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Catholic Diocese of Peoria

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ORDINATION DATE ANNOUNCED FOR COADJUTOR BISHOP OF PEORIA

PEORIA, IL: The Diocese of Peoria joyfully announces the ordination of Coadjutor Bishop-Elect Louis Tylka will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2020 in the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, in Peoria. Coadjutor Bishop-Elect Tylka will one day succeed Bishop Daniel Jenky as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Peoria. Cardinal Blase Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, will be the principal consecrator. Bishop Daniel Jenky will serve as co-consecrator.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, has confirmed that he will participate in the ordination liturgy. Archbishop Pierre, who serves as the representative of Pope Francis to the United States, will read the papal bull or letter from Pope Francis appointing Coadjutor Bishop-Elect Tylka to Peoria.

Bishop Jenky, who is in his 19th year as Bishop of Peoria, said, “I look forward to working with Bishop Lou as we preach the Gospel in central Illinois. His energy and his rich pastoral experience will be a great asset for our local church.” Bishop Jenky continued, “I ask all the faithful of the Diocese of Peoria to join with me in praying for Bishop Lou as he prepares for his ordination as bishop. May the Lord help him to be a servant in the model of Christ the Good Shepherd as he prepares to undertake this great responsibility.”

In anticipation of his ordination to serve as Coadjutor Bishop of Peoria, Bishop-Elect Tylka asks for your prayers for himself and the Church of Peoria, “I am most grateful for the warm and supportive welcome I have already received by Bishop Jenky, the priests, the Religious and faithful of the Diocese of Peoria. I ask that we all continue to pray for one another and for God’s grace to bring healing to our world. I am very eager to come to Peoria to begin my ministry among this wonderful local Church.”

Due to concern for the health and safety of the public in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, attendance at the ordination liturgy will be limited. The Diocese of Peoria is exploring options for broadcasting the liturgy so that people can participate in the ordination while at home.

The Liturgy of Ordination will begin at 2:00 pm CDT on Thursday, July 23, 2020.

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