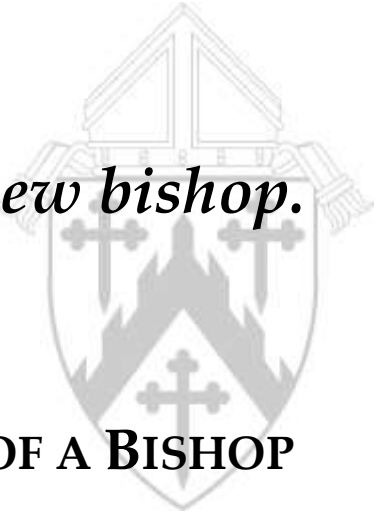


In joyful hope ...

Praying as we wait for our new bishop.

DIOCESE OF DAVENPORT



INTERCESSIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

One of the following suggested intercessions might be used during the Universal Prayer at Mass as we await the appointment of the ninth Bishop of Davenport.

For he who will be chosen to be the next Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport, may God provide him with the gifts he will need to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese. We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the leaders of our Church, who, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, will select our new bishop, would be filled with wisdom and counsel in discerning the will of God. We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the Diocese of Davenport as we await the naming of our new bishop, may we be patient in trust, steadfast in hope, fervent in prayer, unceasing in good works, and faithful in all things. We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport, chosen by the Holy Spirit, would be holy and kind; a shepherd who will build up the Body of Christ and lead us in the ways of truth, justice, compassion, and peace. We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the next Bishop of Davenport. May he have the loving heart of the Good Shepherd; zeal in preaching the Good News; humility in ministering the sacraments; compassion in serving those most in need; and wisdom in teaching the doctrine of the Church. We pray to the Lord. *Lord, hear our prayer.*