



The Most Reverend Edward M. Rice

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STATEMENT of BISHOP EDWARD M. RICE

*on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of
Springfield-Cape Girardeau*

I am humbled by the confidence of the Holy Father and I am grateful for his support in appointing me the seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. In that role I wish to extend to Pope Francis the prayers and love of the clergy, religious, and laity of our Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

I am grateful to Monsignor Thomas E. Reidy who has administered the Diocese since the appointment of Bishop Johnston to the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph last year. I look forward to building on the good work of Bishop James Johnston and of course, Bishop John Leibrecht, the beloved Bishop-emeritus of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, whom I have known since my high school days parking cars at the Old Cathedral in St. Louis.

my episcopal consecration, I have been intentionally praying for my future diocese. Specifically for the priests and religious, to be clothed in holiness and inspire vocations; for the laity, renewal of marriage and family life; and for the youth, to come to know Christ and be zealous for our faith.

The roots of Catholicism run deep here in the 39 counties of southern Missouri, and I am excited to partner with my brother priests in spreading the beauty of our Catholic Faith in the spirit of the New Evangelization.

At the same time, I leave the Archdiocese of St. Louis with a grateful heart, where I served as a priest for 29 years and as Auxiliary Bishop for five years, working side-by-side with our Metropolitan Archbishop, Robert Carlson, and the staff of the archdiocese. I owe a debt of profound gratitude to Archbishop Carlson, the priests, religious, and the good lay people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I see the hand of God in this appointment. His loving Providence has brought me to this moment and I rely on that same loving Providence to assist me as I strive to walk in the way of Christ, the Good Shepherd, who will continue to guide my way if I but seek to do His will. Finally, I ask the intercession of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne and Pope St. Pius X, patrons of our Diocese, all under the mantle of Our Lady of Mercy.

CURRICULUM VITAE *for the Most Reverend* EDWARD M. RICE

Ordained to the priesthood in 1987, **Bishop Edward Matthew Rice** has served the Archdiocese of St. Louis as Auxiliary Bishop since 2011. Bishop Rice holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and a Master of Divinity Degree. He currently resides at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Webster Groves, MO.

Auxiliary Bishop's Ministry Team:

- Airport Ministry
- Charismatic Renewal
- Consecrated Life
- Deaf Ministry
- Intercultural and Interreligious Affairs
- Priest Mutual Benefit Society
- Priest Personnel
- Regina Clergy
- Saint Charles Lwanga Center
- Society for the Propagation of the Faith
- Vocation Office
- Office of Youth Protection



Personal

- Born: July 28, 1960, St. Louis, MO.
- Son of John L. and Helen (Madden) Rice, both deceased.
- Family members: John*, Mark, Mary Ann, James, Patrick, Vincent, Leo, Virginia, Helen (*deceased)
- Baptized: August 14, 1960, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Louis, MO.
- Parish of Origin: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Louis, MO.
- Diaconate Ordination: May 3, 1986, Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, St. Louis, MO. (Bishop Terry Steib, SVD, ordaining prelate)
- Priesthood Ordination: Jan. 3, 1987, Cathedral Basilica, St. Louis, MO. (Archbishop John L. May, ordaining prelate)
- First Mass: Jan. 4, 1987, St. Cecilia Parish, St. Louis, MO.
- Pope Benedict XVI appointed him a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title Monsignor: July 2, 2008.

Education

- Master of Divinity degree, Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1987
- Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy, Cardinal Glennon College, St. Louis MO, 1982
- St. Mary's High School, St. Louis, MO, 1978
- St. Cecilia Grade School, St. Louis, MO, 1974

Administrative Experience

- Director for the Office of Vocations, Archdiocese of St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 2008—present
- Director, Cardinal Glennon College Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1996—2000
- Assistant Director, Cardinal Glennon College Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1995

Pastoral Experience

- In Residence, Holy Redeemer Parish, Webster Groves, MO, 2008—present
- Pastor, St. John the Baptist Parish, St. Louis, MO, 2000—2008
- In Residence, St. Mary Magdalen Parish, St. Louis, MO, 1991—1995
- Associate Pastor, Our Lady of the Presentation Parish, Overland, MO, 1987—1991
- Transitional Deacon, Immacolata Parish, Richmond Heights, MO, 1986

Teaching Experience

- Religion department, St. Mary's High School, St. Louis, MO, 1991—1995

Memberships

- Archbishop's Committee for Eucharistic Renewal
- Spiritual Moderator, Legion of 1,000 Adorers
- Dean, South City Deanery
- Retreat Director: Marion Sisters of Waverly, NE; Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, IN; Pink Sisters, Philadelphia, PA; Discernment Retreat, Little Sisters of the Poor; Retreat for priests of the Diocese of Lafayette, IN.
- Spiritual Director for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- Committee for Catholic Education—US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)
- Board of Directors, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary



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