

Announced October 24, 2018: Changes Within the Catholic Diocese of Memphis

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Patrick Parish--
Peace in the Lord!

This morning the Vatican announced that Pope Francis "has removed from the pastoral care of the Diocese of Memphis" Bishop Martin D. Holley. Pope Francis also announced that he has appointed the Archbishop of Louisville, Joseph E. Kurtz, Apostolic Administrator of our diocese until a new Bishop of Memphis is named. Archbishop Kurtz will continue as the Archbishop of Louisville.

Below is a statement which Archbishop Kurtz issued this morning.

Probably you have learned of this transition through the media; however, I wanted to share the official notice with you. At the Sunday Masses this weekend, I'll speak more about this.

Friends: Let us pray for our Diocese of Memphis, asking for healing and a strengthening of our faith, hope and charity.. Let us also pray for a wise choice of the new Bishop of Memphis. Finally, let us also pray for Bishop Holley--for his future ministry, for his healing, and for his happiness.

Sincerely,

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Archdiocese of Louisville STATEMENT

I humbly accept the appointment of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to serve as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Memphis, while remaining Archbishop of Louisville.

I am eager to work with the priests, curia, and faithful of the Diocese of Memphis to promote stability, peace, and healing until Pope Francis appoints a new bishop. I have admired the Church in Memphis for many years, particularly from my time as Bishop of Knoxville.

I ask for prayers for Bishop Martin Holley as he departs from this local church and for the entire Church of Memphis. Let us pray for one another during this time of transition.

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville
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