

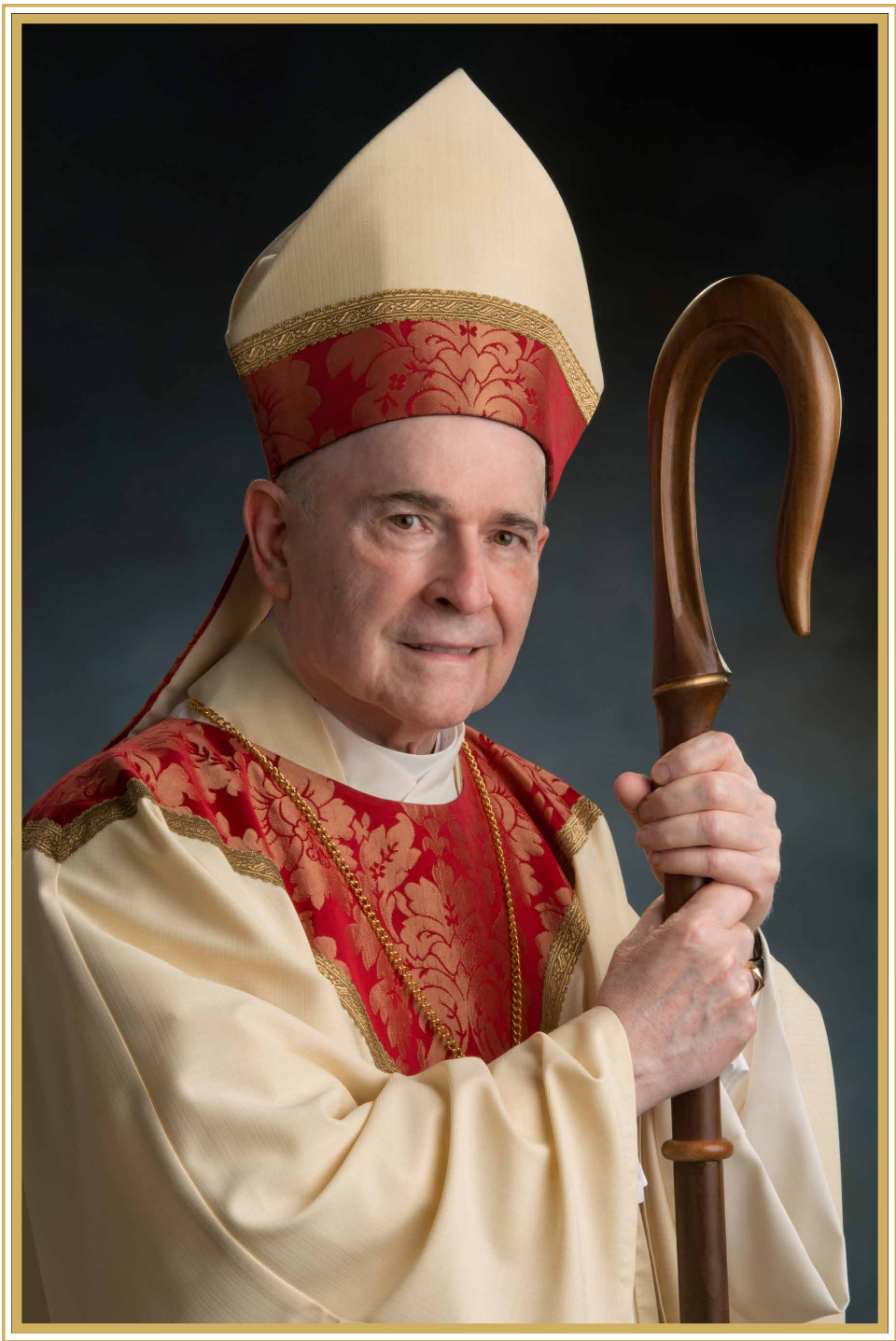
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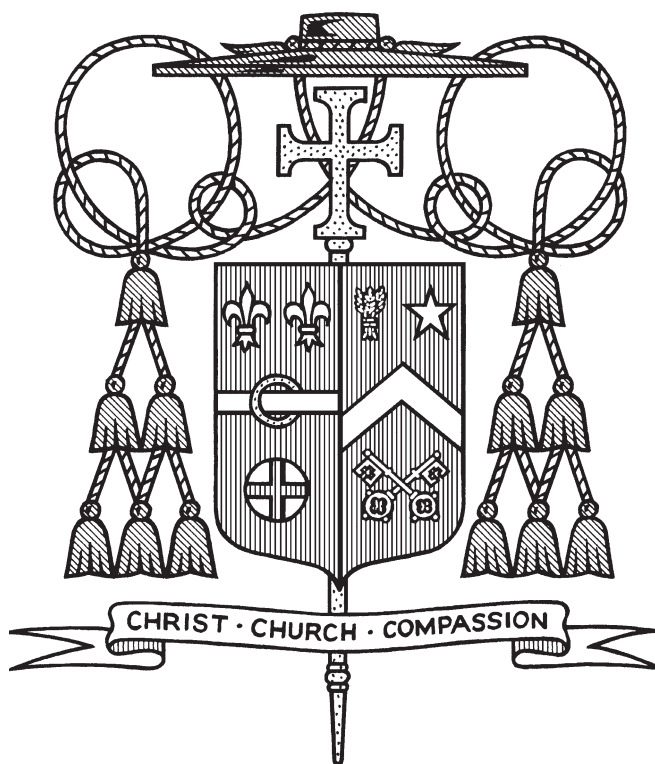
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Vigil for the Deceased

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CELEBRANT

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

HOMILIST

Reverend Monsignor Victor Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.
Judicial Vicar/Pastor, Saint Joseph the Worker

IN ATTENDANCE

Priests of the Diocese of Allentown

Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia including:

Reverend Edward Brady, nephew

Priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana:

Reverend James Brady, nephew

DEACONS

Reverend Mr. Alexander Brown

Deacon Michael Doncsecz

LECTOR

Mr. Edward Cullen

PALL BEARERS

Miguel Ramirez

Nikolai Brelinksy

Keaton Eidle

Aaron Scheidel

Van Vien Nguyen

Robert Rienzo

MUSIC

Allentown Diocesan Choir under the direction of Beverly McDevitt

CANTOR

John DeAngelo

ORGANIST

Reverend Eugene Ritz

SERVERS

Dominic Civitella

James Ngo

CRUCIFER

Tyle Davis

INSIGNIA BEARERS

Tyler Loch

Jeffrey Tomczyk

HONOR GUARD

Seminarians from the Diocese of Allentown

Knights of Columbus from the Diocese of Allentown

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Diocesan Episcopal Ceremonies Team under the direction
of Reverend Keith Mathur



Preludes

Hail Mary

McDevitt

Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major

Bach

Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

McDevitt

Rex Tremendae

Mozart

Entrance Processional

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Greeting

Opening Hymn

Song of Farewell

Old One Hundredth



1. Come to his aid, O saints of God; Come meet him an - gels
2. May Christ, who called you, take you home, And an - gels lead you to
3. Give him e - ter - nal rest, O Lord. May light un - end - ing
4. I know that my Re - deem - er lives; The last day I shall



of the Lord.
 A - bra - ham. Re - ceive his soul, O ho - ly
 shine on him.
 rise a - gain.



ones; Pre - sent him now to God, most high.

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Collect





Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12

"Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 51

McDevitt



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 11: 25-30

"Come to me...and I will give you rest."

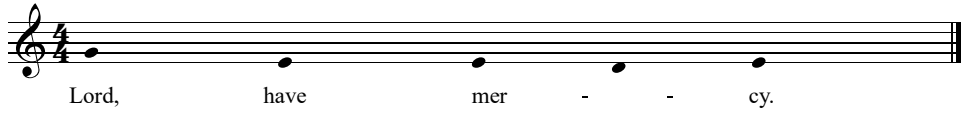
Homily

The Reverend Monsignor Victor F. Finelli, V.J., J.C.L.
Judicial Vicar/Pastor, Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield





Universal Prayer



Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer

Blessing





Recessional Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Bridges/Elvey



1.Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne;_ Hark!
 2.Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And
 3.Crown Him the Lord of love, Be - hold His hands and side, Rich
 4.Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter sways From
 5.Crown Him the Lord of years, The ris - en Lord sub - lime, Cre -



how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. A -
 rose vic - to - rious in the__ strife For those He came to save. His
 wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
 pole to pole, that wars may_ cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise. His
 a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, The Mas - ter of all time. All



wake my soul and sing of Him who set us free, and
 glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
 an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 reign shall know no end, And round His pierc - ed feet Fair
 hail, Re - deem - er hail! For You have died for me; Your



hail Him as your heav'n - ly King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
 down - ward bends His burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 flow'rs of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 praise and glo - ry shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.





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.*