



Catholic Diocese of Columbus

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Diocesan Staff

FROM: Matthew H. Schlater, Chief Operating Officer

Today at 6:00 a.m. the Holy See in Rome announced that Bishop Brennan will become the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. He will continue to serve the Diocese of Columbus as the apostolic administrator until November 30, when he is installed as Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. If a new bishop for the Diocese of Columbus is not named by then, the diocesan College of Consultors will elect an administrator until a new bishop is installed.

Although Bishop Brennan has been our shepherd for just 2 ½ years, he has made a tremendous impact on our diocese. We are grateful for the time that we shared with him and for the many ways in which he cared for his priests and the people of the Diocese of Columbus. As diocesan staff, it has been our honor to serve him. We commit ourselves to continuing the good work that he began, and we trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit to carry us through times of transition.

Real Presence, Real Future has been and continues to be about the vision for the future needs of the Diocese of Columbus. Bishop Brennan has shared many times that it's not about his vision, or any one person's vision. Rather, Real Presence, Real Future is about our shared vision guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We have laid significant ground work, and have been engaging with the people of the diocese in many ways most notably with our parish consultation sessions which run from September 18 – November 20. This important work will continue as planned.

Let us continue to trust in the Lord's plan for Bishop Brennan, the Diocese of Columbus, and the Diocese of Brooklyn. We are confident that Brooklyn will grow in faith as missionary disciples, just as we have under Bishop Brennan's care.