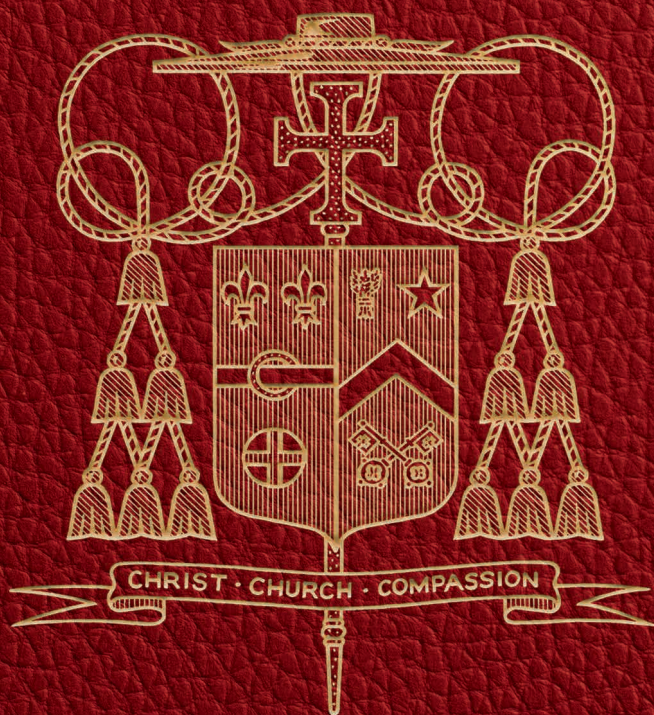


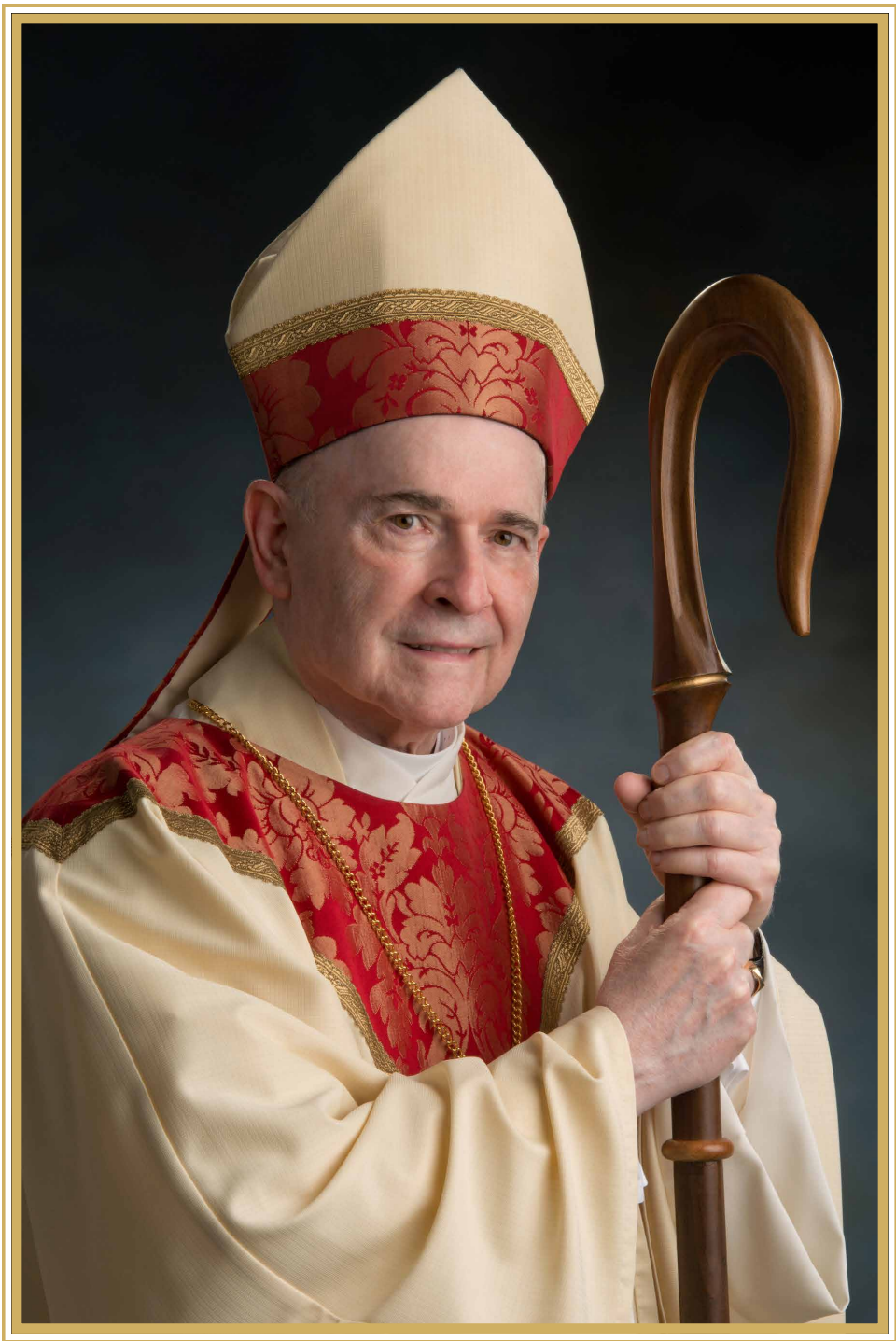
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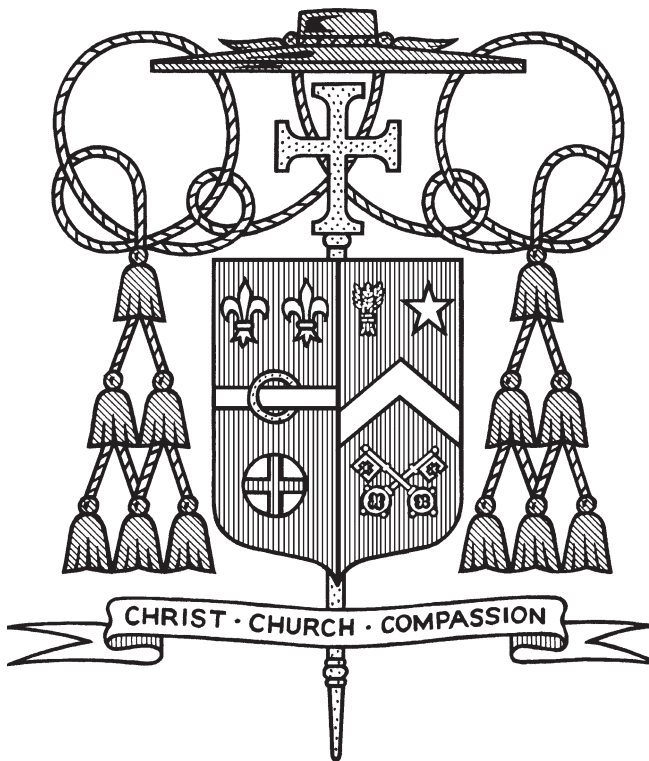
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Preludes

Breathe on Me Oh Holy Spirit

McDevitt

Violin Instrumental

Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish

Suite in G Minor

Bach

Lacrimosa

Mozart

Order of Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Gregorian Chant

Ré - qui - em ae - tér - - nam

do - na - e - is - - - - - Dò - mi - - - - - ne: - - -

et - lux - - - - - per - pé - - tu - a

lú - ce - at - - - - - e - - - - - is. - - -

Translation: Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.





Entrance Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia! All on earth with
 2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia! Where, O death, is
 3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia! Fought the fight, the
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia! Fol - l'wing our ex -

an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia! Once He died our souls to save,
 bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia! Death in vain for - bids Him rise;
 al - ted head; Al - le - lu - ia! Made like Him, like Him we rise,

Al - - le - lu - ia! Sing, O heav'ns and
 Al - - le - lu - ia! Where your vic - to -
 Al - - le - lu - ia! Christ has o - pened
 Al - - le - lu - ia! Ours the cross, the

earth re - ply, Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 grave, the skies. Al - - le - lu - ia!

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you,
 my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
 through my fault (*strike breast*),
 through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.





Kyrie Eleison

Gregorian Chant

Ky - ri-e__ e - lé-i-son Ky - ri-e__ e - lé-i-son

Chris - te__ e - lé-i-son Chris - te__ e - lé-i-son

Ky - ri-e__ e - lé-i-son Ky - ri-e__ e - lé-i-son

Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Revelation 14:13

"Happy are those who die in the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23

Gelineau

My shep - herd is the Lord, noth - ing in-deed shall I want.

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Second Reading

Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39

"Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?"

Gospel Acclamation

Tisserand

Al - le - lu - ia__ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia





Gospel

John 6:51-59

"All who eat this bread will live for ever."

Homily

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L.
Bishop of Allentown

Universal Prayer

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Altar

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Baker/Dykes

1. The King of love my Shep-herd is, Whose good-ness fails me nev -



2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ters flow My ran - somed soul He's lead -

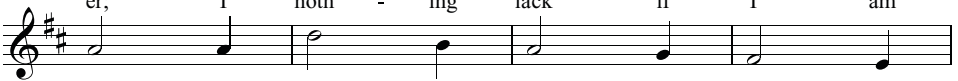
3. Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With You, dear Lord, be - side

5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight, Your sav - ing grace be - stow -

6. And so through all the length of days Your good-ness fails me nev -

er; I noth - ing lack if I am



ing, And where the ver - dant pas - tures

me, And on His shoul - der gent - ly

me; Your rod and staff my com - fort

ing; And oh, what trans - port and de -

er, Good Shep - herd, may I sing Your

His, and He is mine for - ev - er.



grow With food ce - les - tial feed - ing.

laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.

still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.

light From Your pure chal - ice flow - ing!

praise, With - in Your house for - ev - er.





Sanctus

Community Mass

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n___ and earth___ are
 full___ of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Blessed is He who comes_ in the name_ of the Lord. Ho -

Memorial Acclamation

Community Mass

When we eat this Bread_____ and drink_____ this Cup, we pro-
 claim Your Death, O Lord, un - til You come a - gain._____

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Great Amen

Community Mass

A - men, a - men, a - - - men._____

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Lamb of God

Holy Cross Mass

Lamb _____ of God, You take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
Lamb _____ of God, You take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymns

Gift of Finest Wheat

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat; Come,
give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

- 1.As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his
- 2.With joy-ful lips we sing to You Our praise and grat-ti-
- 3.Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out
- 4.The mys-t'ry of Your pres-ence, Lord, No mor-tal tongue can
- 5.You give Your-self to us, O Lord; Then self-less let us

voice, So when You call Your fami-ly, Lord, We fol-low and re-joyce.
tude, That You should count us wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav'n-ly food.
poured? Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare Our one-ness in the Lord?
tell: Whom all the world can-not con-tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
be, To serve each oth-er in Your name In truth and char-i-ty.

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I Am the Bread of Life



1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not
 2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
 3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
 4. I am the Res - ur - rection, I am the
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that you are the



hun - ger; and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for -
 Man and drink of His blood, and drink of His
 life. If you be - lieve in me, e - ven though you
 Christ, the Son of God, who have



me un - less the Fath - er be - kons. And I will
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
 die, you shall live for - ev - er
 come in - to the world.



raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will



raise you up on the last day.

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Final Commendation

Invitation to Prayer

Incensation

In Paradisium

Chant



In pa - ra - di - sum de du - cant te An - ge - li: in tu - o ad - ven - tu



su - sci - pi - ant te Mar - tyr - res, et per - du - cant te



in ci - vi - ta - tem sanc - tam Je - ru - sa - lem. Cho - rus An - ge - lo - rum te su - sci - pi - at



et cum La - za ro quon - dam pau - pe - re ae - ter - nam ha - be - as re - qui - em.

Translation: May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come and welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem. May choirs of angels welcome you and with Lazarus, who is poor no longer, may you have eternal rest.

Prayer of Commendation





Recessional

For All the Saints

How/Williams



1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, All who by faith be -
 2. You were their rock, their fortress and their might; You, Lord, their Cap - tain
 3. O may your soldiers, faith - ful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who
 4. O blest com - mun - ion, fam - i - ly di - vine! We fee - bly strug - gle,
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con - fessed, Your name, O Je - sus be for ev - er
 in the well - fought fight; You in the dark - ness dread, their one true
 nobly fought of old, And win with them, the vic - tor's crown of
 they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one with - in your great de -
 dis - tant tri - umph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are



blest. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 light.
 gold.
 sign.
 strong.

6. The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast; Through fates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!





The Most Reverend Edward Peter Cullen, D.D. **THIRD BISHOP OF ALLENTOWN**

Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, D.D., J.C.D., J.D., then the Archbishop of Philadelphia, spoke at the installation of the Most Reverend Edward P. Cullen, D.D., as Bishop of Allentown, Monday, Feb. 9, 1998. “Christ, Church, Compassion” are the three words Bishop Cullen chose for his motto as the Third Bishop of Allentown: “Understanding historically that first came Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and then came the church that he founded and that church was founded on Christ’s love and compassion for all mankind, for he so loved the world that he gave himself for us. These three words, then, sum up the history and the purpose of the church, which is what all Christians should be all about.”

Edward Peter Cullen was born March 15, 1933, and grew up in Yeadon, the second of five children of the late Edward P. Cullen Sr. and Julia (Leahy) Cullen. A professional engineer, the elder Cullen placed a “tremendous value” on education; all five children graduated from college. His mother, a homemaker, was “gifted ... very well read.”

At West Catholic High School, the future bishop excelled in athletics — notably football and track — and was involved with the school newspaper. The faith Bishop Cullen’s parents had nurtured in him was enhanced by the priestly example of the Reverend Edmond W. Walsh, now deceased pastor of St. Louis, Yeadon, the Cullen family’s parish.

It was in 1953 when the future prelate, an engineering student at Drexel Institute of Technology, took steps toward a priestly path. He entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1958.

He was ordained a priest May 19, 1962 at the Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, by His Eminence John Cardinal Krol, then Archbishop of Philadelphia. Fr. Walsh was his sponsor. His first assignment was assistant pastor of St. Maria Goretti Church, Hatfield, 1962-65. The bishop was subsequently serving as assistant pastor of St. Bartholomew Church, Philadelphia (1965-68), when a call from John Cardinal Krol changed the course of his vocation. The cardinal wanted the young priest to serve as assistant director of Catholic Social Services (CSS) and study social work at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. During that time Bishop Cullen earned his master’s degree in social work (1970). The CSS assignment was the springboard to two decades of service in social work; Bishop Cullen continued to serve as CSS assistant director until 1983, and director from 1983-88. Today, CSS is the largest voluntary social service agency in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Bishop Cullen returned to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in 1970-71 as an associate professor, and subsequently earned a master of divinity degree there in 1974. He also served as chaplain for the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Merion (1970-79) and earned a master of arts degree in 1971 from La Salle University, Philadelphia.

Just as working with CSS had a profound impact on Bishop Cullen’s life, so did serving as chaplain of St. Edmond’s Home for Crippled Children, Rosemont, where he resided from 1979 until becoming Bishop of Allentown.

On April 24, 1982, then Father Cullen was named an Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor. In 1985-86 he attended the Harvard Graduate School of Business Human Services Management Executive Program. In 1988 he was appointed vicar for administration and vicar general for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.





The bishop derived great satisfaction working in the administrative branch of the church, particularly with Cardinal Bevilacqua. “I worked very closely with the cardinal — I benefited and learned a lot from him. He trusted me a great deal.” It was Cardinal Bevilacqua’s wish “to be out among the people,” leaving Bishop Cullen, as vicar general, to run the diocese.

In 1985, then-Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode asked Bishop Cullen to serve on an 11-member investigatory MOVE panel, relating to the confrontation between radical MOVE members and Philadelphia authorities that spiraled out of hand and left the public with many questions.

The bishop recalled a particularly memorable time he shared with Cardinal Bevilacqua in Philadelphia: having lunch with then-U.S. President Ronald Reagan and his chief of staff during a visit to the City of Brotherly Love.

One signpost in his life that will always manifest in special memories is being consecrated a bishop, as auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, on April 14, 1994. On Dec. 16, 1997, Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, then apostolic pro-nuncio in the United States, announced that the Holy Father had accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Thomas J. Welsh, D.D., J.C.D., Second Bishop of Allentown, and appointed Bishop Cullen as Bishop-Elect of the Allentown Diocese. Bishop Cullen was installed as the Third Bishop of Allentown on February 9, 1998 at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, by Cardinal Bevilacqua.

In his tenure, Bishop Cullen reorganized diocesan administration and launched a spiritual initiative called Renew 2000. From 2001 through 2004, Bishop Cullen was chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Women in Society and the Church. In 2003, Bishop Cullen launched a \$28 million capital campaign called “Strengthening Our Future in Faith.” The people of the Diocese pledged more than \$54 million to the campaign.

In 2005, Bishop Cullen convoked the Second Synod of the Diocese of Allentown calling it “a privileged time in the life of our Diocese, when guided by the Holy Spirit, the clergy, religious, and laity will come together to prepare for the future.” The Synod closed in 2006. In accordance with the Synod’s statutes, the Bishop appointed the Diocese’s first Pastoral Council. It was also through the Second Synod that parish consolidations began to occur which strengthened the parishes and Dioceses as a whole. Throughout his time as the third Bishop of Allentown, Bishop Cullen substantially changed the infrastructure of the Diocese of Allentown and set it on a path to remain strong for decades to come. His vision and forward-thinking mentality truly can be felt today within the parishes and the Diocese.

Once retired in 2009 Bishop Cullen remained active in many various ways and assisted his successor, Bishop John Barres, now the Bishop of Rockville-Centre, NY, and Bishop Alfred Schlert, the current Bishop of Allentown, especially in administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. As his age progressed and Bishop Cullen no longer assisted with Confirmation, he devoted himself most especially to prayer and writing. His retirement brought him many special blessings most especially through his dedicated prayer life. The fruit of his prayer can be seen in the five booklets that he penned mostly during his retirement. His writing brought him much peace and happiness and allowed him to still, even with advanced age, contribute to the Church and the Diocese. Even until before his death he was writing and hoped to finish his sixth booklet. That writing was about half completed.

Bishop Cullen was a man and Priest for the Church. For over sixty years, he dedicated himself to the service of God and the advancement of the Roman Catholic Church. He will be remembered as a faithful servant, a dedicated Priest and Bishop, and a man who loved Jesus and professed it both in speech and in the manner of his life. May he rest in peace.



Prayer for Vocations

*Good and gracious God,
you have called us through Baptism to
discipleship with your Son, Jesus Christ,
and have sent us to bring the
Good News of salvation to all peoples.
We pray that you grant us more priests
and religious to build up your
Church within the Diocese of Allentown.*

*Inspire our young men and women
to give themselves totally to the
work of Christ and His Church.
May our parents and families be
a source of strength to encourage and
guide our young people to follow you
as a Priest, Brother, or Sister.*

*We ask this in the name of
Jesus the Lord. Amen.*