discalced Carmelite nuns of the Monastery of St. Joseph in Terre Haute on Oct. 10, 2015, after celebrating a Mass with them in honor of the 500th anniversary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila, the foundress of the their religious order. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

with the millions of refugees and immigrants.

"His giftedness is so rich that we knew that he would be needed in more critical areas of the Church in the U.S.," she said. "It was a privilege to have him among us for four years. His presence, guidance and witness will be deeply missed by our community."

Conventual Franciscan Father James Kent, leader of the Mount St. Francis-based Province of Our Lady of Consolation, recalled with joy the many times that Cardinal Tobin visited him and his friars in southern Indiana.



Fr. James Kent, O.F.M. Conv.

One was a Franciscan brother who had taught as a lay Catholic at Holy Redeemer School in Detroit when Cardinal Tobin served as associate pastor of the parish.

"It was obvious he treasured those years in pastoral ministry," Father James said. "The way he would light up recalling with fondness the neighbors he had served 35 years ago, and how he learned so much from them, illumined his pastoral nature that is, at its core, the heart of a shepherd."

While losing an archbishop with such an approach to pastoral leadership is not easy, Father James is focusing on gratitude for Cardinal Tobin's four years leading the Church in central and southern Indiana.

"What a gift this shepherd has been to so many," he said. "His legacy is rooted in the seeds he planted that will bear fruit well into the future, all at the service of the Lord."

"It was a blessing that he ministered in our archdiocese, something for which I am deeply grateful. He will most

certainly be a blessing to the Archdiocese of Newark, and a gift to the Church universal in his role as a cardinal."



Sr. Jennifer Mechtild Horner, O.S.B.

Benedictine Sister Jennifer Mechtild Horner was elected prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in 2015. She, too, is grateful for Cardinal Tobin's valuing of the life and ministry of women religious and the time he spent with her community.

"Open to dialogue, Cardinal Tobin was more than willing to talk about issues facing women religious in the Church today," she said. "He was easy to be with, and he had a way of being present to each person in a very special way. His humor and his ability to not take himself too seriously is a great gift. We felt comfortable in his presence because he seemed comfortable in ours."

Sister Jennifer said that following Cardinal Tobin's leadership and witness of faith will be a challenge for the faithful of central and southern Indiana, but one that can be achieved with God's help.

"Cardinal Tobin leaves a great legacy, and we must ask for the grace to carry it forward," she said. "Called to reach out to the poor, we will need to continue to look for ways to serve the poor so that no one is excluded or left without what they need."

"We will need to look for ways to continue his call to dialogue as we look to build bridges that will allow those with differing opinions to talk with one another. We will need to call each other to a way of acting that is different than the world's way."

"If we can welcome Christ in all people, we will have begun to live the legacy that Cardinal Tobin leaves us." †

## Retired bishop, former archdiocesan priest, values Cardinal Tobin's humility

By Sean Gallagher

Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger has the most longstanding ties with the Church in Indiana of any of the bishops in the state.



Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger

bishop of Evansville in 1989.

Although he retired in 2011, a year

Born in 1935, he grew up as a member of St. Bernard Parish in Frenchtown in the New Albany Deanery.

He was ordained a priest for the Church in central and southern Indiana in 1961, served in many archdiocesan leadership positions and was appointed

before Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was appointed archbishop of Indianapolis, Bishop Gettelfinger has spent enough time with him to have a great appreciation for him and a pride that he is leading the archdiocese in which he grew up and served as a priest.

"Cardinal Tobin is a man of faith," said Bishop Gettelfinger. "He is most humble. He is not one seeking honors, not a climber with ambitions of grandeur. He is even somewhat embarrassed by his appointment [as a cardinal]."

"He is Joe to us bishops in Indiana, and does not stand on ceremony. He is as common as an old shoe. He is one to whom I relate as a close and younger brother—but also a competent leader."

Bishop Gettelfinger first met Cardinal

Tobin while the cardinal was serving as the secretary (second in authority) of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, a position he held from 2010-12. The impression of Cardinal Tobin's approach to ministry, Bishop Gettelfinger said, has been confirmed over the past four years.

"I have been most impressed by his incredible talent to listen to the other person with utmost respect and patience," Bishop Gettelfinger said. "Then he has the great talent to synthesize in a few words the substance of the other person's idea. That is a legacy he leaves for us bishops as well as all leadership in the Church of Indiana."

At 81, Bishop Gettelfinger has given himself to ordained ministry in Indiana

for 55 years. From that perspective of age and experience, he was encouraged to see the care Cardinal Tobin gave to retired priests. This was embodied, he said, when he celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for Father Hilary Meny, the longest serving priest in the history of the archdiocese, who died on Oct. 7 at 101.

The funeral took place on Oct. 12, just days after Pope Francis had announced his selection of Cardinal Tobin to the College of Cardinals.

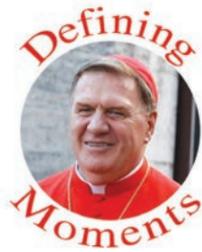
"That act alone epitomizes his love for all his priests and those who care for us," Bishop Gettelfinger said. "Cardinal Tobin's gift of presence erases the feeling of some retired priests feeling abandoned and [shows] gratitude to those who care for us." †

# Home parish helped Cardinal Tobin live out his vocation as missionary

By Sean Gallagher

The roots of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin's vocation as a priest extend to his years growing up in a family of 13 children.

"It teaches you that you don't have the final word in the sense that what I want doesn't dictate the course of the family. It can't," said Cardinal Tobin, the oldest of the 13 children. "You learn to share. You



learn to support each other. You learn to ask forgiveness."

He also learned to pray, especially for vocations.

"After Sunday Mass, our most common prayer experience was the

family rosary. We always ended with a prayer for vocations. So I think it taught all of us that we were praying for something good. It was also a witness to us kids that this was something that our parents, if God was calling us, would support."

His parents supported Cardinal Tobin in his discernment without putting pressure on him.

"My dad said, 'If you believe it's God's plan for you to be a religious and a priest, you do it. But you don't do it to please me. I'll love you and I'll support you in any way that you think you're doing God's will.'"

Cardinal Tobin in part discerned a call to life as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, commonly known as the Redemptorists, because members of that order staffed Most Holy Redeemer Parish, his home parish in Detroit.

Cardinal Tobin entered a Redemptorist high school seminary in Wisconsin, and became a novice in the order after his second year in college. During that year, he was faced with the challenge of

learning how to enter into contemplative prayer.

"In my younger days, I always thought of myself as a man of action," Cardinal Tobin said. "I always think that the novitiate is one of the most difficult journeys anybody makes because it's a journey within yourself, looking at yourself."

During his years of religious and priestly formation, Cardinal Tobin entered more and more into the missionary spirit of his order.

His pastoral work, largely carried out in an African-American parish in the inner city of St. Louis, was part of his preparation for ministry as a priest, which he began after being ordained in 1978.

Yet while his order spread to dozens of developing countries—prime mission territory—Cardinal Tobin was assigned after his ordination to his home parish, Most Holy Redeemer in Detroit, to serve its growing Hispanic community.

"I went back to my room and cried," he said. "I had the notion of being a missionary. In my horizon at that time, being a missionary didn't mean going back to where you started.

"I should have known that Jesus went back to Nazareth and talked to his own."



After celebrating Mass at his home parish, Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit, on Nov. 25, 2010, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin stands in the church's main aisle greeting parishioners for more than a half-hour. Archbishop Tobin was baptized at the church and was its pastor for several years after being ordained a priest. (File photos by Larry A. Peplin, *The Michigan Catholic*)

Cardinal Tobin now recalls those years at that parish as "an absolutely fabulous experience of poverty."

He thought again of it when he received the news that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal.

"I've thought of different moments early on—the people I met and what they taught me," he said. "I think of being with dying people, being invited into the homes of families that were having problems. All of that has crossed my mind." †



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin elevates the Eucharist during a Nov. 25, 2010, Mass celebrated at his home parish, Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit.

  
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# God's call to 'love more' is message of Cardinal Tobin's ministry

By Sean Gallagher and John Shaughnessy

For 21 years, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin called Rome home.

It's the city where he served as the superior general of the approximately 5,300 Redemptorists around the world.

It's also where he ministered as the secretary—the second in authority—in the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, helping to guide the life and ministry of 1 million men and women religious around the world.

It's also where he earned a reputation for caring for the poor, the elderly and people with disabilities in Rome's Primavalle neighborhood.

"I was blessed in my two decades in Rome to have a lot of friends," he recalled of his time in the Eternal City from 1991 through 2012.

Yet, it's also a destination that he didn't initially embrace when he learned that he might be sent to Rome to serve in the leadership of his order. At the time in 1991, he was ministering in a largely Hispanic parish in Chicago.

"When they called me, ... I had a hot dog in one hand, a Spanish Bible in the other and I was thinking that I was going to be playing hockey that night," he recalled. "So all

I said to the provincial was, 'If you can guarantee in Rome that I can play hockey, eat hot dogs and teach Spanish Bible circles, then I'm your guy.' I figured that wasn't possible."

It wasn't possible, but he was sent to Rome anyway.

"I went there in a really bad humor," he said of his move to Italy in 1991. "The [superior] general then really helped me. He said that I had to see what we did [in Rome] as missionary. If I was going to think that we were administrators, I was going to go crazy and drive him crazy."

Cardinal Tobin took that advice to heart and, like a missionary, traveled to serve his order and the Church in dozens of countries around the world, including for 12 years as his order's superior general.

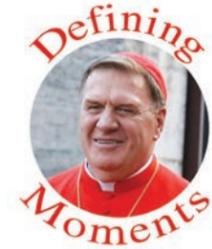
He recalled those years of leadership from 1997 to 2009 shortly after Pope Francis selected him as a cardinal on Oct. 9, 2016.

"I was the superior general of the Redemptorists for 12 years," Cardinal Tobin said. "In my final, circular letter to the congregation, I reflected on why God called me to do this work."

"At the end, I said I think I was elected because God believed I didn't love the congregation enough. So he gave me 12 years to love it more. And perhaps [the news that Pope Francis had selected him as a cardinal] was an indication that God thinks I don't love the Church enough. So he's given me an even more profound way to love it more." †



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin shares an embrace with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Nov. 20. (Photo courtesy L'Osservatore Romano)



## Mother Teresa's lesson in faith to Cardinal Tobin: 'I get just what I need'

By John Shaughnessy

With a laugh, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin recalled the time when "a living saint"—Mother Teresa—became angry with him.

It happened during his time as a pastor in Detroit, a time when he was also the chaplain for the sisters of the Missionaries of Charities—the order Mother Teresa had established—who were helping homeless women and children in that Michigan city.

"They needed a home," the cardinal recalled. "Mother Teresa was nobody's fool. She came to the

city knowing there would be a fair amount of publicity, a Mass and probably a collection.

"The sisters invited me to come to the Mass, and I was happy to concelebrate. Everyone who was anyone was there. So after Mass, I gave up any hope of speaking with her."

Yet his time came the next day when he received a phone call at the rectory, shortly after he had returned from fixing a toilet for a parish member who was blind. He was still in his coveralls when one of the sisters from India phoned, telling him Mother Teresa wanted to meet with him.

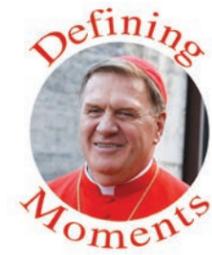
Cardinal Tobin remembered responding, "You tell Mother I'm going to get cleaned up and put on my cassock, and I'll be right over. The sister got back on the

phone and said, 'Mother says to come now.' "

So he did, still in his coveralls.

"What do you say to a living saint?" the cardinal said with a smile. "I was the pastor of a poor parish in the inner city so I asked her a pastor's question, 'Mother, how did you do in the collection last night?' She looked at me with a big smile. She said, 'You know, Father, I knew before the Mass how much money I needed. I got exactly that amount. I didn't get 10 cents more or 10 cents less.'

"My jaw dropped. I said, 'Wow, Mother, that's really something.' She got angry. Isn't that great? A living saint gets angry with you. She said, 'No, Father, that's not something. God never gives me too much—for fear that I'll forget him. I get just what I need.' " †



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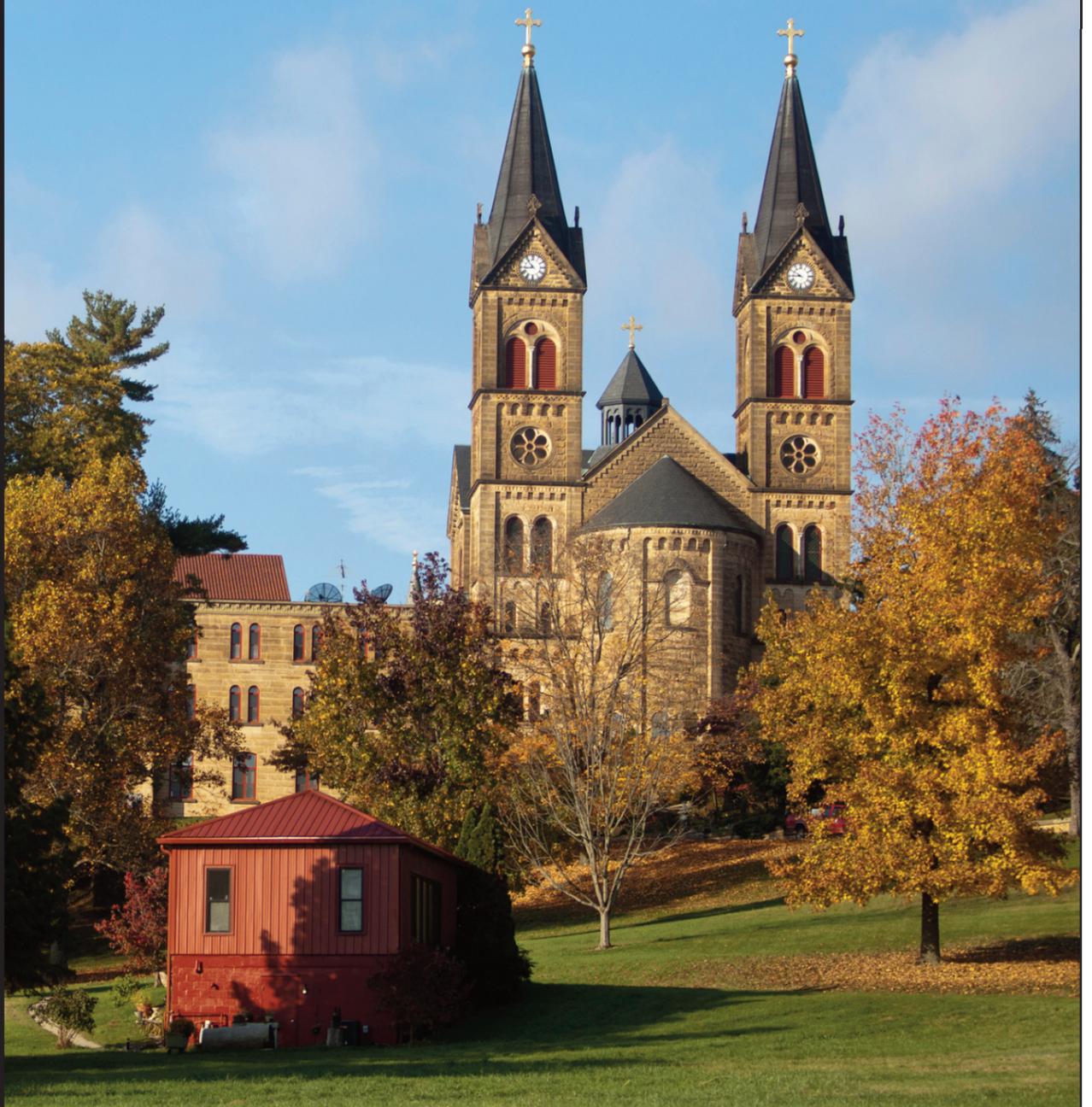
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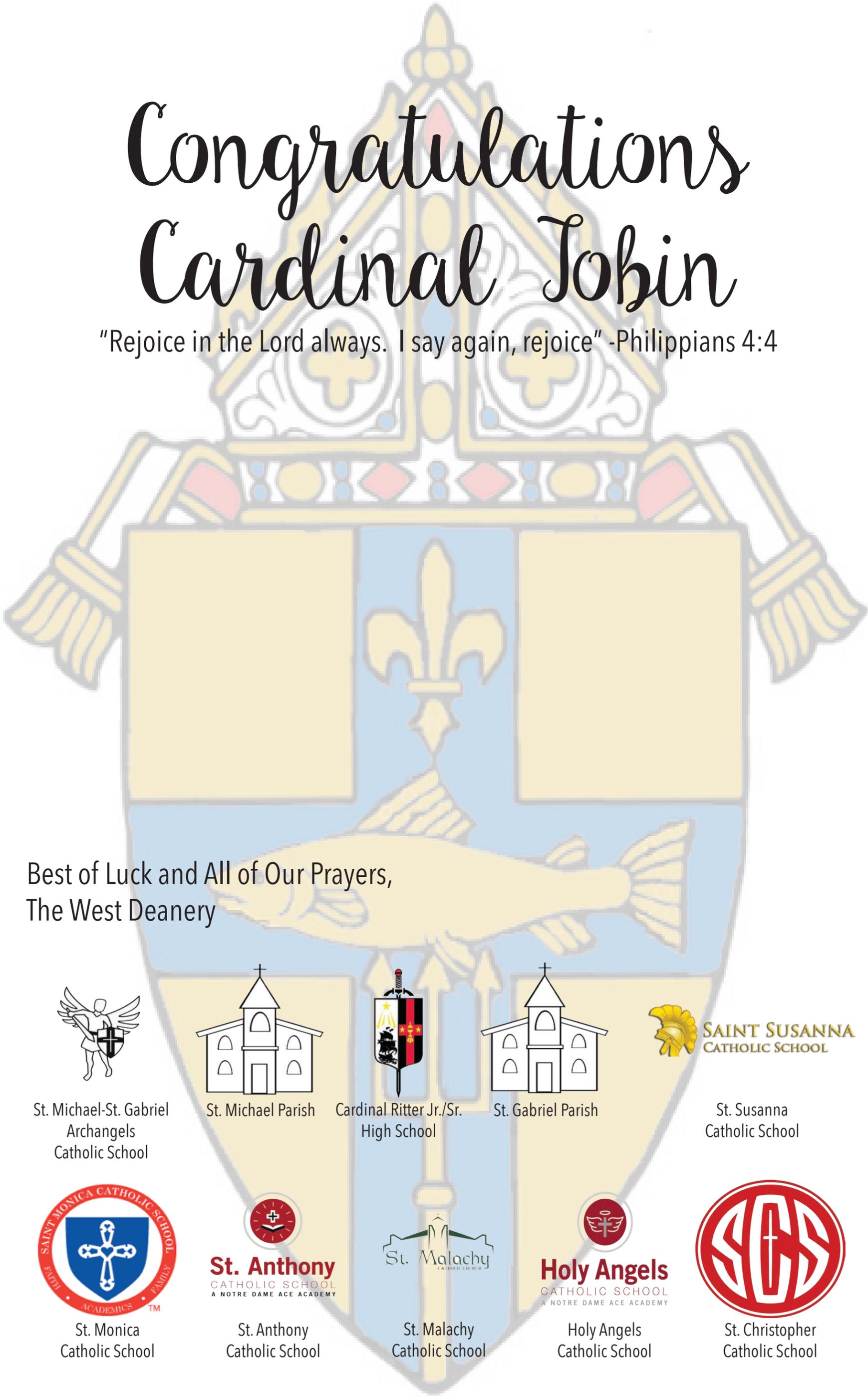
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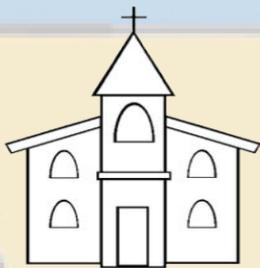
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# As disciples of Christ, faithful are called to ‘obligation of love’

By Sean Gallagher

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin shared a telling message about “the obligation of love” when he was installed as the sixth shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on Dec. 3, 2012.

In a homily he delivered during the Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, the archbishop reflected on how St. Paul saw himself as obligated to preach the Gospel because Christ loved him first. “And so, for us Catholics of central and southern Indiana, if someone asks us, ‘Why do you do what you do?’ it’s not simply because we’re obeying rules,” Archbishop Tobin said.

“It is rather an encounter with a person, someone who has loved us first and someone who asks us to continue his loving presence in the world. And so all of us who belong to this particular Church are under an obligation—the obligation of love.”

Archbishop Tobin said that he and the Catholics of central and southern Indiana are to express that love with the passion that drove St. Francis Xavier, a patron saint of the archdiocese whose feast day is Dec. 3, to preach the Gospel in India—halfway around the world from his home in Spain.

“What we will do together as a Church, we will do with passion, the passion that characterized our patron saint, Francis Xavier,” Archbishop Tobin said. “And we will do whatever the Lord asks us to do in bringing the Good News, especially to those who have the least chance of hearing it, for those who live on the margin of things,

for those who have been hurt by the Church, for those who feel themselves to be forgotten.”

Archbishop Tobin also called upon the example of the Servant of God Bishop Simon Bruté, the first bishop of Vincennes, to explain how to love and avoid the opposite of love—fear.

He first quoted—and claimed as a description of his own mission—a pastoral letter that Bishop Bruté wrote to the Catholics of his diocese shortly after he was ordained a bishop in 1834 in which he described himself as “your chief pastor.”

“He didn’t say ‘the only pastor,’ ” Archbishop Tobin said. “For the mission that I begin today, I share.”

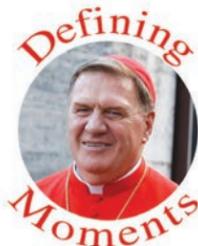
He then described the people with whom he will minister as shepherd of the archdiocese—the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful of central and southern Indiana.

Archbishop Tobin then recalled a saying of Bishop Bruté.

“He said, ‘Fear is one of the devil’s greatest devices.’ The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will not be a Church of fear because it could not [then] be true to Jesus Christ, who said that love is the characteristic of his disciples. We will seek to eliminate fear. And we will announce the Good News together.”

Archbishop Tobin also paid tribute to his immediate predecessor, Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein, who attended the installation Mass.

In remarks at the end of the Mass, Archbishop Tobin thanked Archbishop Buechlein “for laying a firm foundation and of being so gracious to me in our conversations, and for his promise to be always a cell phone call away when I run up against implacable problems.” †



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin sits in the new cathedra at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis for the first time during the Dec. 3, 2012, Mass when he was installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis. (Criterion file photo by Mary Ann Garber)

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# Archbishop Tobin's first visit to the Holy Land provided lasting impact

By Natalie Hoefler

As of February 2015, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin's service for the Church and the Redemptorist order had taken him to a staggering 70 countries.

But for all that travel, there was one special place of religious significance he had not visited—the Holy Land.

So when Archbishop Tobin set forth on a pilgrimage there with more than 50 Catholics from central and southern Indiana, it was as a pilgrim that he traveled, and not as a guide.

"For most of my life, I have been fascinated by the meaning of the 'Word made flesh,'" he told *The Criterion* in an article announcing the pilgrimage in June of 2014. "God took flesh—became one of us—at a specific moment in human history and really walked this Earth in

a particular land. I believe that tracing those footsteps will help me be a more committed disciple of Jesus and a better shepherd for his people."

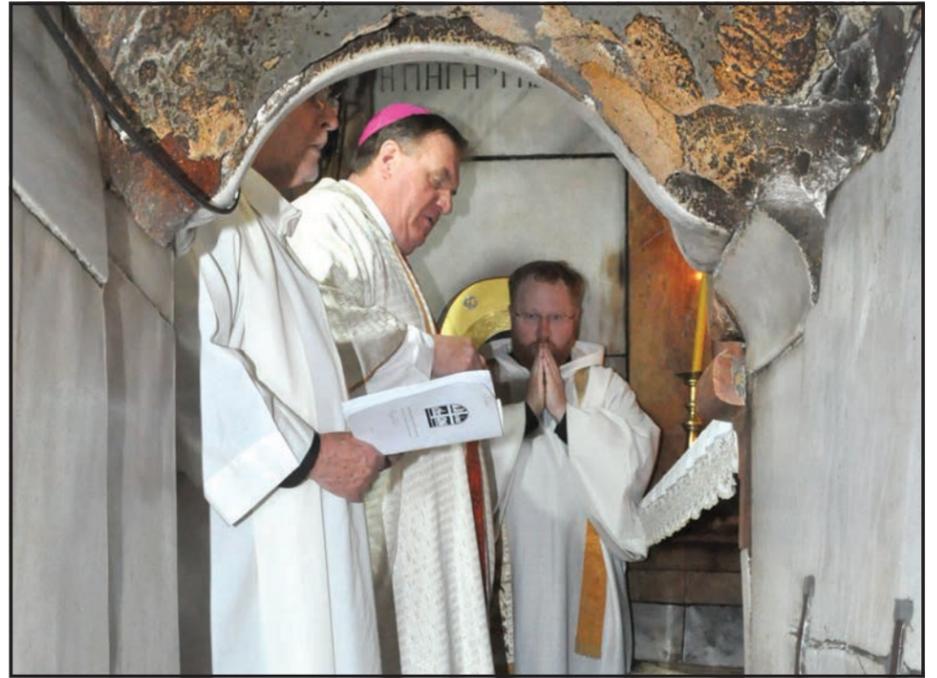
Many of his homilies since that pilgrimage have featured meaningful events that made an impact on him, and seven of his weekly "Rejoice in the Lord" columns during Lent and Easter of 2015 reflected upon his journey.

While every day of the 11-day pilgrimage provided meaningful, impactful moments, walking and praying along the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Way of Sorrow," also known as the Stations of the Cross, in Old City Jerusalem was especially memorable for the archbishop.

"Occasionally, a shopkeeper would attempt to sell us something," he recalled in his March 27 column. "Once or twice, we were scolded—even spit at—for reasons we can only guess.

"Jesus received similar treatment [only much, much worse] as he carried his cross through the narrow streets and outskirts of Jerusalem on his way to the Skull Place [Golgotha]."

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Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, center, celebrates Mass at the site venerated as Christ's tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Old City Jerusalem on Feb. 13, 2015. He is assisted by Father Robert Mazzola, left, and Father Joseph Newton, right. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)

# Cardinal Tobin leaves with 'bonds of love, mercy, forgiveness and joy'

By John Shaughnessy

While Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has traveled to more than 70 countries in his 38 years as a priest, one of his favorite international trips involved representing the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

That memorable moment occurred during the summer of 2013 when he led 80 Catholics from central and southern Indiana on a pilgrimage to Italy.

On the morning of June 29 of that year, Archbishop Tobin knelt in front of Pope Francis at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican to receive

his pallium—a circular band made from lamb's wool that symbolizes his role as the shepherd of the archdiocese and his communion with the pope.

"I'm where I'm meant to be—with the Church in central and southern Indiana," he noted after the pallium Mass.

His commitment and his connection with the people of the archdiocese grew so much deeper in the 3 1/2 years since that symbolic moment, Cardinal Tobin says.

When Pope Francis announced 17 new cardinals on Oct. 9, Cardinal Tobin's immediate reaction was one of gratitude for the people in the archdiocese. There was a feeling of heartbreak 13 days later when Pope Francis told Cardinal Tobin he was being reassigned to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N. J.

Cardinal Tobin shared his sadness in a letter to the Catholics of central and southern Indiana on Nov. 7. In part of that letter, he noted, "I know that I will leave a considerable chunk of my heart here in the Catholic communities of central and southern Indiana. I trust that God will fill that void with overflowing gratitude for the gift of sharing a portion of the pilgrimage with you."

That journey together has led to lasting "bonds of love, mercy, forgiveness and joy" for Cardinal Tobin.

"What four years has done for me is that this wonderful Catholic community spread across 39 counties has gone from 'the archdiocese' to 'my people.' I don't mean that in a proprietary way at all. They have a claim on me, and I have a claim on them."

It's a claim that continues even as he heads to Newark. †



## Congratulations!

Truly a shepherd to your flock, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R., you are a man of great humility and an inspirational example to your faithful. We have been blessed by your leadership in our Archdiocese and we pray that God continues to protect and guide you in your new role as Cardinal in our Holy Church. Godspeed and know how much you will be missed.

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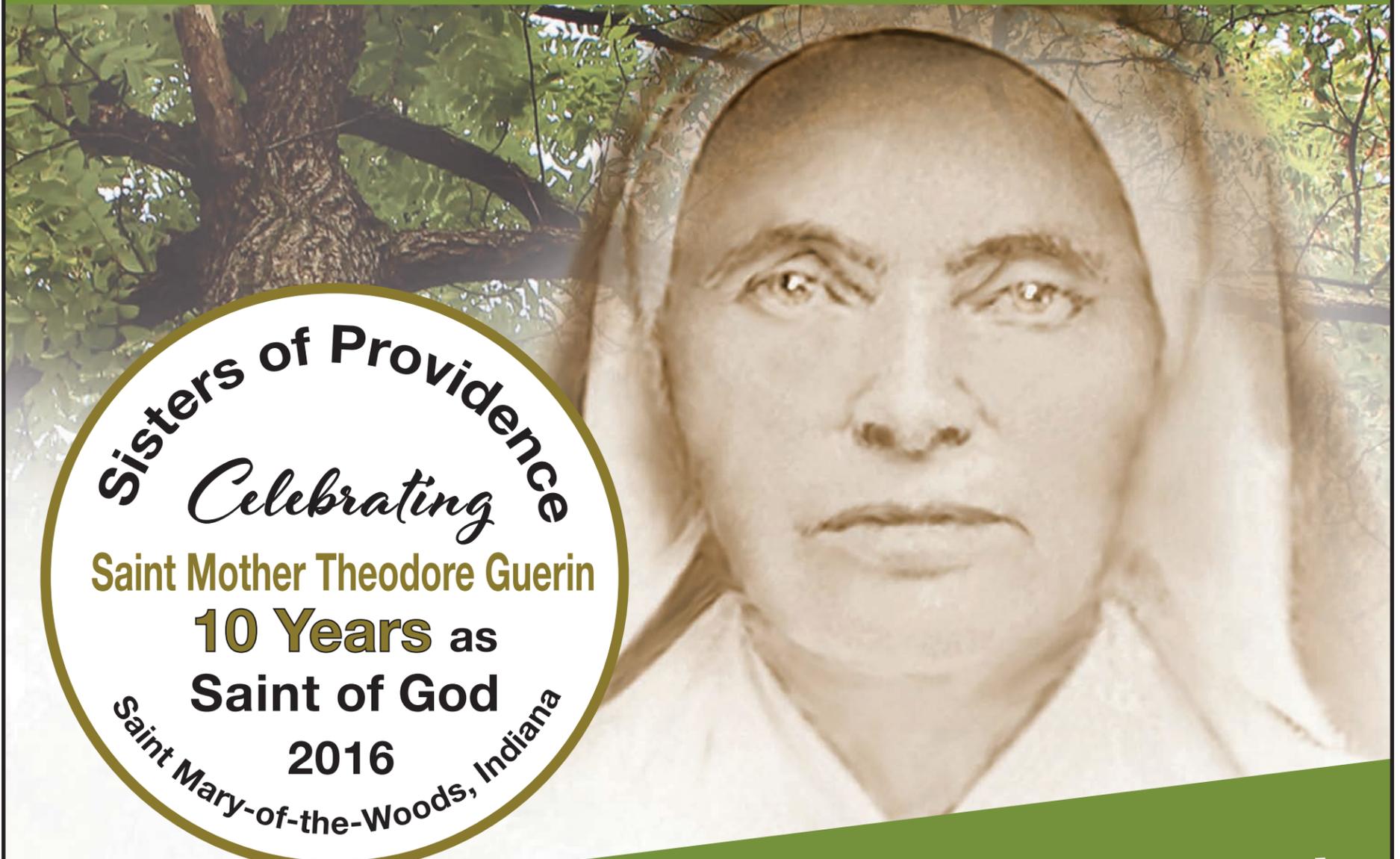
Cardinal **Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R.**,  
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Given that the eighth American Saint — our beloved Saint Mother Theodore Guerin — came from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, it seems only right and just that a new cardinal would have roots in the Archdiocese.

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On the last full day of the pilgrimage, Archbishop Tobin had the privilege of celebrating Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the chapel over the site believed to be Christ's tomb.

"Here, in this very place, he rose from the dead," he wrote in his April 3 column. "Here, he overcame my sins—and the



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin looks out across the Sea of Galilee from the shores of Capernaum, the home of St. Peter, in Israel on Feb. 9, 2015. (File photos by Natalie Hoefler)

sins of the world—and conquered death once and for all. Here, he triumphed over the evil that even today appears to us to be insurmountable. Here, Love was victorious once and for all!"

Archbishop Tobin and the pilgrims not only walked in the footsteps of Christ, but also of Christ's Apostles, particularly St. Peter, the first leader of the Church. He noted in his Feb. 27 column that the pilgrimage took them to important sites in the life of Peter, including Jaffa, the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and Jerusalem, where Peter denied knowing Christ.

"Our encounters with St. Peter in the Holy Land brought my fellow pilgrims and me closer to the humanity of Jesus, who loved and forgave Peter just as he loves and forgives us."

In a question-and-answer interview with *The Criterion* the day after the announcement of his designation as a cardinal in October, Archbishop Tobin mentioned his continuing identification with St. Peter several times, particularly when the Apostle saw Jesus walking during a storm on the waters of the Sea of Galilee—waters the archbishop saw and rode upon during his pilgrimage.

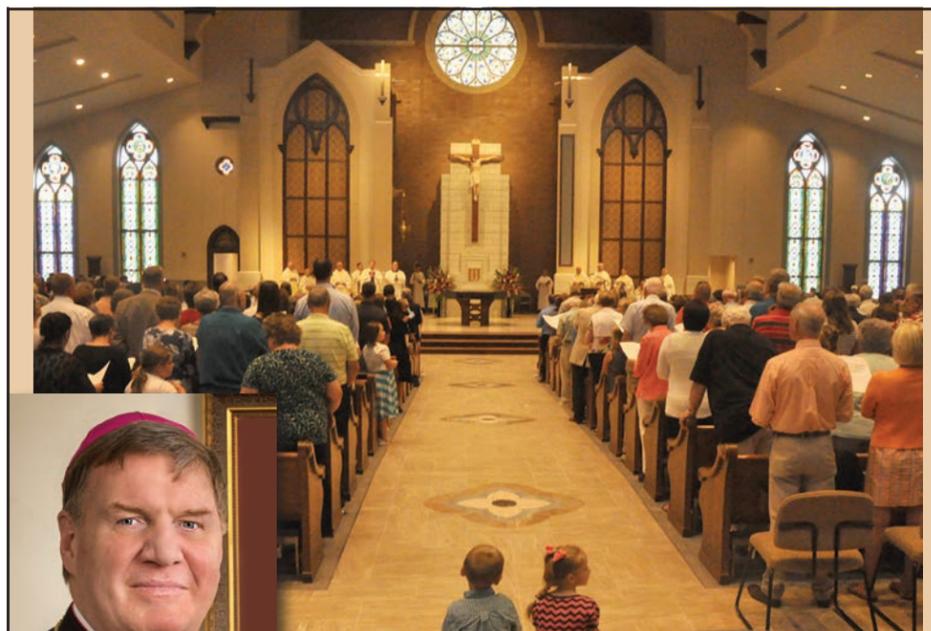
"Peter, for reasons that have never been clear to me, blurts out, 'If it's you, have me walk on the water' [Mt 14:28]. Why didn't he say, 'If it's you, calm the storm?'" Archbishop Tobin reflected. "Maybe it was that visceral desire to follow him.

"And Jesus says, 'Come' [Mt 14:29]. And [Peter] gets out of the boat. ... He was OK as long as he maintained his eyes focused on Jesus. What I've tried to do in the last 24 hours is to think, 'You invite me to get out of the boat. Help me to see you.'" †

(For access to photos from the Holy Land pilgrimage and the archbishop's columns, reflections and homilies from it, log on to [holylanarchindy.blogspot.com](http://holylanarchindy.blogspot.com).) †



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin leads pilgrims in prayer while walking the Via Dolorosa, or "Way of Sorrow," along the shop-lined alleys of Old City Jerusalem on Feb. 11, 2015.



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**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R**

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# On a memorable day at the Vatican, a humble leader becomes a cardinal



Above: Newly-made Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin greets Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI, who first named him archbishop and appointed him to lead the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, in the moments after the consistory of cardinals on Nov. 19 at the Vatican.

Left: Pope Francis makes Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin a cardinal of the Church by placing a red hat on his head during a consistory on Nov. 19 in St. Peter's Basilica. (Photos courtesy of L'Osservatore Romano)



Above: Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin embraces Pope Francis after the consistory that made him a cardinal on Nov. 19 in St. Peter's Basilica.



Left: Pope Francis embraces Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin in the moments after making him a cardinal of the Church on Nov. 19 in St. Peter's Basilica.

Right: A view from above of the consistory of cardinals on Nov. 19 in St. Peter's Basilica.



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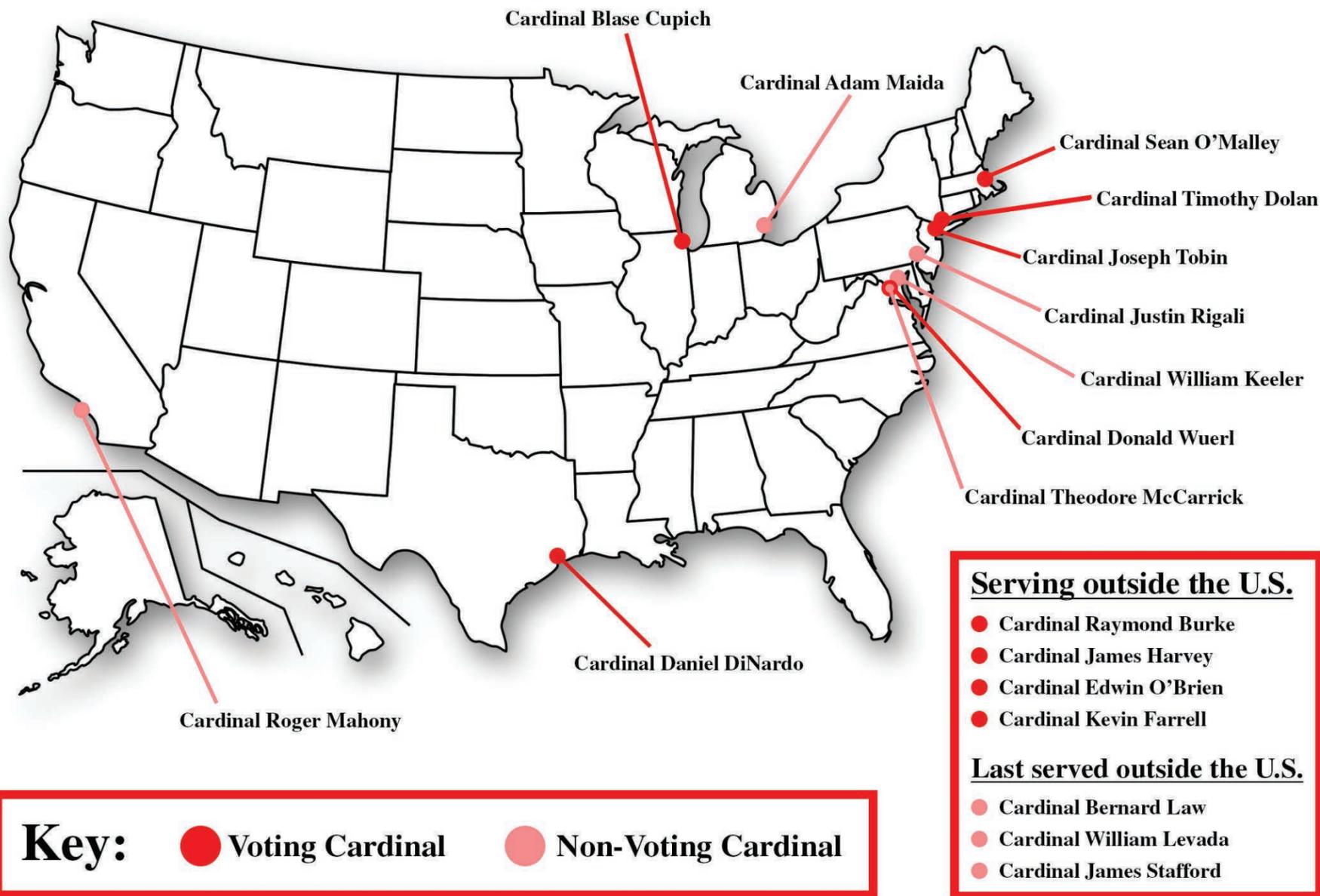


Left: All the newly created cardinals from the Nov. 19 consistory in Rome pose with Pope Francis after the ceremony.

Right: With the title to his new titular church in hand, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin walks back to his seat after kneeling before Pope Francis during the consistory ceremony on Nov. 19 in St. Peter's Basilica.



# Who are the active and retired cardinals of the United States?



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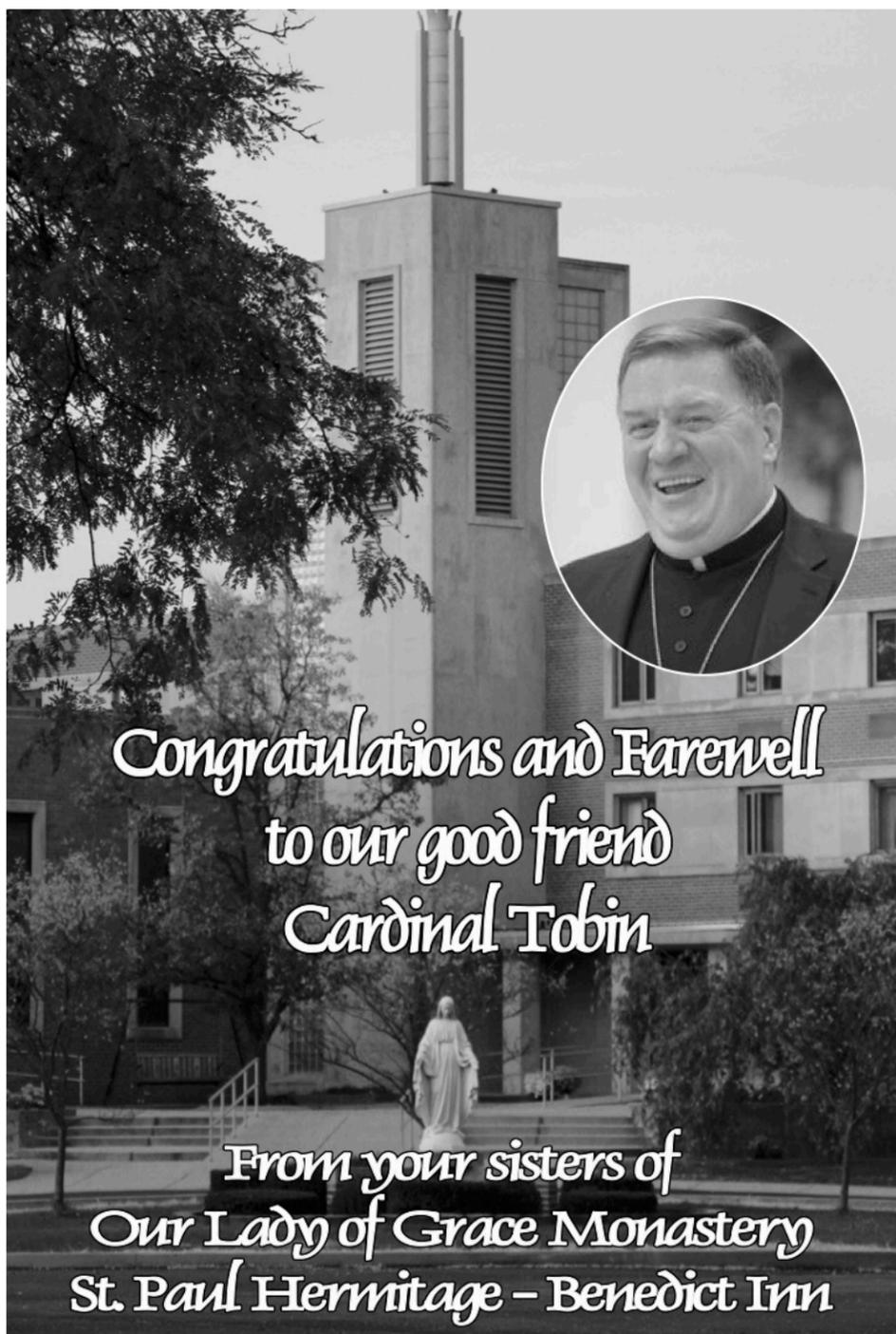


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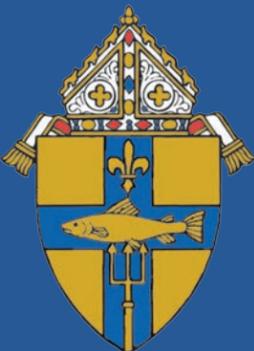


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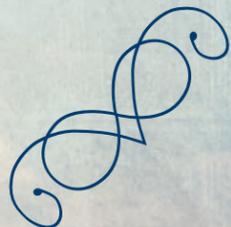
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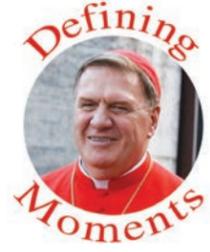
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# Archbishop Tobin makes national headlines for allowing Syrian refugee family to resettle in Indianapolis

By Natalie Hoefler

The wheels were in motion—a Syrian refugee family of a young married couple and their two small children was scheduled to arrive in Indianapolis in early December of 2015 for resettlement through the archdiocesan Refugee and Immigrant Services program.



But on Nov. 16, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence announced that he would suspend the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the state. The archbishop met with the governor on Dec. 2, 2015, to discuss the family's plight, to reassure him that the refugees had gone through an extensive background check, and to explain the archdiocese's refugee resettlement process.

Pence did not change his stance. Nor did the archbishop. A press release

was distributed to the media by the archdiocese on Dec. 8, 2015, announcing that the Syrian family had arrived safely the night before.

"I thank Governor Pence for meeting with me last Wednesday, when I was able to explain in some detail the plight of this family as well as the role of the archdiocese's Refugee and Immigrant Services program in welcoming them to Indianapolis, where the family already has some relatives," the archbishop stated in the press release.

"I listened to the governor's concerns regarding security and prayerfully considered his request that we defer from welcoming them until Congress had approved new legislation regarding immigrants and refugees.

"I informed the governor prior to the family's arrival that I had asked the staff of Catholic Charities to receive this husband, wife and their two small children as planned."

The family arrived in the archdiocese on the eve of the beginning of the Holy

*'We welcome this family during Advent, a time when the Christian community asks God to renew our hope and recognize God's saving power among us. As we wait with hope during this season of Advent, I ask all people of good will to pray for peace in our homes, local communities and throughout the world.'*

—Then-Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin about his decision to accept a Syrian refugee family in December 2015 despite objections from Gov. Mike Pence



Year of Mercy, and also in the midst of Advent, as Archbishop Tobin noted.

"We welcome this family during Advent, a time when the Christian community asks God to renew our hope and recognize God's saving power among us," he said.

"As we wait with hope during this season of Advent, I ask all people of good will to pray for peace in our homes,

local communities and throughout the world."

The event was reported in newspapers around the nation and has been retold in articles announcing the archbishop's selection as a cardinal, including the headline of the Catholic News Service's story on Oct. 10, 2016: "Cardinal-designate Tobin made news defending Church aid to refugees." †

## How are a bishop, archbishop and cardinal different or the same?

(Editor's note: This story is adapted from an article written by Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of Lafayette that appeared in the Oct. 23 issue of The Catholic Moment, newspaper of the Diocese of Lafayette, Ind.)

A bishop is a priest who carries the fullness of the sacrament of holy orders ("Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church," #15). He usually heads a diocese, and is called an "ordinary" because he promotes order and is in charge.

An auxiliary bishop is one who assists the diocesan bishop. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne

recently served as an auxiliary bishop under both Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin.

A coadjutor bishop is appointed to assist a diocesan bishop, and has the right of succession when the diocesan bishop retires or dies.

A man becomes an archbishop, in most cases, because he had been named as the head of an archdiocese. Some archbishops have the title because they oversee important administrative functions, or they receive the title as an honor.

The title "cardinal" is given to members of the College of Cardinals.

The appointment is made by the pope, and a cardinal's most notable role will be to serve as a papal elector. It is a lifetime title, but the ability to vote for a successor pope ceases at a cardinal's 80th birthday.

With the most recent appointments, there will be about 125 voting-age cardinals worldwide. Most of the cardinals are archbishops, but occasionally a pope will bestow the honor on a scholar or an outstanding priest.

As a body, the cardinals provide the pope some assistance in the administration of the Church. Their title

brings some extra responsibilities in their own countries and within the worldwide Church.

The word "cardinal" seems to have roots in the Latin word "cardo," which means hinge. One might surmise that the good of the Church and the succession of popes hinges on the members of this college.

Different resources will offer more detail about these titles, including *The New Catholic Encyclopedia* (2002) and *The Encyclopedia of Catholicism* (1995). See also the website [www.catholiceducation.org](http://www.catholiceducation.org). †

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# Connection of teacher and disciple at the heart of friendship of Cardinal Tobin, Pope Francis

By John Shaughnessy

As Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin headed to Rome to be installed as a cardinal by Pope Francis on Nov. 19, his thoughts naturally returned to the first time he met the pope.

The year was 2005, and the two men were part of a meeting of the Synod of Bishops. For the better part of four weeks, they sat next to each other, talking about the topics of the meeting and getting to know each other through their shared ability to speak Spanish.

At the time, Cardinal Tobin was the superior general of the Redemptorist order while Pope Francis was Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the archbishop of Buenos Aires. The synod took place shortly after the conclave of 2005 that elected Benedict XVI as pope—a conclave in which many observers noted that Cardinal Bergoglio likely finished in second place.

“I told the cardinal later on that he was my mother’s candidate [in 2005],” Cardinal Tobin recalled, citing the way his mother appreciated how then-Cardinal Bergoglio lived in a small apartment, took a bus to work and cooked his own meals. “He got quite a laugh out of that.”

From that moment on, whenever their paths have crossed, Pope Francis has always asked Cardinal Tobin about his mother, Marie.

“Like a good pastor, he remembers things,” Cardinal Tobin said. “Whenever I’ve seen him—and even in times he’s written to me—he always says, ‘How’s your mother, and does she still pray for me?’ I assured him she’s a good Catholic, and she prays for the Holy Father.”

The bond between the two men was especially evident when Archbishop Tobin knelt before Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Basilica on June 29, 2013, to receive his pallium—a circular band made from lamb’s wool that symbolizes his role as the shepherd of the archdiocese and his communion with the pope.

In that moment, Pope Francis spent considerable time talking with Cardinal Tobin. At one point in their conversation, Pope Francis told him, “I’ve been praying intensely for you, and I hope your mother is praying for me.”

That conversation still touches Cardinal Tobin.

“I was struck when I received the pallium from him,” Cardinal Tobin recalled. “First, we had a conversation and it was clear he knew the circumstances of my life in the last few years. And when he put the pallium on my shoulders, he switched from Italian into Spanish because that was the language of his heart. And he said something personal to me. And it was lovely. And I’ve always been grateful for that, but I never thought it would end with the news [about being named a cardinal.]”

Three months before Pope Francis made that announcement—“on a steamy afternoon at the end of July”—Cardinal Tobin visited the pope in the guest house in Vatican City where he lives, to discuss Church business.

Cardinal Tobin shared some of the details of that meeting during a homily he gave at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Sept. 7.

“I didn’t even have time to put on my game face when I arrived at his floor. The elevator opened, and there he was,” Cardinal Tobin began.

“He invited me into a sort of television room where there were four or five chairs, and he said, ‘Pick whichever one you want. I’ll take whatever is left.’ And we talked,



Pope Francis greets Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis after presenting him with a pallium during a Mass marking the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican on June 29, 2013. The pope presented woolen palliums to 34 archbishops during the liturgy. (CNS file photo)

and shared. And I saw a very human side to him. He said twice, ‘I really don’t know why I was elected. I suspect the Italians couldn’t agree on a candidate.’”

Then Pope Francis added, “But because I wasn’t looking for this, I accepted it as God’s will. And I believe I’ll have what I need.”

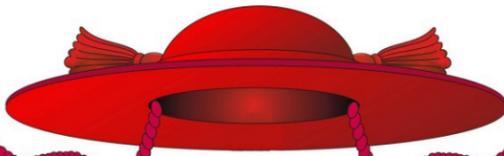
Cardinal Tobin takes heart from that perspective of Pope Francis, viewing the pope’s words as an example for everyone “to stay connected to each other in solidarity, but most importantly to stay connected to Jesus Christ.”

It’s one more bond that connects Pope Francis and Cardinal Tobin, just as they share a vision of the Church that is open and welcoming, just as they are both advocates for immigrants and

refugees, just as they both have a natural humility about their own lives and an understanding sense of humanity toward the lives of other people.

“I think it’s the connection of a teacher and his disciple,” Cardinal Tobin said about their relationship. “When I’ve seen him a handful of times over the last four years, I always thank him for teaching me how to be a bishop—knowing not only how he ministered in the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, but also what he teaches and how he articulates his expectations for bishops and priests.”

Cardinal Tobin added, “I really do think, in all sincerity, that I’m an unworthy recipient of his affection. I don’t know why. Whatever began in 2005 has continued and deepened.” †



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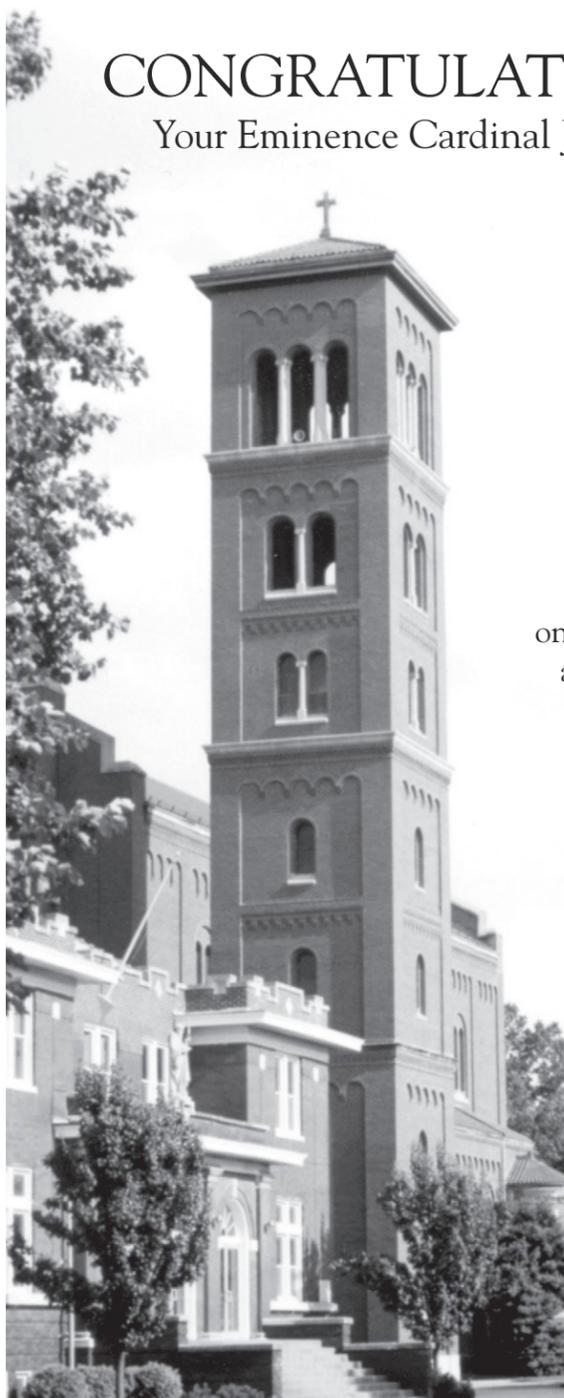
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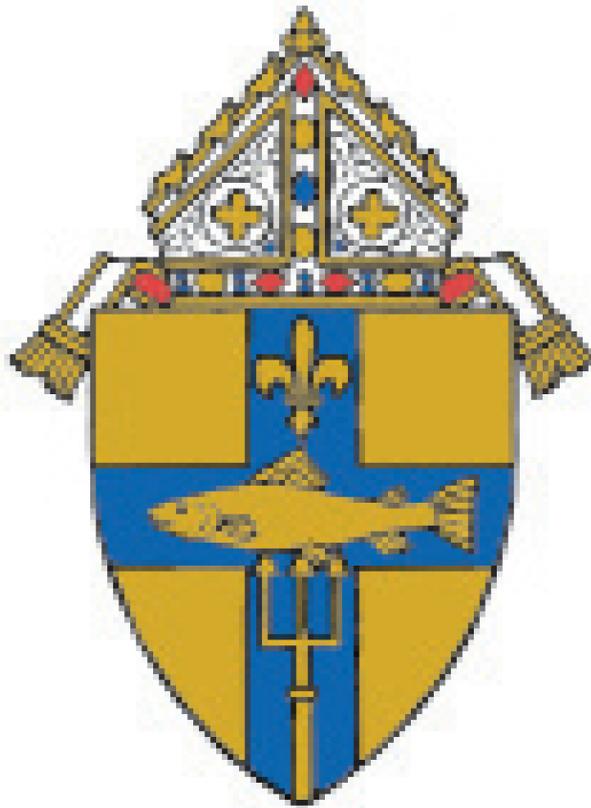
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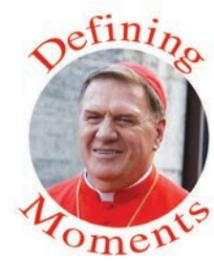
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# Pastoral letter planted seeds for reducing the effects of poverty

By John Shaughnessy

During his four years as archbishop of Indianapolis, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin made reducing the effects of poverty in Indiana a priority.



That emphasis was set forth in "Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church's Response to Poverty in Indiana," a pastoral letter that was signed in 2015 by the five Catholic bishops in the state: Archbishop

Tobin, Lafayette Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, Gary Bishop Donald J. Hying, Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Evansville Bishop Charles C. Thompson.

The pastoral letter also invited and challenged Indiana residents to make the needs of the poor a priority, and to take action to reduce the effects of poverty.

"Using the simple formula of SEE, JUDGE, ACT, we invite and challenge everyone, beginning with ourselves, to be more attentive to the poor in our communities, to identify the systemic issues that keep individuals and families poor, and to take concrete steps to reduce the long-term impact of poverty in our state, even as we reach out and help those who, here and now, suffer from its devastating effects," the bishops wrote.

A record 1,015,127 Indiana residents are living in poverty (at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level), according to The Status of Working Families in Indiana, 2015 Report by the Indiana Institute for Working Families.

In one of a series of weekly columns in *The Criterion* in 2015 about this issue, Cardinal Tobin noted that the pastoral

letter "contains no simple answers or magic formulas for eliminating poverty." Still, he said, steps can be made to reduce the impact of poverty on people's lives.

"The first step is to see the poverty that exists in our communities, in the urban, rural, suburban and small-town neighborhoods that make up the state of Indiana. The refusal to recognize poverty or to take it seriously is as old as humanity itself. If we let ourselves, we can easily ignore the poor. Worse, we can come to regard the plight of the hungry, homeless, unemployed, chronically ill and uneducated as 'normal.'

"Seeing with our eyes is the first step, but it is essential that we also 'see' poverty with our hearts. Jesus was moved to compassion by the sight of the poor. His heart was filled to overflowing by the pain of others."

In March of 2016, the archdiocese hosted a poverty summit in Indianapolis, inviting about 60 central Indiana business leaders to discuss concrete ways to help people out of poverty.

After the summit, Archbishop Tobin praised the contributions of all the leaders from business, education and health care who attended.

"The number and caliber of the participants make clear that the pastoral letter aroused some interest," the archbishop said. "Some practical efficient models were shared that illustrated not only how people can make their first steps out of poverty through meaningful employment, but how employers can take steps to ensure that the poor will not return to misery."

He viewed the summit as another positive step in addressing the challenge of poverty in Indiana.

"I shared with the other Catholic bishops of Indiana the positive experience at the meeting," Archbishop Tobin noted.

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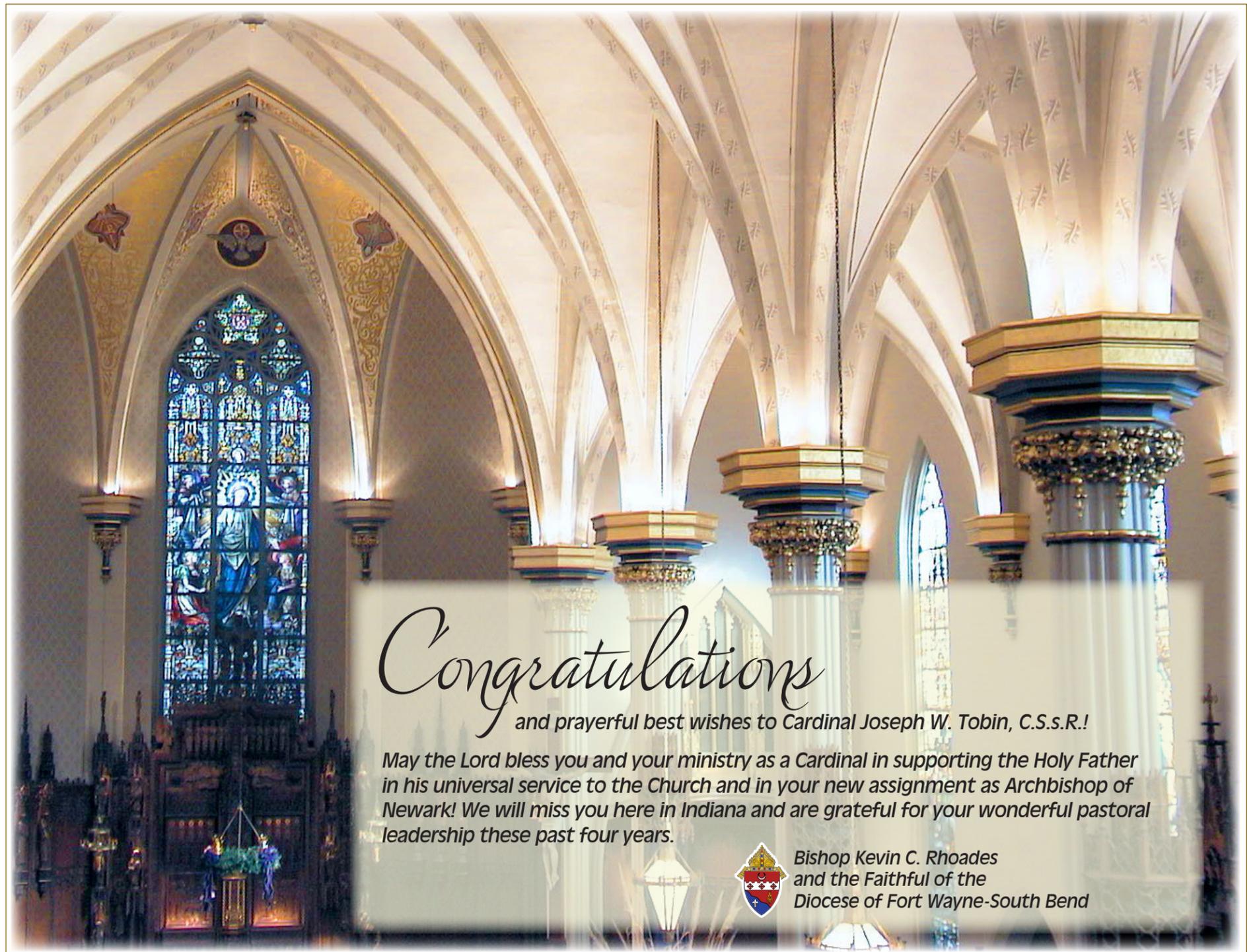
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"They in turn informed me about similar efforts happening in their dioceses. I think the 'conversation' the bishops called for when we published 'Poverty

at the Crossroads' a year ago is now taking shape. There is clearly a desire to continue the conversation in favor of concrete action and partnerships." †



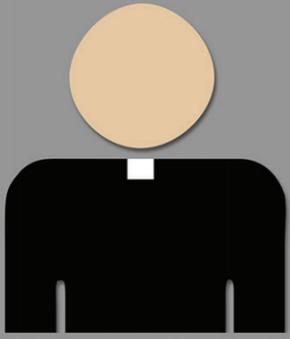
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May the Lord bless you and your ministry as a Cardinal in supporting the Holy Father in his universal service to the Church and in your new assignment as Archbishop of Newark! We will miss you here in Indiana and are grateful for your wonderful pastoral leadership these past four years.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades  
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# The colors that different clerics wear in the Roman Catholic Church



## Priests

The ordinary color for Roman Catholic priests is black. Religious order priests, however, can wear other colors of habits, including brown, blue, grey and white. It is also permitted to clergy in tropical climates to wear a simple white and lightweight cloth, though never with silk. Priests with the honorary title of monsignor wear fuscina piping or a full fuscina cassock.



## Bishops

A bishop wears a color called amaranth, which is a mix of red and purple hues. While purple is not used today, the phrase “being raised to the purple” is associated with being named a bishop. It has its roots in the practice of the Roman Empire clothing dignitaries in a purple toga. Prior to the 16th century bishops wore green. A remnant of that tradition is in the coat-of-arms of a bishop, which uses a green hat and tassels.

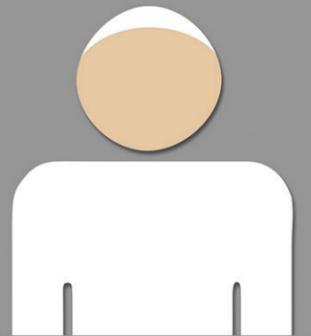


## Cardinals

A cardinal wears scarlet, though it is commonly called, simply, red. The color is meant to recall a cardinal’s willingness to suffer for the faith to the point of shedding blood.

## Popes

White is a color used alone by the pope (although some religious orders have white in their habits). The first pope to wear white was St. Pius V in 1566; he did so as he had been a member of the Dominican Order, which uses the color. His reputation for holiness was so well known that popes after him have taken the color as their own.



### Ordinary “house” cassocks

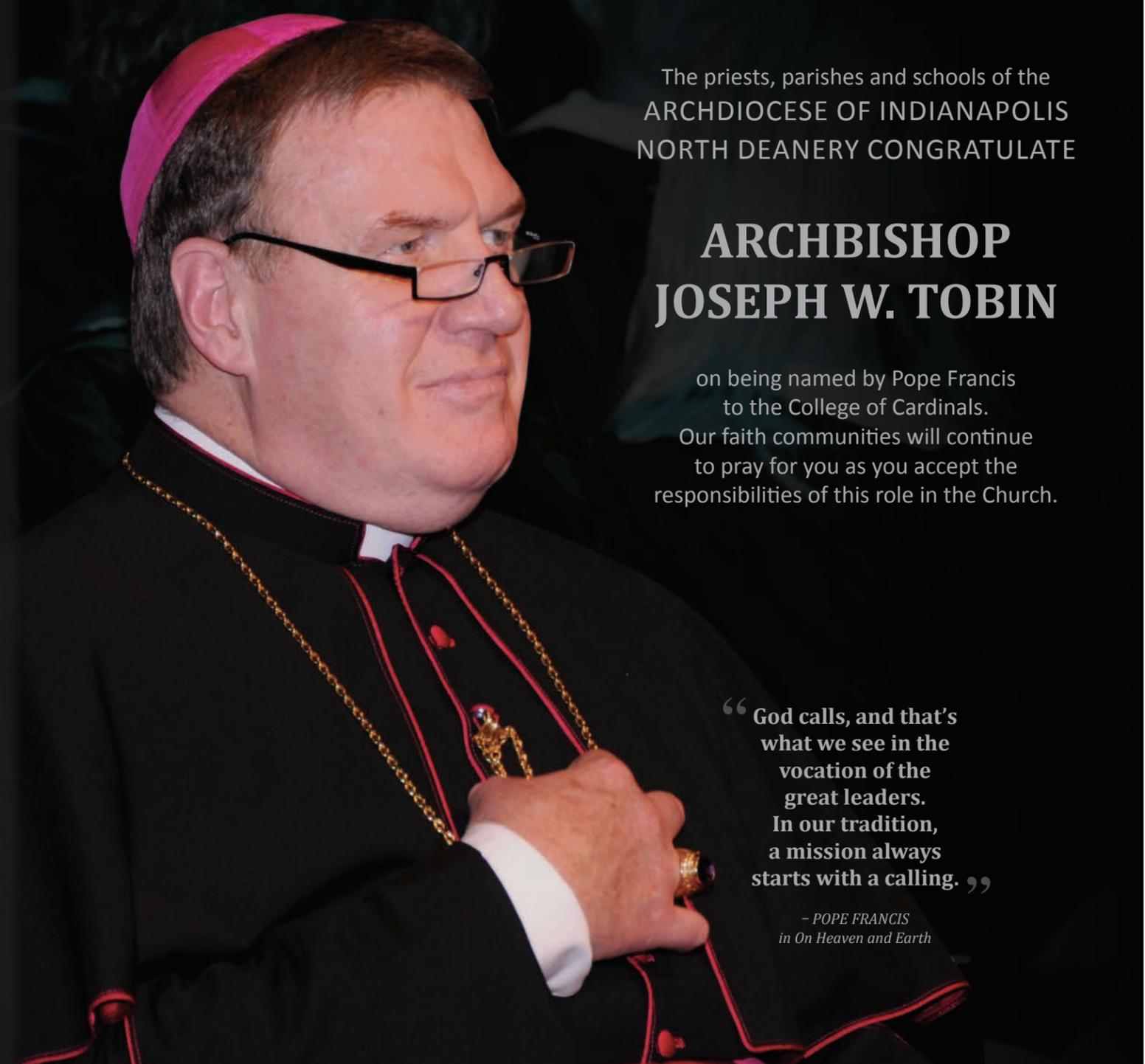
A simple, full length cassock used for everyday wear. Most priests, especially in the United States, wear a black, collared shirt and black pants in its place.

### Choir cassocks

This cassock is much more formal, and typically the kind that reflects the colors on this page. A choir cassock is used during public ceremonies of the Church or official events where a cleric is not already vested for a Mass.

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Source: *The Church Visible*, by John-Charles Noone, Jr.



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on being named by Pope Francis to the College of Cardinals. Our faith communities will continue to pray for you as you accept the responsibilities of this role in the Church.

“ God calls, and that’s what we see in the vocation of the great leaders. In our tradition, a mission always starts with a calling. ”

– POPE FRANCIS  
in *On Heaven and Earth*

# Titular church symbolizes a cardinal's ties to the clergy of Rome

Criterion staff report

In the first centuries of the Church, the clergy of Rome elected their bishop. That ancient tradition continues today as the cardinals of the Church are considered honorary members of the clergy of the Diocese of Rome.

This reality is symbolized by each cardinal being given a title to a church in the city, serving in a sense as its honorary pastor.

On Nov. 19 at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin received a red hat, known as a biretta, from Pope Francis, symbolic of his role as a cardinal, a ring, and a scroll that was the title for his "titular church" in Rome.



The unadorned main altar and sanctuary of Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale are where most of the many liturgies are celebrated in this busy Roman parish church.

That church is Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale, which is located in the Trifonale neighborhood immediately northeast of the Vatican, close to the entrance of the Vatican Museum.

Many titular churches in Rome are centuries old, adorned with works of art by the world's greatest artists and have a long list of cardinals who have had them as their titular church.

But that is not the case with Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale, which is dedicated to Mary under her title of Our Lady of Grace. It was constructed in 1941—extremely recent by Roman standards. It replaced a previous nearby parish church that was demolished.

While it is not lavishly decorated like many churches in Rome, it does feature a Byzantine icon of Our Lady, Mother of Graces, paintings by 20th-century Italian artist Umberto Colonna, and works by Carlo Maratta, a painter of Rome in the late 17th and early 18th centuries. Some of the artwork there had been displayed in the previous demolished parish church.

The current church also has served as a titular church only since 1985, when it was assigned to Cardinal Silvio Piovanelli, then-archbishop of Florence, Italy. Cardinal Piovanelli, who retired in 2001, died earlier this year. Cardinal Tobin, then, is only the second cardinal to have Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale as a titular church.

It is also a busy parish church today, having several Masses celebrated in it each weekend and others on weekdays.

Ordinarily after a cardinal is given a title to a church in Rome, he will sometime in the following weeks or months celebrate a special liturgy at his titular church in which he in an honorary way takes possession of the church.

Cardinal Tobin has not yet celebrated that liturgy at Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale.



The church of Santa Maria delle Grazie a Via Trionfale is located in the Trifonale neighborhood immediately northeast of the Vatican. Built in 1941, it is the titular church of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin. (Submitted photos)

A cardinal's relationship with that church continues until his death, even after he may have retired from ministry. As a sign of that relationship, a cardinal will periodically celebrate liturgies there and contribute financially to its upkeep or ministries that it sponsors. †

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# CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES

## *Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.*

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# Cardinal Tobin's new coat of arms tells who he is, what he values

By Natalie Hoefler

In Roman times, soldiers used unique crests on shields to identify military units on the field of battle.

It seems fitting, then, that the Catholic Church uses such "coats of arms" to identify dioceses of the Church Militant—the soldiers of Christ on Earth.

Symbolism abounds in coats of arms. Colors, the number of certain items, the presence or absence of particular elements—all combine to identify who presides over a particular ecclesial region.

As Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin heads off to shepherd the Archdiocese of Newark in New Jersey, his coat of arms will change—with his elevation to cardinal, it would have changed even if he had not been reassigned to a different archdiocese.

In this article, *The Criterion* takes a look at Cardinal Tobin's new coat of arms, translating the story the symbols tell about who he is and what he values.

## To top it off

The first piece of the story comes from outside the shield, starting with the color of the hat (*galero*) and the tassels. The scarlet hue identifies the ecclesial leader as a cardinal, whereas green, the color used on Cardinal Tobin's former coat of arms, indicates a bishop.

The *galero*, or hat, above the shield is reminiscent of broad-rimmed, tasseled hats worn by clergy centuries ago. Although its use was eliminated by a papal decree in 1969, the *galero* is still used on ecclesial coats of arms.

The number of tassels indicates the shepherd's place within Church hierarchy. Ten tassels per side indicate a bishop, and 15 per side indicate a cardinal.

Behind the shield is a gold cross, an element reserved to the coat of arms of bishops. A single horizontal bar denotes a bishop, whereas two bars indicate an archbishop. The five red jewels symbolize the five wounds of Christ on the cross.

## The symbols of a cardinal

The story continues with the many elements emblazoned on the shield of the coat of arms. The right side of the shield contains the archdiocesan crest. The crest on the left is the personal crest of the individual bishop. That crest would be the same for Cardinal Tobin regardless of the archdiocese he shepherds.

Cardinal Tobin's crest is a tri-part plethora of meaning. Closest to the center of the shield is a cross perched between a spear and a mounted sponge, all reminiscent of elements of Christ's crucifixion, as are the three green mounds which represent Golgotha. According to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' website, the green hue indicates the virtue of hope, while the silver background symbolizes transparency, justice and truth. These figures come from the coat of arms of the Redemptorists, the religious order in which Cardinal Tobin was ordained.

Comprising the upper left of the



Above is an image of the coat-of-arms that Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin used during his time as the Archbishop of Indianapolis from 2012-16.

cardinal's crest are three oak leaves, which come from the Tobin family crest. In traditional heraldry, oak leaves represent strength. For Cardinal Tobin, this symbol identifies the virtue of strength so necessary to following the word of God to obtain salvation at the end of our pilgrimage on Earth. The blue background symbolizes separation from the worldly values and the ascent of the soul toward God.

The final component of Cardinal Tobin's crest is the *fleur de lis*, a classical symbol of the iconography of St. Joseph, for whom the cardinal is named. It rests on a field of red, a color symbolic of the love of the Father who sent the Son, and the blood the Son shed for the salvation of souls.

## A tale of two regions

According to the website of the Archdiocese of Newark, their crest, depicted on the left side of the shield, is "based on the coat of arms of Newark, Nottinghamshire, England, to reflect the origins of the name of the See City." Two portions comprise the crest.

Though the smaller of the two portions, the upper part holds the greater amount of symbolism. In the center is a silver crescent to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in her title of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the archdiocese, the United States of America and the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Newark. The crescent is a symbol of Mary derived from the Book of Revelation: "And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of 12 stars" (Rv 12:1). The silver or white color represents purity.

The crescent sits between two silver trefoils, also known as "heraldic shamrocks," which honor St. Patrick, for whom the archdiocese's St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral is named. Finally, the crescent and trefoils rest on a field of red signifying the blood coming forth from Christ's Sacred Heart, the title of the Cathedral-Basilica of Newark.

The bottom portion of the Archdiocese of Newark's crest contains wavy blue and white lines representing water, which figures prominently in both the English and American Newarks—the city of Newark in England is located on the River Trent, and the Archdiocese of Newark in New Jersey is crossed by the Hackensack, Hudson, Passaic, Rahway, Raritan and Saddle rivers.

## The final message

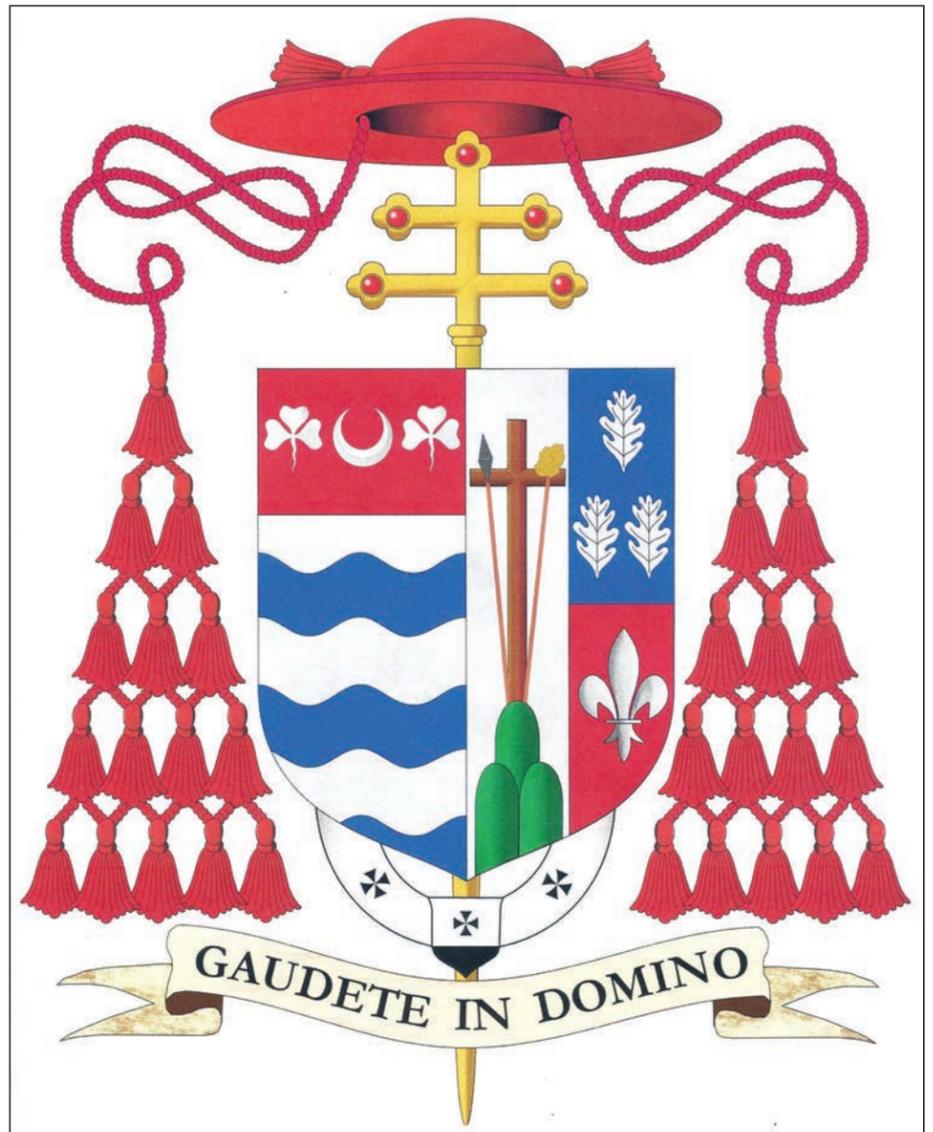
Below the shield lie the final components of Cardinal Tobin's new coat of arms, elements that remain unchanged from his former coat of arms.

First is the pallium, the white woolen cloth worn around the neck over the shoulders—as a sheep carried by Christ, the Good Shepherd—that yokes an archbishop to the pope in shepherding the flock of the universal Church. Both the physical pallium and the element on the coat of arms bear black crosses and black silk at the end of a tab attached to the front of the pallium.

According to an article on the Eternal Word Television Network's website, "these crosses are to remind the wearer of the five wounds of Christ crucified for us," and "the end tips of the garment are embroidered with black silk, reminiscent of the feet of the lambs the Good Shepherd laid down his life for ..."

The final message of the story told by the cardinal's coat of arms is written in Latin on the banner at the bottom. It is the Scripture passage Cardinal Tobin chose to adopt as his motto as a bishop, and will remain his motto no matter where he shepherds: "*Gaudete in Domino*," or "Rejoice in the Lord." It is the statement found in St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4).

It is a fitting message for the members of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, a reminder to rejoice in the Lord for their



Above is Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin's coat of arms as Archbishop of Newark. (Image courtesy of the Archdiocese of Newark)

former archbishop's elevation to being a cardinal, to rejoice in the Lord for the place they hold in the cardinal's heart,

and especially to rejoice in the Lord for his mercy, love and the eternal salvation he won through his death on the cross. †



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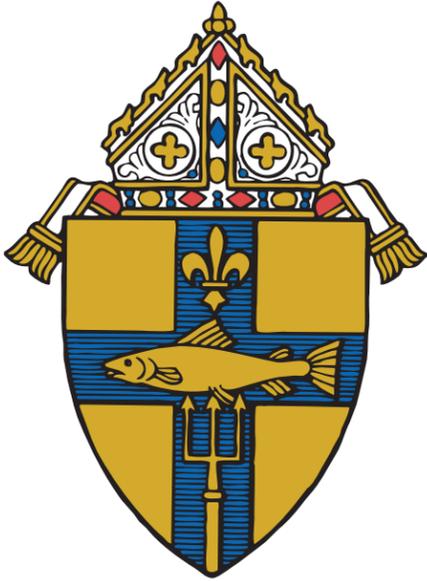


"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" (Phil 4:4)

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## No ordinary Joe's: Cardinal Ritter and Cardinal Tobin leave important imprints on local Church

By Sean Gallagher

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin and Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter have a lot in common.



**Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter**

Obviously, they share a first name. Both served as archbishop of Indianapolis. And they share being close advisors of the pope in the College of Cardinals.

Similar to Cardinal Ritter, Cardinal Tobin has also sought to apply his deep faith to pressing social questions of his day, and to lead the faithful under his care to do the same.

Cardinal Tobin came to know of Cardinal Ritter when he was a young Redemptorist in formation for the priesthood, spending summers doing ministry in St. Alphonsus Rock Parish in St. Louis, where Cardinal Ritter served as archbishop from 1946 until his death in 1967.

The parish was in the middle of a large public housing project, and one of its major buildings was named after Cardinal Ritter.

"Cardinal Ritter's legacy was evident everywhere, both in civic and ecclesial circles," Cardinal Tobin said. "The curious thing is that nobody told me he was from Indiana, and I assumed he was from Missouri. Of course, my first visit to New Albany corrected that misunderstanding."

That was because the southern Indiana

town was where Cardinal Ritter was born in 1892. He grew up as a member of St. Mary Parish there before becoming a seminarian for the then-Diocese of Indianapolis at Saint Meinrad Seminary



**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin**

and School of Theology in St. Meinrad.

The house in which Cardinal Ritter grew up has been restored through the efforts of the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation, and now serves as the home for non-profit organizations that

seek to improve the local community. Displays of photos from his life and other mementoes connected to Cardinal Ritter can also be viewed there.

David Hock, a member of St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyd County, is president of the foundation and traces his love of Cardinal Ritter back to when he was a boy in the early 1960s and met him at a reception in New Albany after Cardinal Ritter's elevation to the College of Cardinals.

He appreciates Cardinal Tobin much in the same way as he does Cardinal Ritter.

"There's a similarity between the two of them. I think they're kindred spirits," Hock said. "Cardinal Tobin really cares about everybody. He'll stay around and hear what you say. He's as down-to-earth as Cardinal Ritter was."

"It's not pretend. It's for real. And that's what the Church needs—leaders

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**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**

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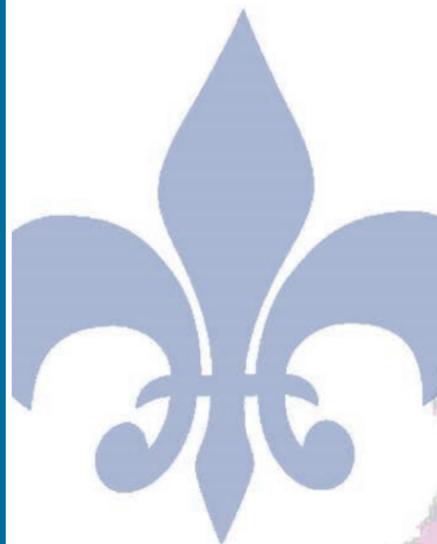
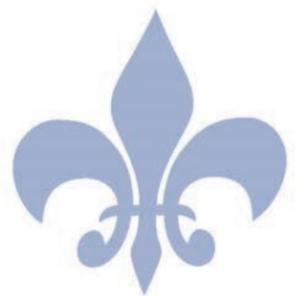
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**We women of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) Province of Indianapolis wish to extend our heartfelt wishes for great joy and success in this new phase of life for Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**

who are with the people.”

Cardinal Ritter was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Indianapolis in 1917, and was a close collaborator with then-Bishop Joseph Chartrand.

Cardinal Ritter was appointed auxiliary bishop of the diocese in 1933. Less than a year after his episcopal ordination, however, Bishop Chartrand died.

Bishop Ritter was selected to succeed him in 1934. He became archbishop of Indianapolis when the diocese was raised to an archdiocese in 1944.

In the early years of Cardinal Ritter’s priestly life and ministry, the Ku Klux Klan rose to prominence and influence in Indiana politics and society, putting pressure on Catholics in the state as well as people in minority communities, especially blacks.

This may have been one factor that led to Cardinal Ritter becoming an advocate for the black community after he became bishop of Indianapolis.

In 1937, he began an effort to end racial segregation in Catholic schools in the Church in central and southern Indiana—17 years before the U.S. Supreme Court made it the law of the land in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*.

Cardinal Ritter later established the same school desegregation policy in St. Louis.

His legacy in desegregating schools in the archdiocese continues today in schools in various parts of central and southern Indiana, which boast students from many cultural and ethnic backgrounds. One of them— Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis—is named after the man who paved the way for these historic changes.

Although perhaps not on the same scale as Cardinal Ritter’s groundbreaking work in desegregation in two archdioceses, Cardinal Tobin has taken action in his time leading the Church in central and southern Indiana to show care for people at the margins of society.

Despite the action of Gov. Mike Pence

to block the resettling of Syrian refugees in the state, Cardinal Tobin ordered the archdiocese’s Refugee Resettlement Services to welcome a Syrian family in Indianapolis in December 2015.

Cardinal Ritter and Cardinal Tobin also sought to be good stewards of the material resources of the archdiocese.

Cardinal Ritter led the Church in central and southern Indiana during the economically tumultuous Great Depression. When he was appointed bishop of Indianapolis in 1934, it was heavily in debt. By careful financial management, however, he reduced that debt and put the archdiocese in a position to expand greatly at the start of the Baby Boom era following the end of World War II.

Cardinal Ritter didn’t get to lead the expansion of the Church in central and southern Indiana after the war. In 1946, he was appointed to lead the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The movement of many people from cities and rural areas to suburbs led to the founding of many new parishes in the archdiocese from the late 1940s through the late 1960s.

Demographic changes of a different kind were factors that led Cardinal Tobin, after consulting with many clergy, religious and lay faithful across the archdiocese, to merge some parishes in various parts of central and southern Indiana through the “Connected in the Spirit” planning process.

Although he knew the hardship such decisions would cause the faithful in affected parishes, Cardinal Tobin made them nonetheless in order to help the Church in central and southern Indiana be in the best position to achieve its ongoing mission.

In 1961, 15 years after leaving the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for St. Louis, Cardinal Ritter became a member of the College of Cardinals. He participated in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council, and in the 1963 conclave that elected Blessed Paul VI as pope.



In this undated photo, Cardinal Joseph Ritter greets a father and his young son. (Archive photo)

At the council, Cardinal Ritter was a vocal advocate of its “Declaration on Religious Freedom,” and of the council’s effort to promote good ecumenical and interfaith relations between the Church and other Christian communities and world religions.

Cardinal Tobin has similarly been a leader in ecumenical relations, serving as the co-chair of the North American Catholic-Orthodox Consultation and establishing many close relationships at the local level with religious leaders from a host of faith communities.

As he prepares to leave the Church in central and southern Indiana to lead the

Archdiocese of Newark, Cardinal Tobin looks back at the life and ministry of Cardinal Ritter with admiration.

“He believed that being disciples of Jesus obliges us to act with justice in civic life,” Cardinal Tobin said. “His courageous stance against racial segregation and his determination to translate faith into action are examples of his understanding of what it means to be a disciple today.

“And it should not be forgotten that the cardinal played an important role at the Second Vatican Council. The values he learned as a Hoosier priest and archbishop helped him contribute to the universal Church.” †



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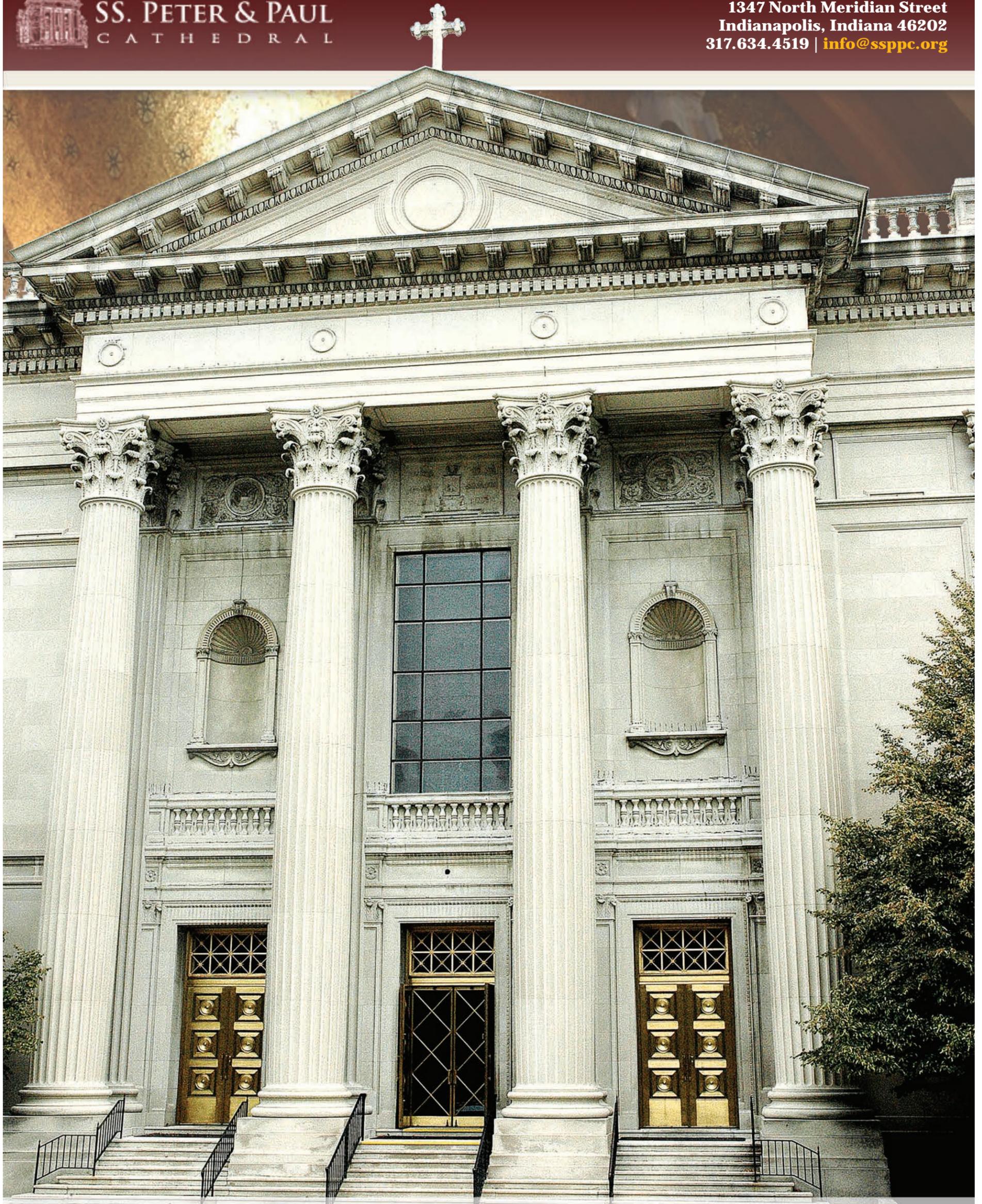
on his new appointment!

We at Catholic Charities, Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services will **continue to pray that God will strengthen Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R.** to be fearless in his witness to the Gospel; to stand with the suffering, the weak, and the poor; and lead our Church by his example.



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# - 2012 -



Mother Mary Vincent Mannion, superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged in Indianapolis, welcomes Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin to the home on Oct. 19, 2012. Archbishop Tobin was the principal celebrant for a Mass with residents and other area Catholics in the chapel. (File photo by Mary Ann Garber)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, left, meets Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein in the chancery at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on Oct. 18, 2012. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Left, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin greets Hispanic Catholics after the Oct. 18, 2012, press conference at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis during which he was introduced as the new archbishop of Indianapolis. Greeting him are, from left, Jesús Castillo, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis; Gloria Guillén, assistant for the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry; Juan Manuel Gúzman, then pastoral associate at St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis; Jazmina Noguera, a member of St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis; Roberto Márquez, then pastoral associate at St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis; and Reynaldo Náva, Hispanic ministry coordinator at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Below, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, center, ritually knocks on a door of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis prior to the start of the Dec. 2, 2012, Evening Prayer liturgy that welcomed him as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis. Accompanying him are Deacons Wayne Davis, left, and Francis Klauder. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

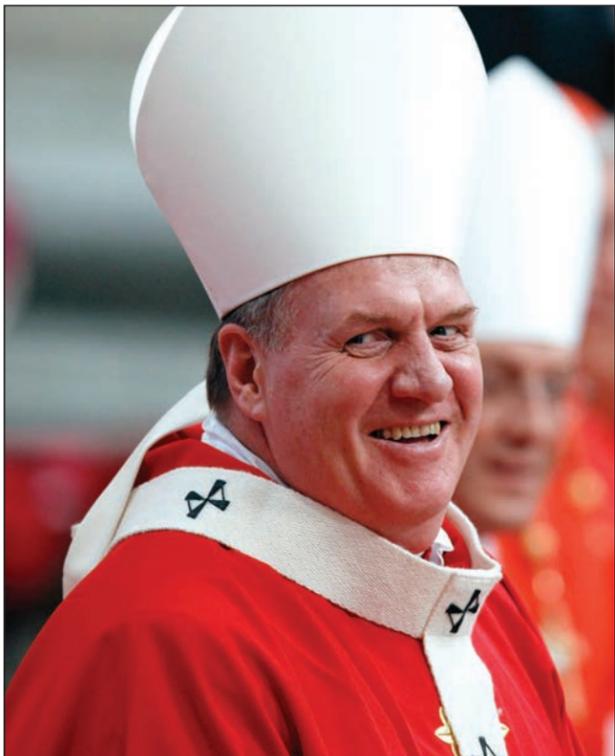


Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin smiles as he walks out of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis after the Dec. 3, 2012, Mass in which he was installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis. Walking in front of Archbishop Tobin is Father Patrick Beidelman, then archdiocesan director of liturgy. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



St. Augustine Home for the Aged resident Alice Broenstrup of Indianapolis, who is a native of El Salvador, laughs during a conversation in Spanish with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on Oct. 19, 2012, in a dining room at the home operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor. (File photo by Mary Ann Garber)

# - 2013 -



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis, wearing his new pallium, smiles as he leaves in a procession following the Mass marking the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on June 29, 2013. Archbishop Tobin was one of 34 archbishops who received a pallium from Pope Francis during the liturgy. (CNS photos/Paul Haring)



Above, Joella Bitter of San Antonio, Texas, receives Communion from Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin during the Nov. 23, 2013, closing Mass of the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Right, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis listens during the opening session of the fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Nov. 11, 2013, in Baltimore. (CNS photo/Nancy Phelan Wiehcech)



Father John Hollowell, left, and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin pray the rosary on Jan. 25, 2013, while leading more than 400 pro-life supporters in a march up and down several blocks of Meridian Street in Indianapolis. The march and Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral that preceded it took place to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the United States in 1973. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin and Annette "Mickey" Lentz, archdiocesan chancellor, share a laugh during a reception at the Pontifical North American College in Rome on June 29, 2013. (File photo by John Shaughnessy)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, left, and Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein join together on April 21, 2013, in blessing the seminarians of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis and other guests who attended a prayer service in the seminary's chapel. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin ritually lays hands on transitional Deacon Martin Rodriguez during a priestly ordination Mass on May 18, 2013. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)

# - 2014



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin gives a high five to Jose Angel Cazares, who is held by his father Jose Cazares, at the conclusion of the Nov. 3, 2014 St. Martin de Porres Mass at St. Anthony Church in Indianapolis. Assisting at the liturgy as master of ceremonies was Loral Tansy, at left. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin listens to Dolores Clarke, a member of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Westfield, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, in the chapel named for her and her deceased husband, Paul, after the blessing ceremony on Nov. 19, 2014, at the new Women's Care Center in Indianapolis. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)



Above, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin poses for a photo with the four Roncalli students who were chosen to represent the school at the April 27, 2014, canonizations of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. Abby Whalen, left, Lucas LaRosa, Kristen Henke and Dolan Monroe smile with the archbishop. (File photo by John Shaughnessy)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin speaks with Jan Erlenbaugh Gaddis after a May 21, 2014, press conference in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis in which Archbishop Tobin announced decisions regarding the "Connected in the Spirit" planning process for the four metropolitan Indianapolis deaneries. Erlenbaugh Gaddis is a longtime member of Holy Cross Parish in Indianapolis, one of three parishes that Archbishop Tobin said would be closed as of Nov. 30, 2014. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)

Right, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin anoints Kimberly Stewart as she receives the sacrament of confirmation during a Mass celebrated on June 29, 2014, at the Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis. Kimberly's mother, Theresa Stewart, rests her hand on her daughter's shoulder. (File photo by John Shaughnessy)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin shares a laugh with Daughters of Charity Sisters Mary Walz, left, Louise Gallahue and Jean Rhoads at a reception for the Daughters of Charity at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on April 28, 2014. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin holds the 1834 crozier of the archdiocese's first bishop, Simon Bruté, during a Mass he celebrated at the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Vincennes, Ind., in the Evansville Diocese, during an archdiocesan pilgrimage on Sept. 22, 2014. The basilica served as the first cathedral for what later became the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)

# - 2015 -



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin talks with Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate Father Alan Bernardino Maria Wharton at a reception at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on Sept. 17, 2015. The Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate serve at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)



Members of the Filipino choir, wearing one of many national costumes of the Philippines, pose with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin at the reception after a special Mass for those of Asian and Pacific Island origins. The reception was held at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis on April 12, 2015. Maria Manalang, kneeling on the far left, is the coordinator for the Filipino Ministry, which falls under the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin talks with pro-life advocate Alveda King, the keynote speaker at the Right to Life of Indianapolis "Celebrate Life" dinner in Indianapolis on Sept. 29, 2015. King is the niece of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)



Newly ordained Father Michael Keucher gives a blessing to Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on June 6, 2015, in the rectory of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Also pictured is newly ordained Father Andrew Syberg. (File photo by Mike Krokos)



Archbishop Tobin, left, and Father Todd Riebe joined the rest of the congregation at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis on Jan. 14, 2015, in giving best wishes to former auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne during an Evening Prayer liturgy. Bishop Coyne was installed on Jan. 29, 2015, as shepherd of the Diocese of Burlington, Vt. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



A young adult smiles during a conversation with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin on June 17, 2015. They chatted on the evening that the archbishop gave a talk to about 150 young adults during a Theology on Tap get-together in Indianapolis. (File photo by John Shaughnessy)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin signs the documentation making the newly-formed Archdiocesan Pastoral Council official on April 18, 2015, at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus. Annette "Mickey" Lentz, chancellor, stands to his right. (File photo by Natalie Hoefler)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin receives a collection taken up during a March 17, 2015, Mass at St. Patrick Church in Indianapolis to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick Parish. Bringing up the collection are, from left, Shenya and Jazmin Perez. Assisting Archbishop Tobin is Deacon Oscar Morales, left. (Submitted photo)

# - 2016 -



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin pours chrism oil on the altar of the new church of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg during its Aug. 13, 2016, dedication Mass. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin baptizes Jocelyn Padilla-Palacios, a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, during the Easter Vigil Mass on March 26, 2016, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Due to ongoing restoration from the September 2015 fire in their church narthex, members of St. Monica Parish celebrated their Easter Vigil with the members of the cathedral parish. (Submitted photo by Galo Catalan)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin waves to the crowd while serving as the grand marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Indianapolis on March 17, 2016. The archbishop served as grand marshal because of his selection as "Indy's 2016 Irish Citizen of the Year." (File photo by John Shaughnessy)



Above, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin offers a reflection on Mary during the archdiocesan Marian Jubilee for the Holy Year of Mercy on Oct. 8, 2016, at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus. (File photo by Mike Krokos)



Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin, archbishop of Indianapolis, speaks with Rabia Khan, information technology coordinator for the Plainfield-based Islamic Society of North America, and her son Uzair Khan after a Catholic-Muslim panel discussion on Oct. 19, 2016, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Indianapolis. (File photo by Sean Gallagher)



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, left, shares a joyous moment on Jan. 18, 2015, with retired Father Hilary Meny and Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville during the 100th birthday celebration for Father Meny, which was held at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Haubstadt, Ind., in the Diocese of Evansville, where Father Meny grew up and lived in retirement. Father Meny died on Oct. 7, 2016. (The Message photo by Tim Lilley)

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## ALÉGRENSE EN EL SEÑOR

# Mary draws us close to her son, Jesus

*“God’s closeness to us is seen most perfectly in Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin bore the Son of God in her womb. His humanity was formed from her flesh and from the heart of Mary’s faith-filled acceptance of God’s will. Through Mary, God became one of us. This is not an absent, remote or disconnected God. This God is one with us and draws us close to him through the intercession of a simple Hebrew woman chosen by God to be his son’s mother”* (“Rejoice in the Lord,” Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, Dec. 18, 2015).

On Oct. 8, I was privileged to pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary during a reflection given at the archdiocesan Marian Jubilee for the Holy Year of Mercy at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus.

During this jubilee celebration, I told the folks who prayed the rosary with me that we are really privileged to be an archdiocesan community at prayer. I commented on how fitting it was that our main jubilee event during the Holy Year of Mercy was one in which we honored our mother Mary, who is the Mother of

Mercy, and who prays constantly that each one of us will accept God’s gifts of mercy and salvation.

Mary’s entire life was patterned after the presence of mercy made flesh. The mother of the Crucified and Risen One was able to enter the sanctuary of divine mercy because she participated intimately in the mystery of divine love.

I came to know Mary at a very early age because I watched family members pause to pray the *Angelus* together and gather together in the evening to pray the rosary. We prayed to the Mother of God, and it felt quite natural, for we knew that she was our mother as well.

I remember my father praying at the end of the nightly rosary in gratitude for any possible vocation to the priesthood or religious life among his 13 children. It was during moments like this when I felt the first stirrings in my heart, and I asked Jesus that, if I was being called, I would respond with the generosity of his mother.

An image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at my home parish in Detroit led me at a young age to consider prayerfully how I might assist an awareness of people in need. This

powerful image of Mary was set amidst a mosaic that, on one side, portrayed the powerful of the world—both in the Church and secular society—and on the other side pictured the poor, people from different continents, the handicapped, the forgotten, all coming to the Mother of God for her merciful aid.

Throughout 38 years of priesthood, Mary has been by my side, helping me bring her Son to those whom I’ve served, and allowing those whom I’ve served to teach me a greater love for Mary.

In 1997, my fellow Redemptorists chose me to serve as the leader of our worldwide missionary order. For the next 12 years, I had the privilege of visiting more than 70 countries around the world where members of our order minister to people from many diverse nations and cultures.

In my travels, I witnessed how Mary is an instrument of evangelization today. This came home to me in a very strong way in Asia. In Mumbai, Manila and Saigon, I saw tens of thousands of people gather to pray to Mary at shrines in churches served by my Redemptorist brothers.

But an experience I had in Singapore really caught my attention. There, thousands of Muslims, Buddhists and adherents of traditional Chinese religions gathered with Catholics in devotion to Mary. I asked these non-Christian people, “Why are you here?” And they looked at me with some surprise and said, “We have to speak with the merciful lady.”

In fact, the archbishop of Singapore told me that more adults are baptized at what is commonly called the “Novena Church” than in any other church there. The “merciful lady” drew them and then introduced them to mercy itself.

Mary is the mother of a billion Catholics across the world today—Mary, who is honored in temples and poor homes and is still calling people to know the source of mercy, her son Jesus.

I rely on Mary’s love. I call on her protection more than ever. Her love ties me to my mom and dad. It ties me to the prisoners with whom I pray the rosary. It ties me with all the folks in central and southern Indiana—and now in four counties of New Jersey—to Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of Mercy. †

# María nos acerca a su hijo, Jesús

*“La cercanía de Dios con nosotros se observa más perfectamente en María, la virgen madre de Jesucristo. La Santa Virgen María llevó al Hijo de Dios en su vientre. Su humanidad se formó a partir de su carne y del corazón rebosante de fe de María que aceptó la voluntad divina. A través de María, Dios se convirtió en uno de nosotros. Por tanto, no se trata de un Dios ausente, distante ni apartado sino de un Dios que es uno con nosotros y nos acerca a Él a través de la intercesión de una humilde mujer hebrea elegida por Dios para ser la madre de su Hijo”* (Alégrense en el Señor, arzobispo Joseph W. Tobin, 18 de diciembre de 2015).

El 8 de octubre tuve el privilegio de rendirle tributo a la Santa Virgen María durante una reflexión en el jubileo mariano de la Arquidiócesis con objeto del Santo Año de la Misericordia en la Iglesia de San Bartolomé en Columbus.

Durante esta celebración del jubileo, comenté con las personas que rezaron el rosario conmigo que realmente es un privilegio que seamos una comunidad arquidiocesana unida en oración. Destaqué lo apropiado que me resultaba que el principal evento del jubileo durante el Santo Año de la Misericordia estuviera dedicado a nuestra madre María, la Madre de la Misericordia y quien reza constantemente para que

cada uno de nosotros acepte los dones de la misericordia y la salvación de Dios.

La vida entera de María siguió muy de cerca el modelo que le trazó la presencia de la misericordia hecha carne. La madre del Cristo crucificado y resucitado pudo entrar en el santuario de la divina misericordia puesto que participó íntimamente en el misterio del amor divino.

Conocí a María a muy temprana edad porque observaba a mi familia hacer una pausa para rezar juntos el Ángelus y reunirse en la noche para rezar el rosario. Rezábamos a la Madre de Dios y era para nosotros algo bastante natural ya que sabíamos que ella era también nuestra madre.

Recuerdo que cada noche mi padre rezaba al final del rosario en agradecimiento a la posibilidad de que hubiera una vocación al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa de alguno de sus trece hijos. Fue en esos momentos cuando sentí por primera vez ese ímpetu en el corazón y le prometí a Jesús que, si me llamaba, respondería con la misma generosidad de su madre.

Una imagen de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro que se encontraba en mi parroquia en Detroit me llevó a muy temprana edad a considerar piadosamente cómo podría yo asistir y crear conciencia en los

necesitados. Esta poderosa imagen de María estaba plasmada en un mosaico que, por un lado ilustraba el poderío del mundo, tanto en la Iglesia como en la sociedad seglar, y por el otro mostraba a los pobres, gente de distintos continentes, los discapacitados, los olvidados, todos ellos acudiendo a la Madre de Dios para recibir su piadoso socorro.

A lo largo de 38 años de sacerdocio, María ha estado a mi lado, ayudándome a llevar a su Hijo a todos aquellos a quienes he servido y permitiéndome aprender un amor aún más grande por María de mano de aquellos a quienes he servido.

En 1997 mis compañeros redentoristas me eligieron para que fuera el líder de la orden misionera internacional. Durante los siguientes 12 años tuve el privilegio de visitar más de 70 países en todo el mundo en los que los integrantes de nuestra orden atienden a personas procedentes de distintos países y culturas.

En mis viajes, presencié que la figura de María es un instrumento de evangelización hoy en día. Esto lo vi muy claramente en Asia. En Bombay, Manila y Saigón, vi decenas de miles de personas reunidas para rezarle a María en altares erigidos en las iglesias atendidas por mis hermanos redentoristas.

Sin embargo, la experiencia que tuve

en Singapur fue realmente significativa. Allí, miles de musulmanes, budistas y practicantes de otras religiones tradicionales chinas se reunieron junto con los católicos en su devoción a María. Les pregunté a esas personas no católicas que por qué estaban allí. Me miraron sorprendidos y respondieron: “Tenemos que hablar con la dama de la misericordia.”

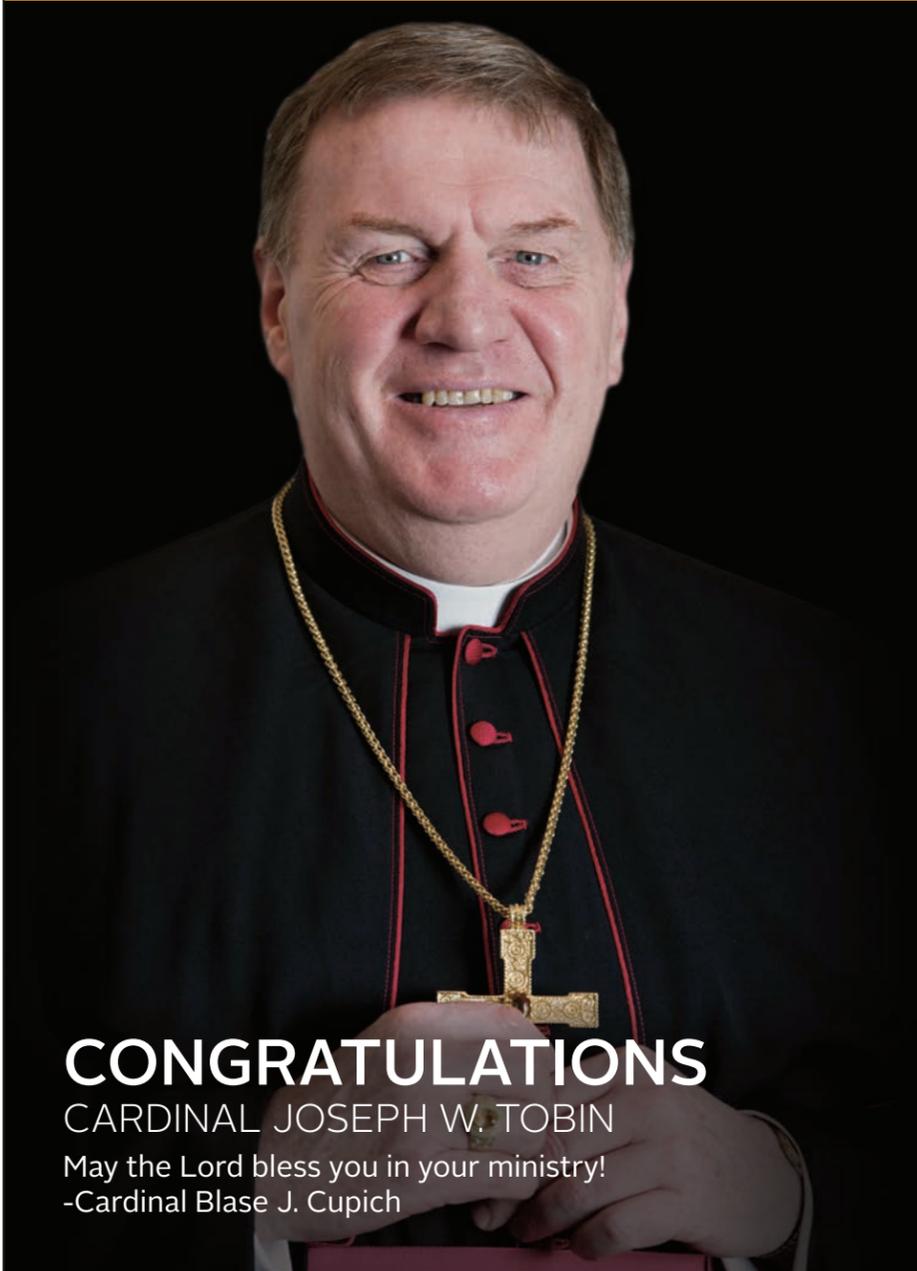
De hecho, el arzobispo de Singapur me dijo que en un lugar conocido como la “Iglesia de la Novena” se bautizan más adultos que en ninguna otra iglesia allí. La “dama de la misericordia” los atrajo y les mostró el rostro mismo de la misericordia.

Hoy en día, María es la madre de 1000 millones de católicos en todo el mundo; María, a quien se venera en templos y en hogares pobres por igual y que continúa llamando a las personas para que conozcan la fuente de la misericordia: su hijo Jesús.

Confío en el amor de María y ahora más que nunca imploro su protección. Su amor me une a mi madre y a mi padre, así como también a los prisioneros con quienes rezo el rosario. Me une a toda la gente del centro y del sur de Indiana, y ahora también de cuatro condados de Nueva Jersey. Por María, la Madre de Dios y Madre de la Misericordia. †

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# CONGRATULATIONS

CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN

May the Lord bless you in your ministry!  
-Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

# Congratulations

**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**  
on your elevation to the College of Cardinals



*We have been graced  
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*We will miss you  
immensely*

*We pray for you and  
your ministry  
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# Catholic school students offer advice to Cardinal Tobin

Criterion staff report

Catholics across central and southern Indiana are grateful for the pastoral leadership of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin over the past four years, and give him their best wishes as he goes on to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., and have a larger role in the universal Church as a member of the College of Cardinals.

Students in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Indianapolis send with him their advice to be the best shepherd that he can be.

Here are some examples:



Isabel Kuntz

• “Continue to follow in God’s footsteps. If God tells you to go back to Indiana, don’t even think twice. I believe you will do great in New Jersey!”  
—Isabel Kuntz, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School in Beech Grove

• “Try to help the sick and the poor at all times. Love the people in your new job as you loved us—and run for pope!”  
—Ryan Rutherford, third grade, St. Mary School in Greensburg

• “My advice to you is to not be scared to do something new. Always pray before you go somewhere or when you are scared so you know that Jesus is always with you.”  
—Te’Rah Cooley, fourth grade, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute



Te’Rah Cooley



Connor Bishop

• “Always have Indiana in your heart. You are a huge role model to children.”  
—Connor Bishop, fifth grade, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute

• “Help kids who are not as fortunate to get a good education.”  
—Emily Shea, fifth grade, Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis

• “Teach kids about prayer.”  
—Nichole Mayo, fifth grade, Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis

• “Keep calm and always do God’s will.”  
—Samuel Tuchmann, fourth grade, St. Mary School in Greensburg



Ava Johnson

• “Maybe make a fun little speech that everyone will remember so they can always remember their favorite cardinal.”  
—Ava Johnson, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School in Beech Grove



Tabitha Travis

• “Give someone a friendly smile and cheer up someone’s day. Just be joyful, happy and kind to everyone and then your life will be the greatest of all.”  
—Tabitha Travis, sixth grade, St. Joseph School in Corydon



Zane Schreck

• “Enjoy your job, do your job and God will reward you. I mean, who knows, you may become pope one day.”  
—Zane Schreck, sixth grade, St. Joseph School in Corydon



Rose Taylor

• “You could pray a novena with the people in your archdiocese. Another thing is you should host a meet and greet.”  
—Rose Taylor, second grade, St. Patrick School in Terre Haute



Andrew Curry

• “If I were you I would just do what God tells you to do. It would help because God just does what is best!”  
—Andrew Curry, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School, Beech Grove



Emma Wilson

• “Remember that New Jersey is not like Indiana. It probably will be different. It might have some of the same places like Indiana. You were an awesome archbishop, you can be an awesome cardinal too.”



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin poses on Aug. 13 with Ryan Rutherford after the dedication Mass of the new church of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg. Ryan is a third-grade student at the parish’s school, and recently offered advice to now-Cardinal Tobin as he prepares to leave the Hoosier state to lead the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. (Submitted photo)

—Emma Wilson, fourth grade, Holy Name of Jesus School, Beech Grove



McKenzie Land

• “Don’t be bossy to the priests.”  
—McKenzie Land, fourth grade, Holy Spirit School in Indianapolis



## Cardinal Joseph Tobin

*Congratulations & prayerful best wishes on your elevation to the College of Cardinals.*

*May the Lord bless you and may the Church grow through your spiritual leadership.*



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## Counting Cardinals

How the College of Cardinals will look after the Nov. 19 consistory



### Electors by region



### Countries with the most electors

ITALY .....	25	BRAZIL .....	5	INDIA.....	4	POLAND .....	4
US .....	10	FRANCE.....	5	MEXICO .....	4	SPAIN.....	4

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## What makes a cardinal different from a bishop?

By Brandon A. Evans

While being named a cardinal does not make a bishop or archbishop fundamentally different than he was before—namely, he is not ordained to a new level of Holy Orders—it still comes with a number of responsibilities and privileges.

Here are some of the things that set cardinals apart from their brother bishops around the world:

- **Papal electors:** The most noted responsibility of a cardinal of the Catholic Church is to convene in a conclave in the weeks following the death or resignation of a pope. After a series of initial discussions, all the cardinals less than 80 years old seal themselves into part of the Vatican, gathering daily in the Sistine Chapel to cast a morning and afternoon vote. They vote in ordinary cases until a candidate receives a two-thirds majority of the votes. At that point, given the candidate accepts, he ceases to be a cardinal and becomes the pope.

- **Part of the clergy of Rome:** Cardinals are considered to be part of the clergy of the Rome. This dates back to the days, more than a thousand years ago, when it was the priests of the Diocese of Rome who elected their bishop (the pope).

- **Possession of a titular church:** As part of the clergy of Rome, every cardinal is given a scroll during the consistory at which they are named cardinal. The scroll contains the title of a church in Rome. While that church still has a pastor and its own administration, the cardinal keeps a special bond with the parish, offering Mass there, visiting and giving financial support.

- **Representative of the pope:** A cardinal can be called upon to represent the pope at certain important, official events, such as those particular to a nation or a religious order.

- **A voice of influence:** In ways official and not, a cardinal not only serves as an advisor to the pope himself, but also as a voice for the Church in the region where he lives. People in the Church and outside it look to a cardinal for opinions on various matters of the day. †



# Congratulations

## Your Eminence Joseph Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R.

On your elevation to the College of Cardinals! We members of the archdiocesan Church in the Terre Haute deanery are so grateful to have witnessed the exemplary leadership you have provided to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and look forward to seeing that leadership on display in the Archdiocese of Newark. Our grief at losing you as our shepherd is tempered by our understanding that “you can’t keep a good man down.” Know that our prayers go with you even as we cherish the graced moment in time when we could call you our own! May God go with you!

Annunciation, Brazil

St. Joseph University Parish,  
Terre Haute

Sacred Heart, Clinton

St. Margaret Mary, Terre Haute

Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Terre Haute

St. Mary-of-the-Woods  
Village Parish

St. Benedict, Terre Haute

St. Patrick, Terre Haute

St. Joseph, Rockville

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# Congratulations Cardinal Tobin

**On behalf of all the Catholic Scouts, Scouters, and their families within the Archdiocese, the Catholic Committee on Scouting extends our heartfelt congratulations. We offer our prayers for continued blessings.**

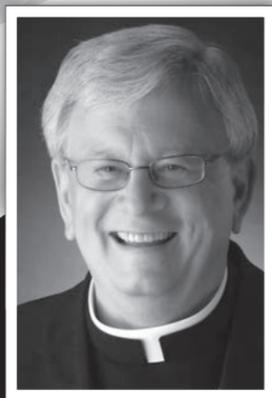
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## My Journey to God

A call was sent out to all poets who have been published in *The Criterion* in the last four years—the length of time Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin served as the archbishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis—to write a poem in honor of his elevation to cardinal and his reassignment to the Archdiocese of Newark. Below are the pieces submitted in a special *My Journey to God* tribute to Cardinal Tobin.



(Sandra Bierly is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany.)

### Cardinal Joseph Tobin

By Sandra Bierly

Pope Benedict XVI sent Archbishop Tobin to us from Rome, Perhaps it was because he would be closer to home. Archbishop Tobin brought his gifts of love to share, With his leadership he showed us that he truly cares. Archbishop Tobin immediately called Indianapolis his home!

He pastored his sheep with love and truth. While keeping busy with the things that archbishops do. Ordaining young men and confirming the youth, He also blessed holy oils at the Chrism Mass for priests to use. He showed us that each one of us is special in our own way.

Now Pope Francis has elevated Archbishop Tobin To the College of Cardinals which came as a surprise, As did our need soon after to bid him our goodbyes. Congratulations Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The people of the Archdiocese love you!



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

(Norbert Krapf is a member of St. Mary Parish in Indianapolis. His poem honors a private meeting he and his wife had with then-Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin.)

### Late Afternoon March Light

By Norbert Krapf

The late afternoon March light brightens as we three hold hands in his office and say prayers we

create in gratitude for being brought together in the right time and place to share our stories and histories.

His eyes brightened when he offered to send my book of poems about surviving abuse by a priest through

official channels to Pope Francis. My eyes became moist and full. When unexpected light comes

into our lives, all seems clear. Fear and anxieties fade away. Grace comes in such quiet,

eloquent and mysterious ways that even fingertips transmit healing epiphanies of blessing.



(Linda Abner is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis.)

### For a Loving Shepherd

By Linda Abner

You have chosen him for higher things, O Lord. But what is higher than serving You In the day-to-day encounters with You in Your children? You Yourself walked among the people of Your day— Street people, hungry people, criminals, outcasts; The powerless and simple And those who knew they did not know.

If You had chosen to live among The rich, content and powerful, Would anything have changed?

Yet Your Church needs leaders. You showed that the true leader Is one who serves; That to be great, one must humble himself.

He is humble, Lord; He is willing to follow, hard though it may be. Keep this one You have chosen Close to Your Heart, Even as he remains in ours. Let his eyes not stray to the left, or to the right, But stay fixed steadfastly on You: His model and hope, Help and Light Comfort and strength For this service to which he is called.



(Gayle Schrank is pastoral associate of St. Mary Parish in Navilleton.)

### My Prayers Will Follow

By Gayle Schrank

As I pray and give thanks for people sent from our Lord, Cardinal Tobin, you come to mind. You shepherd with one accord. Your gentleness shows strength. Your attention is sincere. God's goodness is reflected when His chosen one is near. Cardinal Tobin, you enkindle God's mighty power of love. As you leave my prayers will follow. Be guarded and protected from above.



(Catherine Szakel is a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield.)

### A New Cardinal

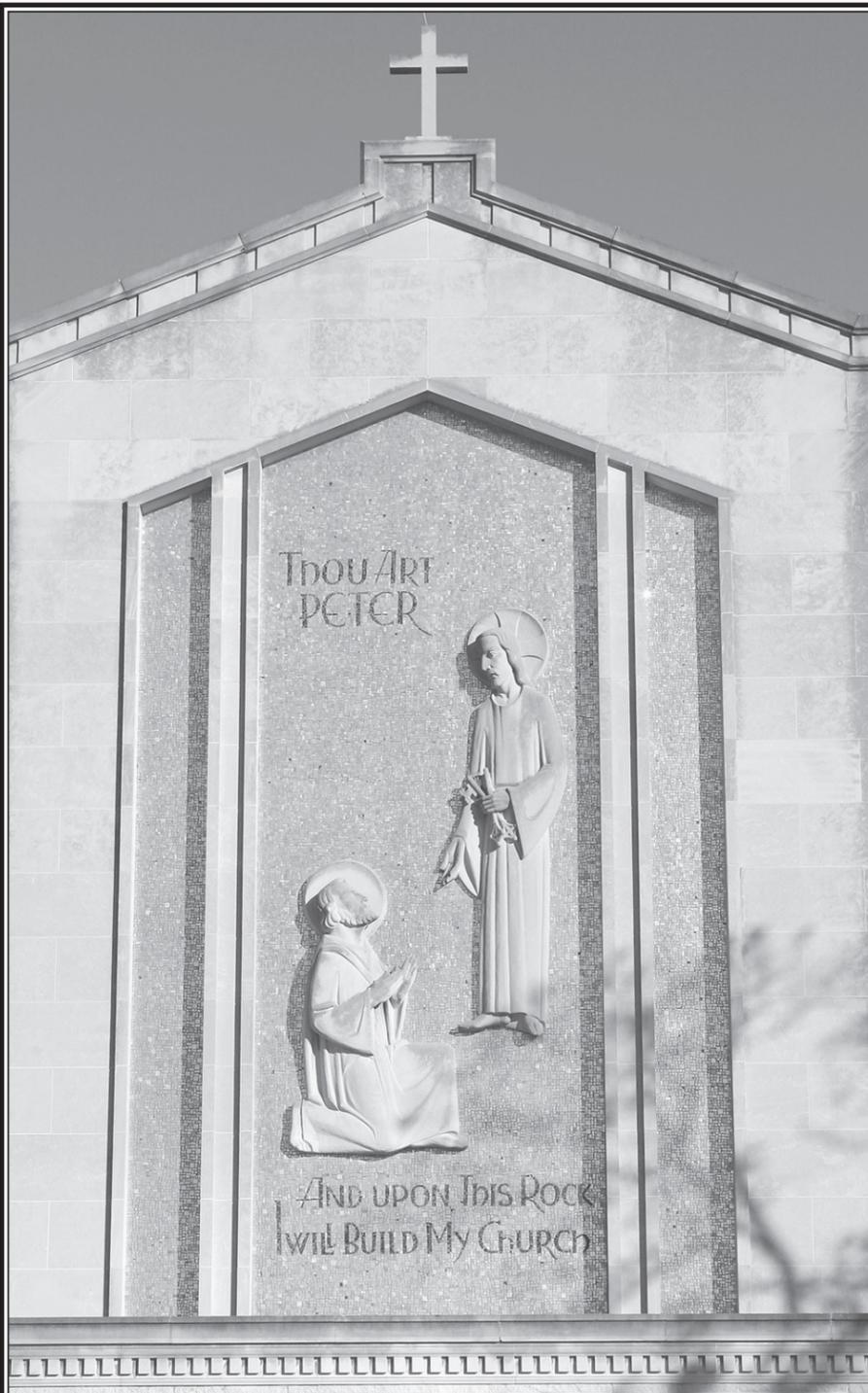
By Catherine Szakel

A new Cardinal has been selected, And he surely earned the spot. He's done so much for us And we love him quite a lot.

Archbishop Tobin is the man Who makes us very proud. He's done his work here, that is sure And we'll tell it good and loud.

We will miss him when he leaves us, But what we say is true. To find another man like him We'll have to stir the brew.

We wish him all good fortune And blessings from above. And hope he takes with him All our enduring love.



## The Most Reverend David Malloy,



and the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Diocese of Rockford offer our heartfelt congratulations to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.S.R., on his elevation to a Prince of the Church, and our prayerful best wishes as he moves on to lead the Archdiocese of Newark.

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## He was Chosen by God

By Thomas J. Rillo

Somewhere between childhood and adulthood  
a young boy hears God's voice  
There is no immediate recognition  
and for him there is no choice  
God has chosen the boy to be a servant  
in His court  
Establishing certain stages of spirituality

A first stage of spirituality in familial  
prayer and worship  
Grace before all meals and the rosary  
before bed  
God quietly exerts His guiding hand  
and the boy is duly led  
Attendance at daily and Sunday Masses  
in family union  
Serving as an acolyte and assisting with  
Communion  
Going through the stages of God's plan  
for him

He was chosen by God to be a universal  
shepherd  
He listened to God's voice and  
attentively he heard  
Preparatory education began his priestly  
journey  
Putting his trust in God and submitting  
without worry  
Ordination came as years of preparation  
and study culminated  
Pastoral service assigned and carefully  
mandated

He rose in various assignments in the  
hierarchy of the Church  
Each assignment brought him recognition  
justly deserved  
Devotion and service to God and Church  
fully recognized

Consummate shepherd to the Church and  
believers as the prize  
Elevation to Cardinal came to those who  
knew him as no surprise  
His journey in Holy Orders not finished  
but just begun.



*(Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon is a member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.)*

## Archbishop Joseph Tobin, Cardinal

By Benedictine Sister Kathleen Yeadon

You appeared in Indy with your  
gregarious self  
embracing Hoosier hospitality  
and modeling mission and zeal  
for the poor, the hurting and those  
needing roots.

Your witness was let's do this Gospel life  
no matter the cost.  
Your energy matched that of Pope Francis  
so here in Indy we had an extension of  
Rome  
and an extension of Christ.

Your love for our monastery  
and all women religious  
will never be forgotten.  
Your sermons always had a connection to  
a woman  
who helped you in your own formation.  
Thank you for including the gift of  
women  
in the Church.

Thank you for how you encouraged our  
monastic leadership  
with your listening heart  
and supportive ways.

May the Joy of the Gospel  
continue to strengthen you  
through the future days.

May the Light of Faith  
be a source of comfort.

and may *Laudato Si'* and *Joy of Love*  
give you wisdom for healing life's hurts  
and bringing hope to others.



*(Natalie Hoefer is a member of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis and is a reporter for The Criterion.)*

## The Hoosier Cardinal

By Natalie Hoefer

How awe-inspiring is the state bird of  
Indiana,  
The Cardinal,  
With his bold red feathers  
Reminiscent of the blood Christ shed.

What heart is not drawn to  
His simplicity,  
So humble despite his status,  
So down to earth yet soaring so high?

What ear does not find comfort in  
His voice,  
So strong and recognizable,  
So consistent in its encouraging song?

What person is not comforted by  
His presence,  
Through vibrant spring and joyful  
summer,  
Through changing fall and biting winter?

Other states may have cardinals, but  
The Cardinal  
Is especially loved by us Hoosiers,  
And will always have a home in our  
hearts.



*(Patrick Harkins is a member of St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute.)*

## A Blessing for the Occasion of the Induction of Cardinal Tobin into the College of Cardinals

By Patrick Harkins

That time of year when Thanksgiving  
helps us  
Believe the goodness of God is not far  
Blessings seem to tumble, spectacular,  
To the point of being miraculous.

What might a new shepherd do when the  
flock  
Is surprised that one so close to them  
would lead  
Them? First, to listen. What do people  
need?  
What does God say when outcast people  
knock

Expecting heaven's door to open? Two,  
Use the gift of languages to speak as  
If Pentecost's fire could still amaze.  
Third, smile as if each day were  
something new.

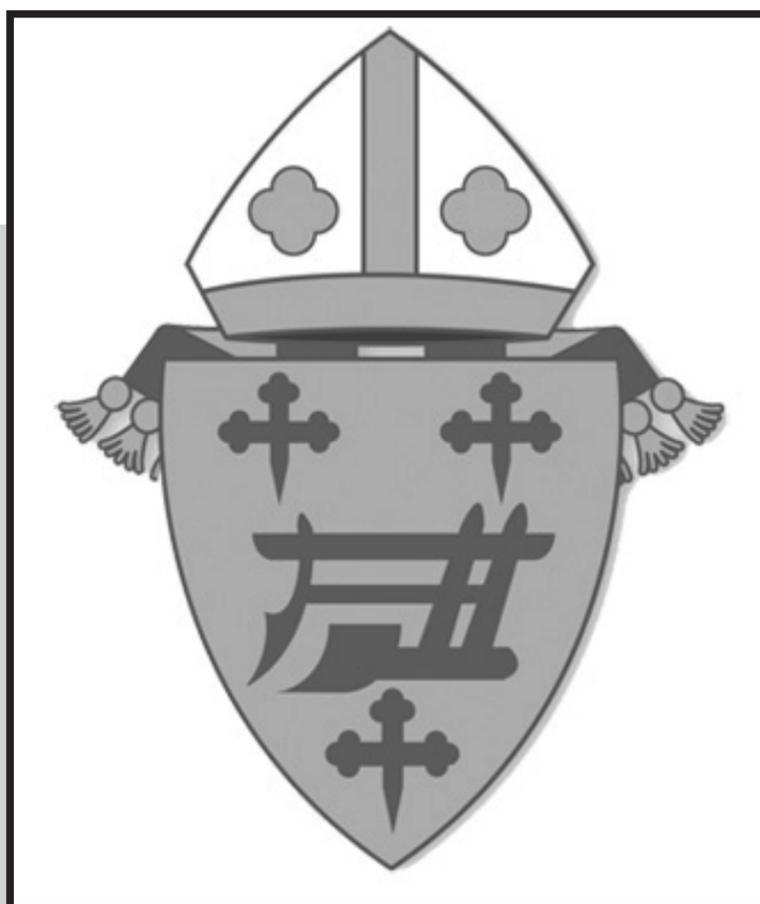
Even more than this, do not forget the  
place  
That gave you birth, your father and  
mother,  
The Redemptorists who love the poor  
In the core of their hearts. Accept with  
good grace

And generosity what roles to you will  
come in.  
Archbishop and Cardinal! Still shepherd  
At heart, our guide and teacher of the  
Word.  
God bless you, Joseph Cardinal Tobin.



# Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.S.s.R.

*Congratulations  
from the  
faithful of the  
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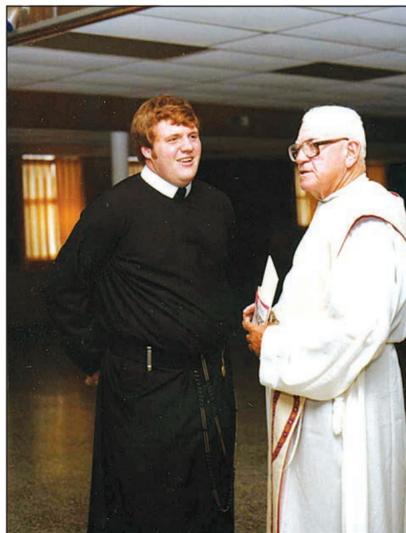
# The gift of faith, the gift of family



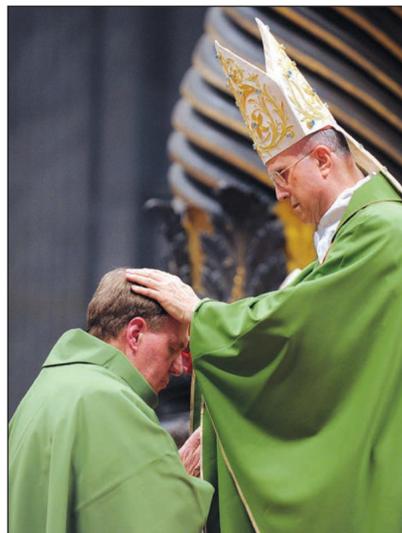
Pope Benedict XVI greets then-Redemptorist Father Joseph Tobin during a Feb. 2, 2008, liturgy at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican to mark the World Day for Consecrated Life. At the time, then-Father Joseph was superior general of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists. (Submitted photos)



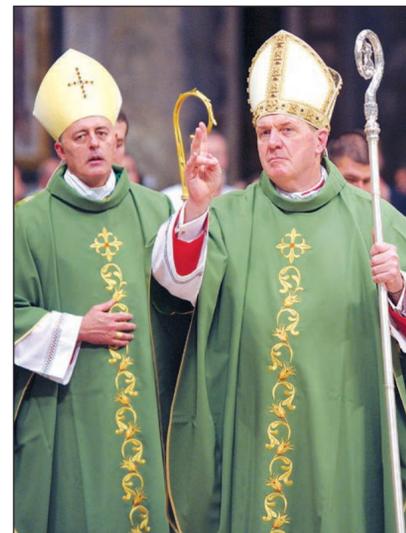
This Tobin family photo was taken in 1979. Posing in it are, from left in the front row, Marie, Sara and Dan; second row, Ann, Molly and Gerarda; third row, Margo, Therese, Patricia and Kathy; and fourth row, Father Joseph, Jim, John and Tom.



Then-Redemptorist Father Joseph Tobin, left, talks with his longtime pastor, Redemptorist Father Joseph Flanagan, on June 4, 1978, at Annunciation Parish in Stoney Pointe, Ontario, Canada. Newly ordained at the time, Father Joseph celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving there that day. Father Flanagan was pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit from 1950 to 1961.



Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, ritually lays hands on the head of then-Redemptorist Father Joseph Tobin during an Oct. 9, 2010, Mass in which Father Tobin was ordained an archbishop at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. He was ordained an archbishop after being appointed to serve as the secretary, the second in authority, of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin gives a blessing after being ordained an archbishop during an Oct. 9, 2010, Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. At left is Archbishop Giorgio Lingua, apostolic nuncio to Jordan and Iraq, who was ordained an archbishop during the same liturgy.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin poses with two children in Rome after being ordained an archbishop on Oct. 9, 2010, at St. Peter's Basilica.



Marie and Joseph Tobin Sr. help their son, Joseph, blow out candles on a birthday cake on May 3, 1954, little Joseph's second birthday.



Fisherman Joseph Tobin, about 7 years old, displays his catch for the day of fresh perch at the family cottage, now Marie Tobin's home, at Lake St. Clair in Stoney Pointe, Ontario, Canada.



Above, on All Saints Day in about 1961, Joseph Tobin wears a costume to portray St. Joseph, his patron saint, and poses for a photo with his sister, Molly, center, dressed as the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his sister, Margo, right, wearing a nun's habit as St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, on the porch of their home in Detroit. They were dressed for a program at Holy Redeemer School in Detroit.

Left, Joseph Tobin strikes a studious pose in this photo taken during his third-grade year at Holy Redeemer School in Detroit.



Left, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin's maternal grandfather, James Kerwin, pushes his young grandson in a wheelbarrow on a family farm in Canada in the early 1950s.

Right, Joseph Tobin, center, with his parents, Marie and Joseph Tobin Sr., pose for a photo at St. Joseph Preparatory College, a Redemptorist high school, in Edgerton, Wis., in 1969.



The parishes of St. Maurice in Napoleon,  
St. John in Osgood, and Immaculate  
Conception in Millhousen wish to say:

*Congratulations  
Cardinal Joseph W.  
Tobin*



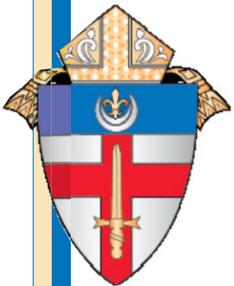
Our prayers  go with you.

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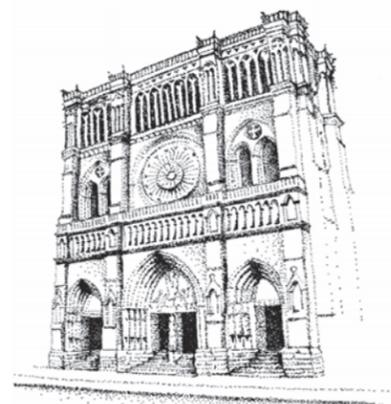


Bishop George V. Murry, S.J.  
and the Church of Youngstown



*The* Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D.,  
the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful  
of the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky, send  
our congratulations, best wishes, and prayers  
to Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.s.R.

*Let* your light shine.  
Matthew 5:16



# Events Calendar

For a list of events for the next four weeks as reported to The Criterion, log on to [www.archindy.org/events](http://www.archindy.org/events).

## December 6

Mission 27 Resale, 132 Leota St., Indianapolis. **Senior Discount Day**, every Tuesday, 30 percent off clothing, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., ministry supports Indianapolis St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry and Changing Lives Forever program. Information: 317-687-8260.

## December 7

Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. **Solo Seniors**, Catholic, educational, charitable and social singles, 50 and over, single, separated, widowed or divorced. New members welcome. 6 p.m. Information: 317-243-0777.

## December 8

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Cenacle (house on parish grounds), Indianapolis. **Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide support group**, 7 p.m. Information: 317-851-8344.

Intercultural Pastoral Institute, 4838 Fletcher Ave., Indianapolis. **Open House for the Father Boniface Hardin Theology and Spirituality Program**, 4-7 p.m., learn about African and African-American Catholic culture

and worship expressions. Information: 317-236-1443 or [ipi@archindy.org](mailto:ipi@archindy.org).

## December 9

St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis. **Coffee House Social Gathering**, 6:30-9 p.m., coffee and pastries, entertainment and fellowship to get to know neighbors from surrounding churches, second Friday of each month, free. Information: 317-373-6271, [Karen.mcmeans@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.mcmeans@gmail.com).

## December 10

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. **Shop Inn-Spired Christmas Sale**, deals for your holiday shopping needs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., have your picture taken with Santa for \$5 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Information: 317-788-7581.

Sisters of Providence Motherhouse Grounds, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Christmas Fun at the Woods**, sleigh rides, pet and feed alpacas, visit Santa, decorate cookies and more, 1-4 p.m., \$5 per person, children age 3 and under free. Information: 812-535-2931, [wvc@spsmw.org](mailto:wvc@spsmw.org).

[events.sistersofprovidence.org](http://events.sistersofprovidence.org).

## December 11

Calumet Club, 1516 Spring St., New Albany. **The Original Image of Divine Mercy**, free film screening of documentary on history of the original Divine Mercy image commissioned by St. Faustina, plus presentation by documentary director, 2-5 p.m. Information: 502-523-3524.

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Advent Vespers**, 4:30 p.m.

St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis. **Mass in French**, 1 p.m. Information: 317-523-4193 or [acfadi2014@gmail.com](mailto:acfadi2014@gmail.com).

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Church, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. **Class of '63 monthly gathering**, 6 p.m. Mass, optional dinner afterward. Information: 317-408-6396.

## December 13

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of

Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Monthly Taizé Prayer Service**, theme "Waiting," 7-8 p.m., silent and spoken prayers, simple music, silence. Information: 812-535-2952, [provctr@spsmw.org](mailto:provctr@spsmw.org).

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. **Ave Maria Guild**, Christmas Party Pitch-In, noon. Information: 317-223-3687, [vlgmimi@aol.com](mailto:vlgmimi@aol.com).

## December 15

St. Joseph Church, 1375 S. Mickley Ave., Indianapolis. **Third Thursday Adoration**, interceding for women experiencing crisis pregnancy, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., with Mass at 5:45 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Cemetery and Mausoleum, 9001 Haverstick Road, Indianapolis. **Christmas Mass**, 2 p.m. Information: 317-574-8898 or [www.catholiccemeteries.cc](http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc).

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Christmas Open House**, food and fellowship, 3-5 p.m. Information: 812-535-2932, [wvc@spsmw.org](mailto:wvc@spsmw.org), or [events.sistersofprovidence.org](http://events.sistersofprovidence.org).

## December 16

Northside Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. **Catholic Business Exchange**, Governor-elect Eric Holcomb, presenting, Mass, breakfast and program, 7-9 a.m., \$15 members, \$21 non-members, breakfast included. Reservations and information: [www.catholicbusinessexchange.org](http://www.catholicbusinessexchange.org).

## December 17

St. Bartholomew Church, 1306 27th St., Columbus. **Christmas Concert**, featuring parish musicians and piano duo including St. Bartholomew director of music ministry Bogdan Minut and his wife Mirabella, 7 p.m., free. Information: log on to [www.saintbartholomew.org](http://www.saintbartholomew.org) and click on Music Ministry then Concert Series.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Indianapolis**. Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30 a.m. at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., followed by prayer at a local abortion center, and continued prayer at the church for those who wish to remain.

Saint Meinrad Archabbey Guest House and Retreat Center, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad. **Service of the Longest Night**, hosted by Abbey Caskets, prayer and

Scripture for those who mourn and struggle with loss during the holiday season, 6 p.m. CST, Benedictine Father Adrian Burke, light refreshments, no charge. Information: 800-987-7380 or [info@abbeycaskets.com](mailto:info@abbeycaskets.com).

## December 16-17

St. John the Evangelist Parish, 120 W. Georgia St., Indianapolis. **Christkindl Village**, children's activities, German food, beer garden, luminary walk, handcrafted gifts; Fri. 5-9 p.m., 6 p.m. youth sacred music festival in church and 7 p.m. nativity blessing and caroling; Sat., noon-9 p.m., 5 p.m. sacred music festival in church followed by Eucharistic procession, 6:30 p.m. Mass; free admission. Information: [www.stjohnsindy.org](http://www.stjohnsindy.org).

## December 18

St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7575 Holliday Dr. E., Indianapolis. **Vox Sacra Concert**, the schola cantorum of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Advent and Christmas music, 4 p.m., CD's available for purchase. Free admission. Information: 317-236-1513 or [www.voxsacra.com](http://www.voxsacra.com).

Church of the Immaculate Conception, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods. **Advent Vespers**, 4:30 p.m. †

## Retreats and Programs

For a complete list of retreats as reported to The Criterion, log on to [www.archindy.org/retreats](http://www.archindy.org/retreats).



The Deacons, Deacon Candidates  
and their wives

*Congratulate*

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

on his elevation

to the College of Cardinals.

*We also take this opportunity to assure him of our prayers and best wishes on his appointment as Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey.*

*Congratulations  
Cardinal  
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*May God continue  
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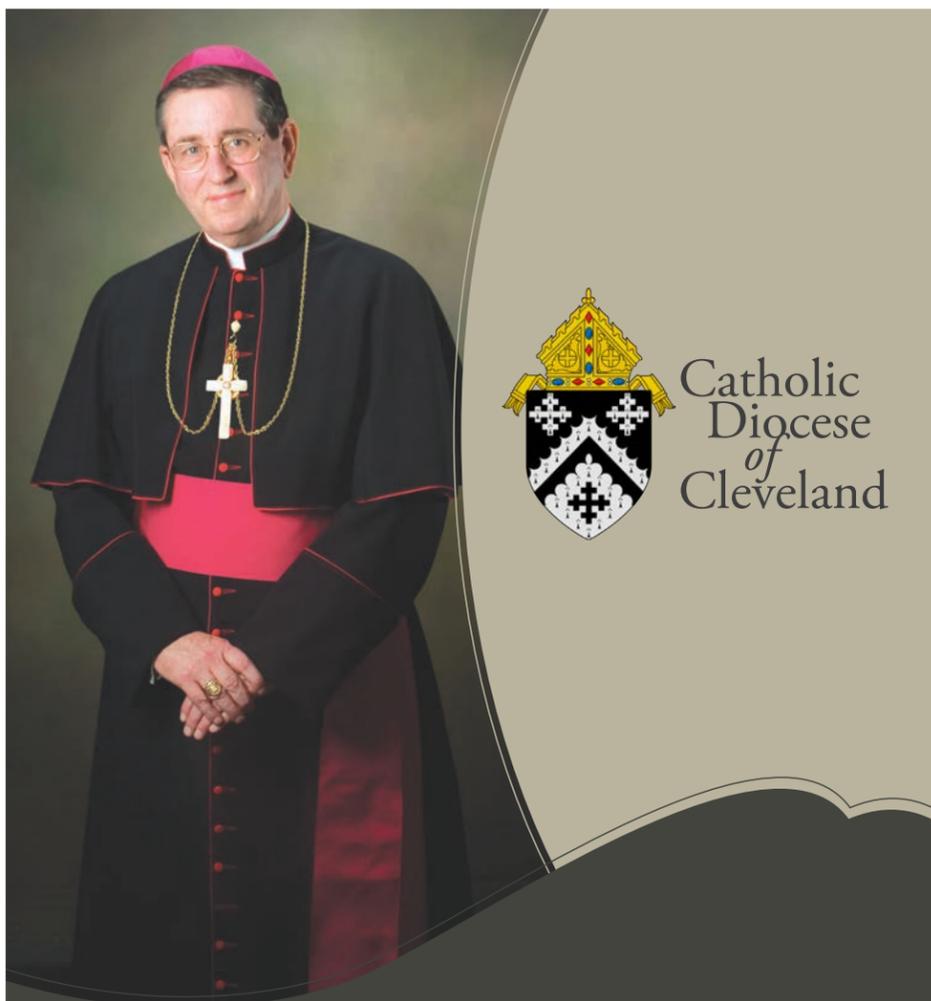
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*Congratulations*

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

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The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon  
and the faithful of the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio  
offer best wishes and congratulations to

**CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN, C.S.S.R.**

on the occasion of his appointment.



May God bless our native son

*Cardinal Joe Tobin*

as you continue your service with love and  
wisdom in the Archdiocese of Newark



Archbishop Allen Vigneron, the bishops, clergy,  
religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit

## Advent is a time to help the world prepare for Christ's return

By Mike Nelson

Advent is a time for serious reflection on our lives as disciples of Jesus, whose return we are called not simply to expect but to prepare for—with great care and joy.

And the Scriptures for this year's second Sunday of Advent give us a wonder-filled look at life for the Christian believer upon the second coming.

Isaiah is particularly vivid in his portrayal of the kingdom—the baby playing alongside the cobra, the calf and the young lion browsing together—but he prefaces that by noting the qualities of the one “from the stump of Jesse” (Is 11:1) who will come to make this all happen.

“The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,” Isaiah proclaims, “a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord” (Is 11:2).

These qualities were reflected, nearly 2,000 years after Isaiah, in St. Bonaventure's “Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.” Bonaventure, a 13th-century philosopher and theologian later named a doctor of the Church, composed the prayer as a series of petitions, asking for understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, fear and wisdom.

“Lord Jesus,” Bonaventure prayed, “as God's Spirit came down and rested upon you, may the same Spirit rest upon us.”

Bonaventure was also a Franciscan, the order whose founder, St. Francis of Assisi, praised God's presence in the beauty of nature, something in keeping with the image presented by Isaiah.

This, our Advent readings suggest, is also the hope and promise of the second coming. Pope Francis (another devotee of the saint from Assisi) made that very point on the first Sunday of Advent in 2013—the first year of his pontificate, with readings identical to this year's—as he addressed an *Angelus* gathering at the Vatican.

“For the great human family,” he said, “it is always necessary to rediscover the common horizon toward which we are journeying. The horizon of hope! This is the horizon that makes a good journey.”

Advent, Pope Francis continued, “restores this horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint, for it is founded on God's word. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!”

As we prepare during Advent to receive the risen Christ—and journey toward that “common horizon” of hope—the Holy Father, in Diane Houdek's *The Joy of Advent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis*, offers us something along the same lines, but a bit more weighty, to consider.

Jesus, the pope says, is the “guide and goal of our



A statue depicting Christ the King is near a tree that is about to lose its leaves for the winter at Christ the King Church in Commack, N.Y., just before the start of Advent 2015. Advent is a time for Catholics to prepare the whole world for the peace of Christ's kingdom. (CNS photo/Gregory A. Shemitz)

pilgrimage” toward the kingdom of justice and peace—a pilgrimage of “the entire people of God.” Here Pope Francis recalls the words of Isaiah:

“He shall judge between the nations, and set terms for many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again” (Is 2:4).

The purveyors of war in the world today have largely moved beyond swords and spears, but violence threatens our peace and tranquility, even in our homes and neighborhoods. Given the nature and scope of such violence, we can easily doubt our ability to counter it.

But weapons need not be made of steel to do damage. In *The Joy of Advent*, we are called to think about the ways in which we use words as weapons every day to hurt others. Pope Francis invites us to transform our words in such a way that they become expressions of “tolerance, compassion and love.”

The pope, Houdek writes, reminds us that we bring the most important word of all, the Word of God, to life each day “in the way we reach out to others” with God's love and mercy.

Preparing and waiting for the Lord, then, is not simply about sitting around and putting our own houses in order. We are called to help the world prepare to receive the risen Jesus by how we act toward and treat one another in our daily lives—including our choice of words, and the tone and context in which we use them.

And it is easy at this time of year, with its unceasing demands on our time, finances and patience, to become annoyed, agitated, frustrated and angry to the point where we react and speak in ways that we know are inappropriate and even hurtful to others.

Perhaps, as part of our Advent preparation and practice, we can pray to the Lord that the gifts of the Holy Spirit—understanding, wisdom, counsel and the rest—may fall upon us, just as St. Bonaventure prayed some 750 years ago.

For by welcoming and receiving our Savior into our hearts—and not letting our words become weapons—we prepare to receive the peace and joy that is promised to those who believe in the risen Lord and await his return.

(Catholic journalist Mike Nelson writes from southern California.) †

## Catholics are called to spread the peace of Christ to all creation in Advent

By Nancy de Flon

In his recent book *The Hidden Life of Trees*, forester Peter Wohlleben compellingly describes how the stump of a tree that had been felled several hundred years ago was still producing new life because of the activity taking place underground. Unseen to human eyes, the



Taddeo Gaddi's early Renaissance triptych, “Madonna and Child Enthroned with Ten Saints: Maesta,” is pictured in this Dec. 10, 2015, photo at New York's oldest museum in an exhibit dedicated to Advent. Christ's rule of peace is not something that we passively wait for. It's an active force that we ourselves must live and work to bring about. (CNS photo/Chaz Muth)

ancient stump was being nourished by sugar pumped to its roots by the surrounding trees.

The prophet Isaiah knew nothing of this, of course, but based on the reading from his book for the second Sunday of Advent, we might be tempted to think he did. In Advent, we look forward to the revelation of the Incarnation of God's Son, a cosmic event in which God blessed all of creation in a special way.

Not unexpectedly, the liturgies of the Advent and Christmas seasons are replete with imagery of the natural world that expresses the anticipation and then the joy of Christ's coming to Earth.

Trees will clap their hands, mountains will ring out their joy, for the Lord comes to rule the Earth. Springs of water bless the Lord because the Son of God has hallowed water by being baptized in it.

The reading from Isaiah—the Advent prophet par excellence—also uses imagery from nature, but often in a unique way. Using a metaphor that comes amazingly close to Wohlleben's seemingly dead tree, he foretells that “a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse” (Is 11:1)—that is, from the line of Jesse's son, King David.

But Isaiah goes on to present

striking contrasts by pairing elements normally opposed to each other in the natural world. The wolf and the lamb share hospitality; the calf and the lion cub graze together. A human child plays safely near venomous snakes.

These images foretell the universal peace that will reign when the Messiah comes, for even the gentiles will seek out the root of Jesse.

As Christians, we interpret this first and most obviously as a prophecy of the coming of Christ to Earth 2,000 years ago. “Root of Jesse” is one of the seven names given to the coming Messiah in the beautiful “O Antiphons” prayed during the last days of Advent. The hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is based on the “O Antiphons.”

Beyond that, however, Advent also looks forward to the second coming of Christ at the end of time. Thus, Christians also read this passage from Isaiah as an eschatological vision of the rule of Christ, when all of creation will be subject to his reign of peace.

But Christ's rule of peace is not something that we passively wait for. It's an active force that we ourselves must live and work to bring about. St. Paul challenges us now, as he did the Colossians long ago: “Let the peace of Christ control your hearts” (Col 3:15).

Who or what in our own lives are the wolves, the lions, the serpents with which we need to come to terms? Let us focus on that during this season of anticipation, that we might joyfully welcome the Prince of Peace.

(Nancy de Flon is an editor at Paulist Press and the author of *The Joy of Praying the Psalms*.) †

From the Editor Emeritus/John F. Fink

## 20th-century Church: Pope Paul and Father Ted Hesburgh

*(Nineteenth in a series of columns)*

Last week, I interrupted my series about the 20th-century Church to write about Blessed Pope Paul VI, and my meeting with him. For you to get to know him even better, I want to devote this column to the special friendship between Pope Paul and Holy Cross Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, who was president of the University of Notre Dame during the pontiff's time as bishop of Rome.

They got to know one another while Archbishop Giovanni Battista Montini, the future Pope Paul, was Pope Pius XII's secretary of state and Father



Ted was the Holy See's representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency. The friendship deepened in 1960 when Father Ted invited Cardinal Montini, when he was archbishop of Milan, to give the baccalaureate sermon at Notre Dame. President Dwight Eisenhower gave the commencement address.

Father Ted spent a lot of time with Cardinal Montini that weekend. He also arranged for Cardinal Montini and Eisenhower to meet.

When they did, the cardinal gave Eisenhower a block of marble with a bronze angel holding several severed chains. At the base of the statue was a quote that said, "He took the chains from their midst." Cardinal Montini said that the statuette was symbolic of what Eisenhower had done for Europe, and he said, "You freed us, and we are deeply grateful."

Three year later, Cardinal Montini was elected Pope Paul VI.

In 1965, Pope Paul asked Father Ted to stop and see him while on his way to Paris for a meeting of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, of which Father Ted was president. During lunch, the pope said that he had long dreamed of a place where Christian theologians could study and live together as they were doing in Rome during the Second Vatican Council.

Then, he said, during his trip to the Holy Land in 1964, he met with Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras. After that meeting, he decided that Jerusalem would be the ideal place for an ecumenical center, and he asked Father Ted to build it.

Father Ted went to Jerusalem and eventually found the ideal spot—35 acres on a hill at the border of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The Vatican bought the

property and leased it to the University of Notre Dame for \$1 a year. Today, the Ecumenical Center of Tantur continues to attract students and theologians. I studied there for three months in 1997.

Pope Paul and Father Ted spent many pleasant evenings having dinner and then watching space movies, which the pope enjoyed and Father Ted provided. On one of those occasions, the pope surprised Father Ted with a huge birthday cake. Then a waiter brought a bottle of bourbon, the pope saying, "Now we're going to have an American drink."

The pope filled a tumbler and handed it to Father Ted. Father Ted told him that it was plain to see that he didn't know about bourbon. "If I were to drink this, someone would have to carry me out of here."

Father Ted devoted 15 pages to his friendship with Pope Paul in his autobiography *God, Country, Notre Dame*. †

It's All Good/Patti Lamb

## Jesus Christ, the 'thrill of hope,' is always cause for rejoicing

I've often been described as a "Christmas person." Just ask my family.

I could listen to Christmas music year-round. This past October, however, my family put the kibosh on that and respectfully requested that I save my Bing Crosby Christmas CD for late November.



My favorite movies are *It's a Wonderful Life* and *Elf*. I have multiple Nativity sets and more ugly Christmas sweaters than I care to admit.

Yet each Dec. 26, I'm there as soon as the stores open to troll around for Christmas items (at half-off!) for the following year's merriment.

I'm often teased about my love for Christmas, especially by my sisters. This past Fourth of July, one of my sisters said in jest, "I'm assuming all of your Christmas cards are addressed by now."

It's true that I find much joy in Christmas.

This year, however, something feels different. I realize this is the time for joyful preparation. Advent has only just begun.

But for me and many friends and

family members whom I love, life feels a little "off" right now. So many souls I know are hurting and troubled at this time, and it feels forced to deck the halls. The feeling extends beyond my own circle of friends to our country and our world, which also feels broken, divided, and in a bit of a funk.

I've never been the bah-humbug sort, and I certainly don't plan to adopt that attitude. Maybe it's just the timing of recent happenings and learning of the heavy crosses some good friends are carrying right now.

Within the past few weeks, I've learned that one of my friends is seriously

ill, a few others have encountered broken marriages and even more friends are heartsick due to misfortunes which I cannot imagine bearing.

When I ran into one of these friends last week, out of habit, I asked how she was.

Quickly, I backpedaled. I tried to recover by saying, "Just another day in paradise, right?"

She commented that she couldn't wait to get to "real" paradise, when we're at home with God, and everything will be made whole again.

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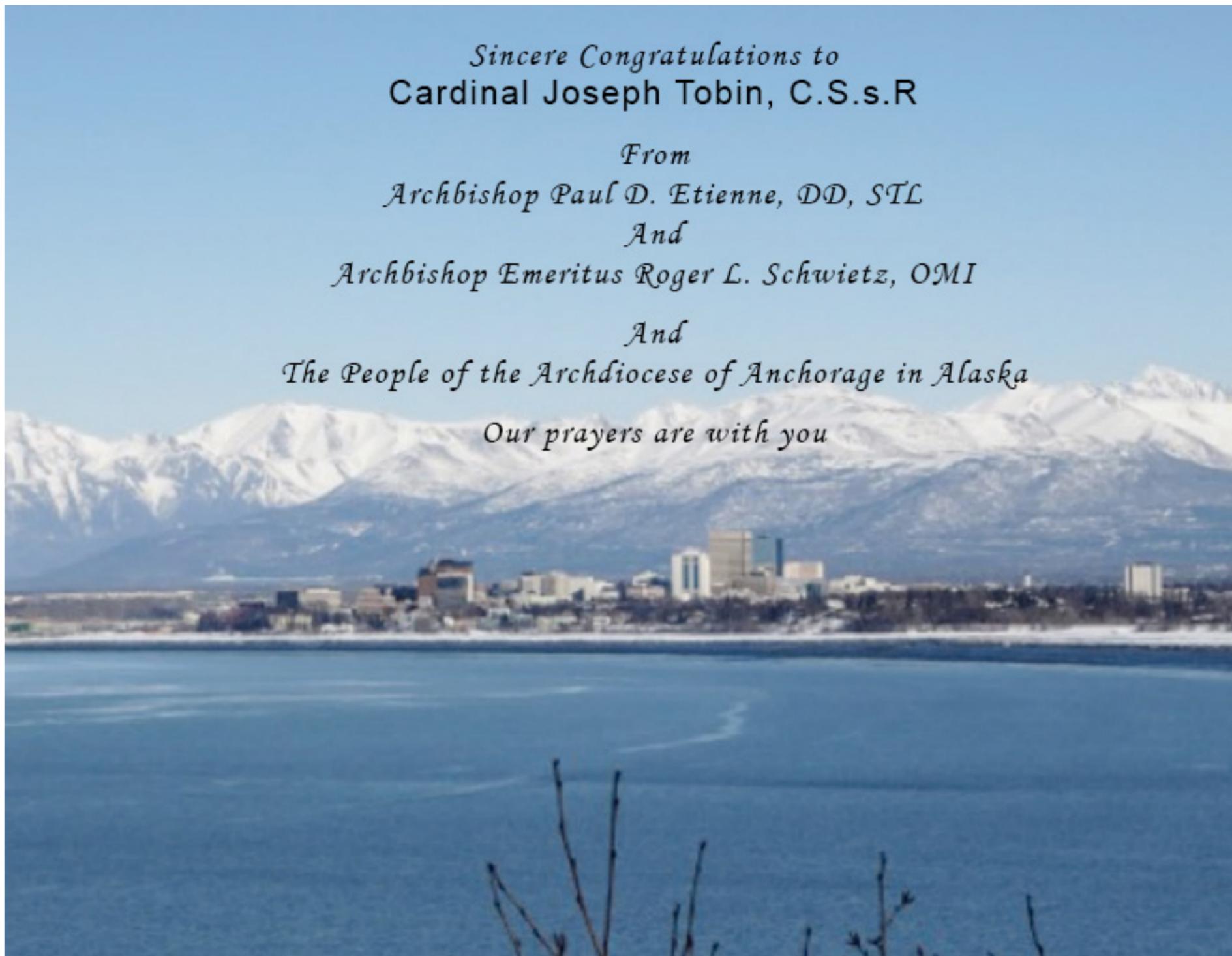
*Sincere Congratulations to  
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*From  
Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL*

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*And  
The People of the Archdiocese of Anchorage in Alaska*

*Our prayers are with you*



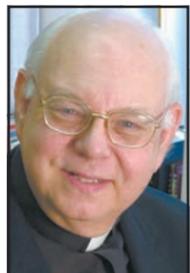
Second Sunday of Advent/Msg. Owen F. Campion

# The Sunday Readings

Sunday, December 4, 2016

- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Romans 15:4-9
- Matthew 3:1-12

Once again, the first section of the Book of Isaiah provides the first biblical reading.



This weekend's reading is in the same mood as that of last week. Isaiah was very unhappy with the turn of events of his time. As was so often the case with the ancient Hebrew prophets, Isaiah saw the misfortunes

facing his people as the result of their own disloyalty to God.

While direct and uncompromising, however, his words were not menacing or hostile. Rather, they were reassuring. They declared the prophet's firm belief that, despite the sins of the people, God would not forsake them. Furthermore, in due time, God's holy will would be vindicated. Wrongs would be righted. Errors would be corrected. Justice and peace would prevail.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans supplies the second reading this weekend.

In this reading, the Apostle Paul repeats the basic message given earlier by Isaiah. It is a testimony to God's love. Throughout history, St. Paul maintains, God guided the Chosen People to righteousness and ultimately to union with the divine. Paul describes God as the source of all patience and encouragement. Despite human failings, God is constant in love and care.

The Apostle also counsels the Christian Romans to accept each other in love and good will. After all, he insists, Christ accepted them. Indeed, Christ was a visible and effective instrument on Earth of God's mercy and goodness.

For its third reading, the Church this weekend offers us a reading from the Gospel of Matthew. The central figure is John the Baptist, mentioned in Luke as the child of Elizabeth and Zachary. Elizabeth of course was the "kinswoman," probably a cousin of Mary. Therefore, John himself was related to Jesus.

From the earliest days of Christianity, John the Baptist has been a favorite

figure. His absolute commitment to the most basic dedication to God has made him a model for the devout since the first century A.D.

By journeying to the place where he encountered Pharisees and Sadducees, religious experts but surely not his admirers, John showed that he was on a mission—to prepare the way for Jesus. Travel in ancient Palestine was understandably rare. It was undertaken with a purpose in mind.

John never sugar-coated the failings of people, or the stubbornness of some in his demands that the people reform. Here in this reading, he chastises his listeners, in effect, for their pride and self-interest. Their lack of true devotion to God only strengthens and protracts the reign of sin in the land. Thus, their personal shortcomings add to the burdens weighing heavily upon the entire society.

He challenges the people to purge themselves of this self-interest and humbly to turn to God.

## Reflection

As we progress through Advent, the Church calls us to make ourselves worthy of receiving God. Advent's purpose is not just to plan for a memorial of Christ's birth. It is primarily to make our hearts fitting dwelling places for the Lord. To be fitting dwelling places, we must rid ourselves of our sins.

Advent calls us to this very resolve, to confront our own sins and to turn from sin. As an example, John himself was stark and direct, absolutely and completely committed to God.

To realize our personal sinfulness and the sinfulness of the world, we too must be resolute, making no excuses for ourselves. We must be frank with ourselves. Frankness comes only in humility.

Placing John the Baptist before us, the Church urges us personally to put first things first. Our goal must be union with God. Following self-interests and self-deception will lead away from God.

God will empower us in our quest for holiness. He will be our strength and guide. He loves us and forgives us. †



## Juan Diego

1474 - 1548

feast - December 9

Baptized at 50, this Indian was walking to Mass on Dec. 9, 1531, when Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, near Mexico City. She asked him to petition the bishop for a shrine to be built there. But the bishop asked for a sign. On Dec. 12, Juan returned to Tepeyac; Mary told him to pick flowers blooming atop the hill and put them in his cloak to take to the bishop. When Juan opened the cloak, the flowers fell out and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe adorned his garment. This miraculous image is preserved in the famous basilica in Mexico City. Juan lived out his days as a hermit near the first chapel built there; he was canonized in 2002.

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## Daily Readings

### Monday, December 5

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 85:9-14  
Luke 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas, bishop  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 96:1-3, 10-13  
Matthew 18:12-14

### Wednesday, December 7

St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church  
Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10  
Matthew 11:28-30

### Thursday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalm 98:1-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

### Friday, December 9

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin  
Isaiah 48:17-19  
Psalm 1:1-4, 6  
Matthew 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 10

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
Psalm 146:6-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

## Question Corner/Fr. Kenneth Doyle

### Attending Communion service is not the same as worshipping at a weekend Mass

Recently, I attended a service for the sick. The priest read a passage from the Gospel and then he distributed holy Communion before anointing the sick. Since it was a Saturday afternoon, I stayed in church afterward and attended the Sunday vigil Mass. I have two questions. First, would my presence at the service as described be considered as having attended Mass? And second, since I received Communion at the service for the sick, would I be permitted to receive again at the vigil Mass? (California)



Many parishes—I would even say most—celebrate a communal anointing of the sick once or twice a year. This is consistent with the Church's desire, as expressed at the Second Vatican Council, that the sacrament not be reserved only for those who are at the point of death.

The council's "Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" states that "as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived" (#73).

I am a bit surprised, though, that the celebration you speak of included only a Communion service and not a Mass. In my experience, it is far more common

for parishes to celebrate the communal anointing at a weekend Mass. If the priest you mentioned had waited until 4 p.m. on that Saturday afternoon, a Mass celebrated then would have fulfilled the Sunday obligation for those in attendance.

As to your questions: First, no, you did not satisfy that obligation simply by receiving Communion.

Catholics are required on Sundays and holy days of obligation to participate in the eucharistic sacrifice, during which the self-offering of Jesus is re-presented for our benefit; this means a full Mass, in which the bread and wine are offered with the appropriate prayers, transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through the words of the priest into the body and blood of Christ and then received by the priest and those in attendance.

And yes, even though you received Communion at the anointing service, you would have been permitted to receive once more during the vigil Mass. A Catholic may receive Communion a second time during the same day, within the context of a Mass. Canon 917 of the Church's Code of Canon Law says, "A person who has already received the most holy Eucharist can receive it a second time on the same day only within the eucharistic celebration in which the person participates."

(Questions may be sent to Father Kenneth Doyle at [askfatherdoyle@gmail.com](mailto:askfatherdoyle@gmail.com) and 30 Columbia Circle Dr. Albany, New York 12203.) †

## Immaculate Conception

19th century  
December 8



The Catholic dogma that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free from original sin from the moment of her conception and preserved from all sin throughout her earthly life was declared by Pope Pius IX in 1854. However, for centuries Catholics had believed in Mary's exceptional holiness as a divine favor in anticipation of her role in salvation; by the eighth century, the Eastern church believed her holiness was flawless and immense, and this belief gradually spread throughout the Western church. The feast is fixed nine months before the feast marking Mary's birthday on Sept. 8. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patron of the United States and 10 other nations in South America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

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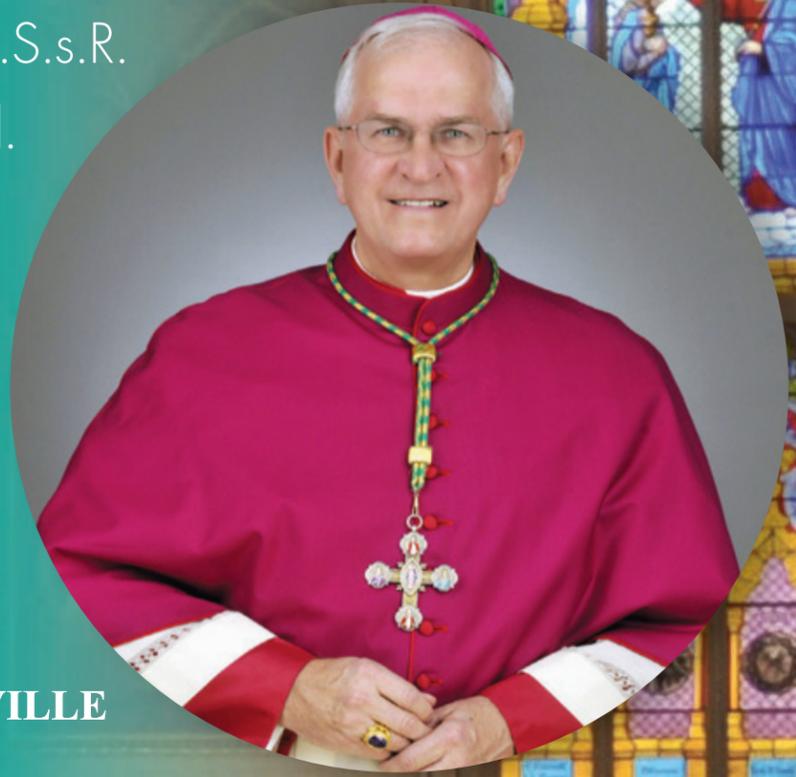
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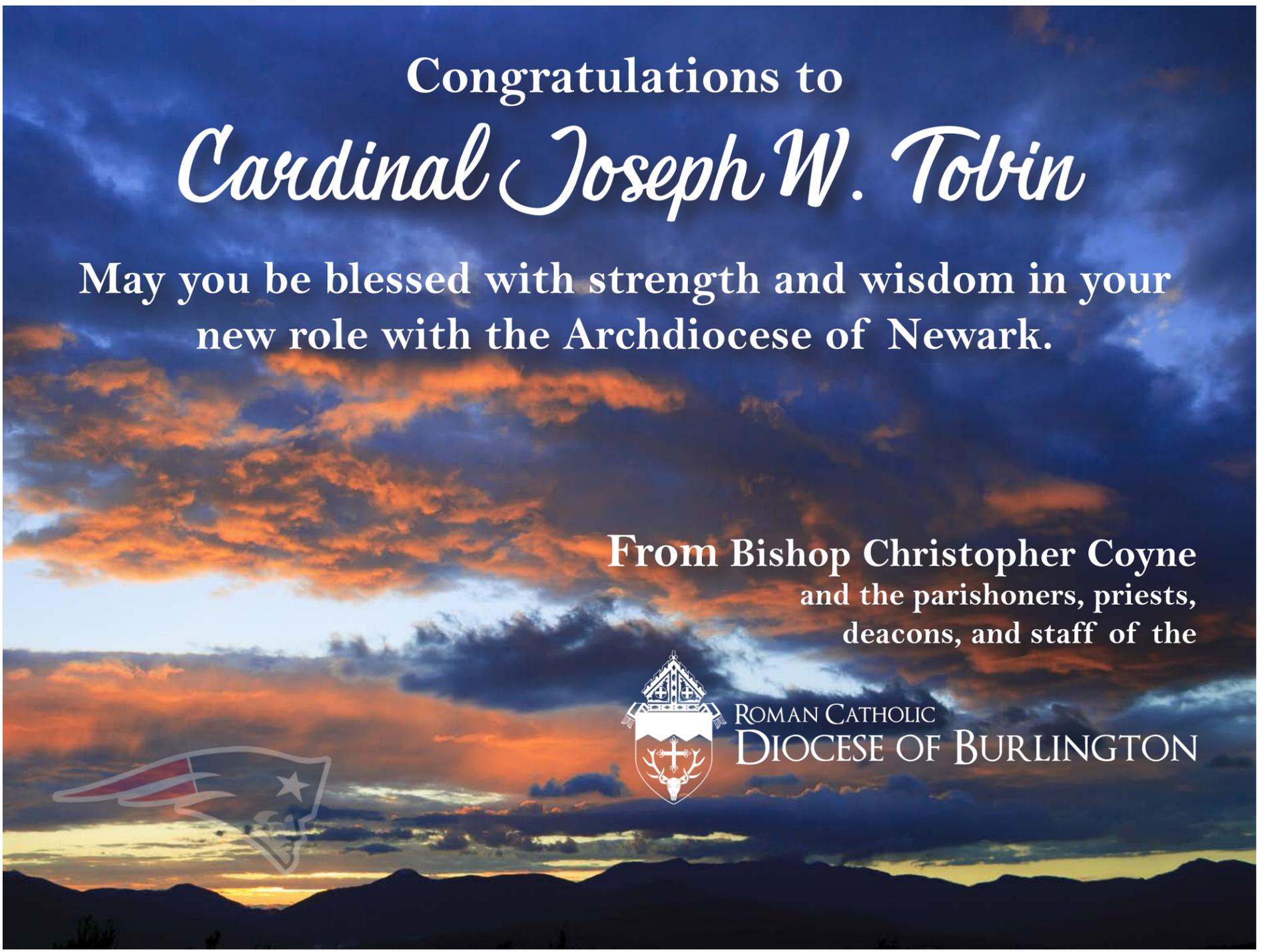
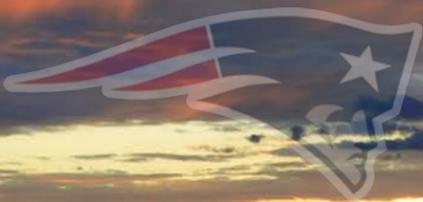
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# Archdiocesan parishes to host Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations

## Special to The Criterion

The following Masses and special events for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe throughout central and southern Indiana were reported to *The Criterion*.

### Holy Spirit Church

7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis.  
 • Dec. 9—7 p.m. rosary, 7:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions, 8 p.m. Mass.  
 • Dec. 10—7 p.m. rosary, 7:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions, 8 p.m. Mass, 9 p.m. folkloric dance.  
 • Dec. 11—7 p.m. folkloric dance, 8 p.m. rosary, 8:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions, 9 p.m. *mañanitas* (serenade), part 1, 10 p.m. Mass, 11 p.m. *mañanitas* (serenade), Part 2.  
 • Dec. 12—6:30 p.m. rosary, 7 p.m. folkloric dance, 7:30 p.m. Mass, 8:30 p.m. portrayal of the apparitions followed by dinner in the gym.

### Our Lady of the Springs Church

8796 W. State Rd. 56, French Lick.  
 • Dec. 12—6 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

### Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish

335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood.  
 • Dec. 12—5 a.m. *mañanitas* (rosary and songs), 6 a.m. breakfast, Madonna Hall upper level, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish, 7:30 p.m. fiesta, Madonna Hall upper level.

### St. Ambrose Church

325 S. Chestnut St., Seymour.  
 • Dec. 3—noon Mass followed by social in school gymnasium.  
 • Dec. 3—Dec. 11 Novena Prayer

### recitation

- Dec. 3—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4—1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 5—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 7—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8—7 p.m.
- Dec. 9—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10—6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 11—7 p.m. novena prayer, 8-10 p.m. fellowship and dinner in parish center, 10 p.m. rosary and hymns, 11 p.m. Mass.
- Dec. 12—midnight-2 a.m. *mañanitas* (serenade), 2 a.m. rosary and hymns in Chuj (Mayan language of Guatemalan parishioners), 3-7 a.m. church open for prayer, 2:30-3 p.m. representation of Our Lady of Guadalupe apparitions presented St. Ambrose School students, 5 p.m. procession and rosary, 6 p.m. fellowship and dinner in the parish center.

### St. Anthony Church

337 N. Warman Ave., Indianapolis.  
 • Dec. 3—4:30 p.m. Mass in English, 5:30 p.m. rosary, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by play of Mary Mother of God.  
 • Dec. 4—8:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish, 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m. food and dance in gym, 11:30 a.m. Mass in English, 5 p.m. bilingual Mass, 7 p.m. rosary.  
 • Dec. 5—7 p.m. rosary.  
 • Dec. 6—5:45 p.m. Mass in Spanish, followed by rosary.  
 • Dec. 7—7 p.m. rosary.  
 • Dec. 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 9 a.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. bilingual Mass.  
 • Dec. 9—5:30 p.m. rosary, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish.  
 • Dec. 10—4:30 p.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by rosary.

- Dec. 11—5 p.m. bilingual Mass followed by rosary, 7-7:30pm, children's dance, 7:45-8:15 p.m. theatrical presentation of the apparitions, 8:20-9 p.m., Mary, Mother of God, presented in Spanish by Sister Hermilo Martínez, 9:10-9:50 p.m. serenade, 10-11 p.m. serenade, 11-11:45 p.m. serenade.
- Dec. 12—12 a.m. Mass in Spanish, 1:30-2:30 a.m. serenade, 3-5 a.m. church open for prayer, 5:30 a.m. serenade by the Divine Child Choir, 6 a.m. *mañanitas* offered by the Divine Child Choir, 6:30-8:30 a.m. church open for prayer, 9 a.m. Mass in English, 6 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by procession, 9:30-11:30 p.m. children and adult dance, 11 p.m. closing message.

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

235 S. 5th St., Richmond.  
 • Dec. 12—7 p.m. Mass for the Connersville Deanery

### St. Joseph Church

125 E. Broadway St., Shelbyville.  
 Dec. 11—11 p.m. *mariachi* serenade.  
 Dec. 12—Midnight Mass in Spanish, 7 p.m. Mass in English.

### St. Margaret Mary Church

2405 S. 7th, Terre Haute.  
 • Dec. 11—11:30 p.m. rosary and *mañanitas* (serenade).  
 • Dec. 12—7 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

### St. Mary Church

777 S. 11th St., Mitchell.  
 • Dec. 11—3 p.m. Vigil Service for Catholic Community of Lawrence County.



### St. Mary Church

317 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis.  
 • Dec. 8—noon Mass in English, 6 p.m. rosary, 7 p.m. Mass in Spanish followed by fellowship in the Marian Center.  
 • Dec. 9—7 p.m. rosary.  
 • Dec. 11—8:30 p.m. meet at Monument Circle, 8:55 p.m. procession to St. Mary Church, 9:10 p.m. traditional dance, 9:30 p.m. rosary, 10 p.m. traditional dance, 10:15 p.m. representation of the apparitions, 11 p.m. *mañanitas*.  
 • Dec. 12—Midnight Mass in Spanish followed by chocolate and bread in the church, noon Communion service, 7 p.m. Mass followed by fellowship in the Marian Center.

### St. Monica Church

6131 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis.  
 • Dec. 11—8 p.m. rosary and apparition re-enactment, 9 p.m.-midnight *mañanitas*.  
 • Dec 12—Midnight Mass 7 p.m. Mass.

### St. Paul the Apostle Church

202 E. Washington St., Greencastle.  
 Dec. 12—6 p.m. Mass in Spanish.

### St. Philip Neri Church

550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis.  
 • Dec. 11—7 p.m. rosary, 7:30 p.m. folkloric dance and singing, 10 p.m. *mañanitas* with mariachi band, 11 p.m. Mass, reception in gym after Mass. †



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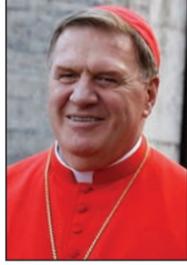
# Cardinal Tobin may be leaving Indiana, but not off our radar

By Natalie Hoefler

When Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin assumes his role as archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J., he will be farther away than most Catholics in central and southern Indiana would prefer—about 700 miles away, which equates to roughly 11 hours of driving or two hours of flying.

Nevertheless, he will not fall completely off our radar. There will be opportunities for possible Cardinal

Tobin sightings in the archdiocese in the future.



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin

Take, for instance, the National Catholic Youth Conference held every other year in Indianapolis at least until 2023. There are high hopes that he could be present for at least one if not more of them, given

his dedication to nurturing the faith of Catholic youths.

One future return of the cardinal is guaranteed in June of 2017, when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops meets for three days in Indianapolis for a semi-annual general assembly. While Cardinal Tobin won't have time to be out and about much, readers of *The Criterion* will be sure to see him on the pages of the newspaper as reporters cover the event.

Another sighting could also happen next June when 21 men will be ordained as permanent deacons in the archdiocese. A bishop is required to celebrate the ordination. If a new archbishop has not been appointed to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis by that time, it is possible that Cardinal Tobin could return to Indianapolis to do the honors.

A select few Catholics in central and southern Indiana will have the privilege of having a private dinner with the cardinal in the near future. Cardinal Tobin was

on the auction block recently for a few organizations, raffling off dinner with him to raise money for worthy causes. Cardinal Tobin has promised that he will honor this privilege to those who won those bids.

Whether or not Catholics see Cardinal Tobin in person, readers of *The Criterion* are guaranteed to read about him in the paper in the future. As one of only 18 American cardinals and one of seven residing in the cardinal-heavy East Coast, Cardinal Tobin will likely be turned to frequently by the media to serve as a voice for the Church. So not only will his goings-on appear in *The Criterion* simply because we want to keep up with our former archbishop, but also because he will likely appear in Catholic News Service stories of national or international interest.

Cardinal Tobin may be going, but there will be opportunities of catching sight—and certainly keeping track—of him for many years to come. †

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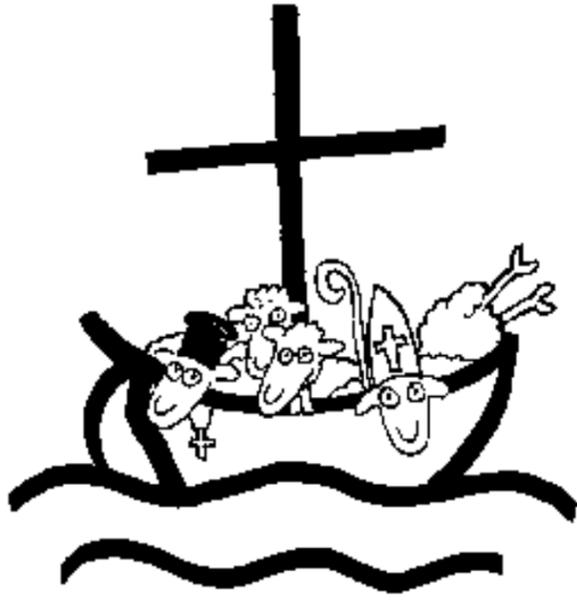
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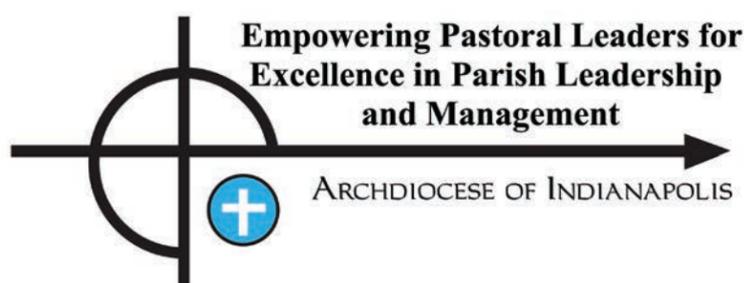


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# Electing a pope: a cardinal's most important role

By Natalie Hoefler

"Becoming a cardinal, as much as I understand it, is an additional invitation to serve. ... Perhaps God thinks I don't love the Church enough. So he's given me an even more profound way to love it more."

Such is Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin's view of his elevation to the College of Cardinals. Of all the additional ways in which he'll now serve and love the Church more as a cardinal, the most "profound" is his role in electing a new pope.

Pope Francis is 79 years old. Papal retirement is now a proven precedent. Cardinal Tobin is 64, well below the conclave age-cutoff of 80. These facts all point to the likelihood that he will be involved in electing a new pope at some point, perhaps more than once.

What will that process look like for Cardinal Tobin and the other 119 cardinal electors? And what are some of the more obscure facts surrounding this most important service of the cardinal-electors?

## Rituals, rules and results

If the pope dies, the first action of the cardinals is the "Novendiales," the "nine days" of mourning during which each cardinal offers a daily Mass for the repose of the soul of the pope.

Within 15-20 days of a pope's death or resignation, the cardinals must gather in Rome for the conclave to elect a new pope.

On the morning the conclave begins, Cardinal Tobin and the other cardinals gather in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican to celebrate a "Votive Mass for

the Election of a Pope."

In the afternoon, the cardinal-electors process solemnly into the Sistine Chapel chanting a hymn calling upon the Holy Spirit. After oaths to secrecy, some ceremonies and a meditation, all but the cardinal-electors and four assistants are allowed to be present in the Sistine Chapel during the conclave, and those four must leave during votes.

While the elected pope must simply be a practicing Catholic male, not even necessarily a priest, in the past 600 years the elected pope has been a cardinal-elect. He must gain a two-thirds majority vote from the 120 cardinal-electors to be chosen.

From there, rules abound as to how many ballots can be taken over how many days before a break is mandated, with black smoke being emitted from a chimney in the Sistine Chapel after each unsuccessful vote. If a pope is not elected after so many days and ballots, then he may be elected by an absolute majority.

A successful ballot is indicated by issuing white smoke from the chimney and the ringing of the bells in St. Peter's Basilica. The new pope is announced when a cardinal steps out onto the central balcony of the basilica and calls out "Habemus papam"—"We have a pope." He then announces the name of the man elected and the papal name that he has chosen. Some minutes later, the new pope steps out on the balcony to greet and bless the crowd.

## Fascinating facts

Enough particulars of the process—the obscure facts are more fascinating.

For instance, where would Cardinal Tobin and his confreres eat, sleep and socialize when they're not voting in the Sistine Chapel?

The answer is the Domus Marthae Sanctae, the Vatican clergy guesthouse which includes the suite where Pope Francis chooses to reside instead of in the Apostolic Palace. The guesthouse was built in 1996, has five-stories, 106 suites, 22 single rooms and one apartment.

The longest conclave lasted nearly three years, from November 1268 to September 1271. During that time, three cardinal-electors died and one resigned.

Not so with the shortest conclave in history, which lasted just 10 hours in October of 1503.

Those, however, are the extremes. According to an article about the See of Peter on the Eternal Word Television Network website, the average conclave over the last century ends on the afternoon of the third day, after about eight ballots.

As one of 120 cardinal-electors, Cardinal Tobin theoretically stands a 1-in-120 chance of being elected pope. Looking at history alone, however, the odds are not in his favor. Out of 266 popes, Pope Francis is the first pope ever elected from the Americas, and only the 11th non-European pope.

If Cardinal Tobin were elected pope, his odds of becoming a saint increase sharply—out of the 264 deceased popes, 80 are now saints, making the odds one-in-three. There are also 14 popes in various stages on the path to sainthood from Servant of God to Blessed.

But Cardinal Tobin would likely state



Pope Francis appears for the first time on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on March 13, 2013. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina was elected the 266th Roman Catholic pontiff. He is the first Jesuit and first Latin American pope. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

that such statistics put the cart so far before the horse that the horse doesn't know there's a cart.

True, in Cardinal Tobin's Oct. 10 press conference, he noted that "the most important thing [cardinals] do is ... elect a successor" when a pope dies or retires. But given his connection with Pope Francis, he would probably prefer to push talk of conclaves and future popes aside.

Rather, Cardinal Tobin is likely much more focused on his latest opportunity to "love the Church more"—by preparing to leave his "beloved people" of central and southern Indiana, and assume his responsibilities as archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. †

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My heart ached for her and everyone involved in her situation.

Despite the beautiful Christmas cards we receive in the weeks to come from loved ones wherein life is seemingly perfect—right down to the color-coordinated outfits—I'm finding that

the more common road is one of marked imperfection and pain. Many people are hurting as a result of illness, broken hearts, unemployment, disappointment, resentment and so many other painful emotions.

All is not exactly calm and bright, and many carry heavy hearts.

But if you are among those whose spirits feel sorrow this Christmas, there is a reason to rejoice and to be hopeful.

God sent his only son to redeem this hurting, unjust world and to give us the gift of everlasting life.

It's easy to be joyful when everything is going well. It's more difficult to show that same joy when things are very much going awry. But we are called to keep the faith and rejoice in our sorrow, even if we seem foolish by the world's standards.

The best is *truly* yet to come.

"O Holy Night," a popular Christmas

song, contains a beautiful line that speaks to the true meaning of Christmas. "A thrill of hope; the weary world rejoices."

I pray that our weary world embraces the "thrill of hope," which is Jesus Christ, and finds cause for rejoicing this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

(Patti Lamb, a member of St. Susanna Parish in Plainfield, is a regular columnist for The Criterion.) †

## Readers are invited to share favorite Christmas memories

The Criterion invites readers to submit a brief story about a special holiday memory for possible inclusion in our annual Christmas issue, which will be published on Dec. 23.

Your favorite Christmas story may be written about a humorous or serious topic related to your faith, family or friends.

Submissions should include the writer's name, address, parish and telephone number.

Send your story to *The Criterion*, 1400 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46206 or by e-mail to editor Mike Krokos at [mikrokos@archindy.org](mailto:mikrokos@archindy.org) by the Dec. 13 deadline. †

## Advent resources are available on archdiocesan Web site

During the season of Advent, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will have a special webpage at [www.archindy.org/advent](http://www.archindy.org/advent).

The page contains various Advent resources, including links to the daily readings, reflections from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, penance service

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This past year, 16,189 youth were served through CYO programming while a combined 7,735 additional participants were active at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa (1800 of which were summer campers, and 5,935 of which were school year campers). With 8 full-time and 12 part-time employees at the CYO, 3 consistent full-time program staff and 70 – 80 seasonal staff at Camp, and over 7200 total volunteers, the Catholic Youth Organization and Camp collectively strive to provide engaging opportunities that positively form young people spiritually, intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is seeking an Executive Director of the CYO to be the chief executive, advancement, and financial officer of the institution and is responsible for all facets of its operation. The Executive Director leads and articulates the organization's mission and vision, creates and implements strategic plans, and builds and nurtures relationships. The Executive Director

reports to and is evaluated by the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the archdiocese with input from the board of directors.

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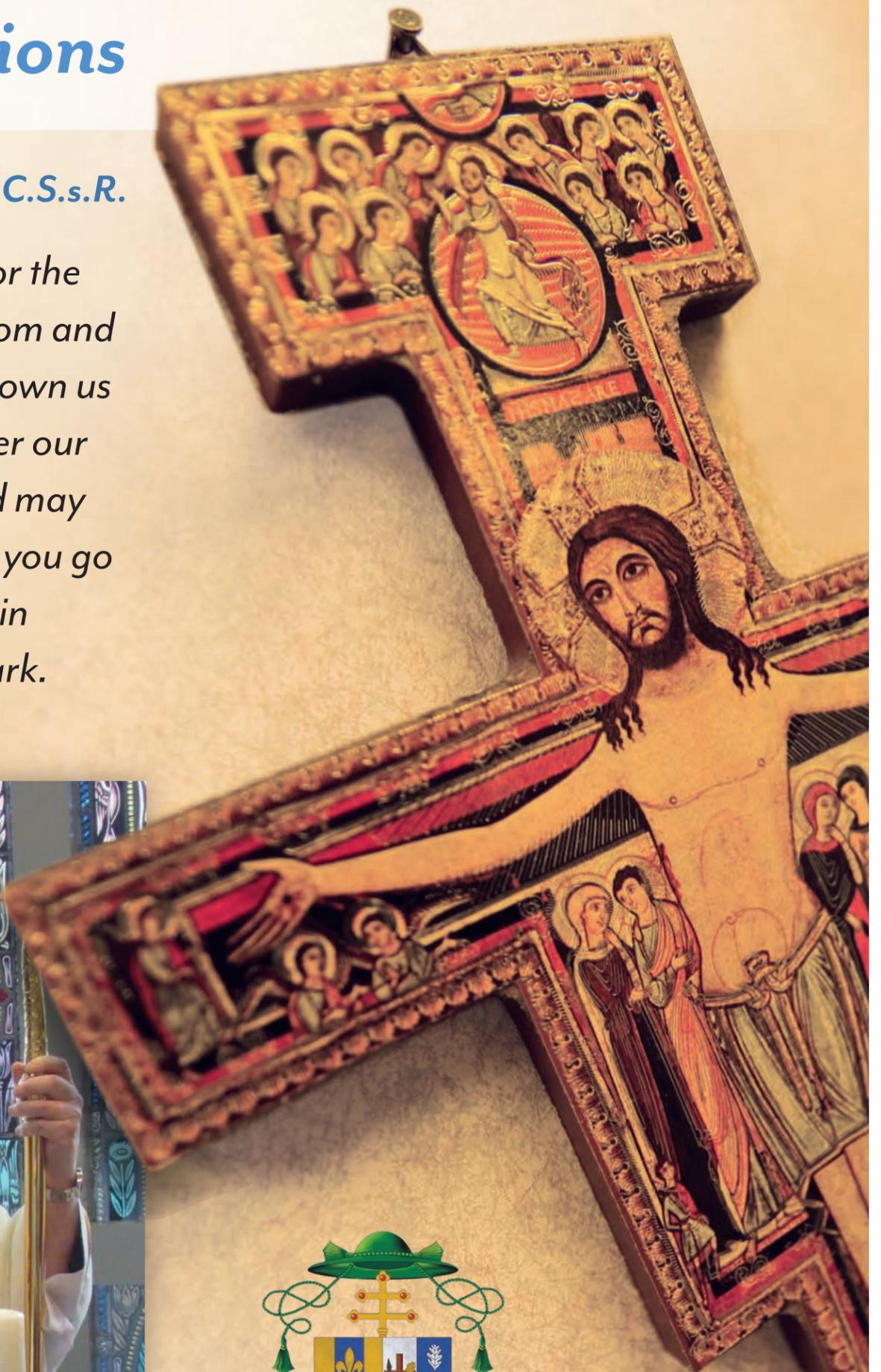
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**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.s.R.**

*We give thanks to God for the servant leadership, wisdom and support that you have shown us as our shepherd. We offer our humble prayers that God may guide and sustain you as you go forth to preach and heal in the Archdiocese of Newark.*



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