

New Auxiliary Bishops to be Ordained at Mass Tomorrow

Nearly 2,000 people are expected to attend the Mass of Ordination for the Archdiocese of Baltimore's two new auxiliary bishops, Monsignor Adam J. Parker and Monsignor Mark E. Brennan. The Mass will take place Thursday, January 19th at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen and will be celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori. The procession will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will include Pope Francis' representative to the United States, the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, as well as three cardinals, 21 archbishops and bishops, and 243 priests.

Pope Francis appointed the bishops-elect on December 5, 2016. Bishop-elect Parker currently serves as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Bishop-elect Brennan most recently served as Pastor of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Gaithersburg in the Archdiocese of Washington.

About Bishop-Elect Parker

Born: January 13, 1972 in Cleveland, OH.

Parents: George F. Parker (deceased) and Maureen F. Parker

Education/Priestly Formation: Severna Park High School, Severna Park, MD; University of Maryland, College Park, MD; St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore; Pontifical North American College, Rome; The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Priesthood Ordination: May 27, 2000 by Cardinal William H. Keeler

Pastoral Assignments: St. Peter, Westernport and St. Michael, Frostburg, 2001-05; Church of the Ascension, Halethorpe, 2005-07; Vice-Chancellor, Priest-Secretary to Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, 2007-2012; Priest-Secretary to Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, Rome, 2012-13; Vice-Chancellor, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 2013-14; Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Archdiocese of Baltimore, 2014-2016.

About Bishop-Elect Brennan

Born: February 6, 1947 in Boston, MA

Parents: Edward Charles Brennan and Regina Claire Lonsway (both deceased)

Education/Priestly Formation: St. Anthony's HS, Washington, D.C.; Brown University, Providence, RI; Christ the King Seminary; Pontifical North American College, Rome.

Priesthood Ordination: May 15, 1976 by Archbishop William W. Baum

Pastoral Assignments: Our Lady of Mercy, Potomac, 1976-1981; St. Pius X, Bowie, 1981-85; St. Bartholomew, Bethesda, 1986-88; St. Thomas Apostle, Washington, D.C., 1998-2003; St. Martin of Tours, Gaithersburg, 2003-2016. Spanish Language and Cultural Studies in Dominican Republic and Colombia, 1985-86.; Director of Priestly Vocations, 1988-1998.