Statement of Most Reverend William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, on the Appointment of Bishop Barry Knestout

"I am most grateful to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the appointment of Bishop Barry Knestout as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Richmond. I have known and worked with Bishop Knestout for many years, as we served together not only as priests of the Archdiocese of Washington, but also in the office of Cardinal James Hickey. Bishop Knestout's appointment is a great blessing for the Church in Richmond and for those whom Bishop Knestout will so ably serve. It is my great pleasure to welcome him into the Metropolitan Province of Baltimore and I look forward to working more closely with him in his new role as Bishop of Richmond."

Media note: The Metropolitan See of Baltimore includes the suffragan sees of Arlington, Richmond, Wheeling-Charleston, and Wilmington.