

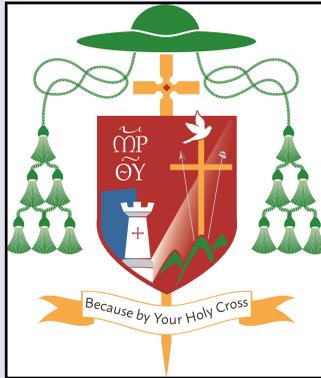


EVENING PRAYER

August 17, 2020

Cover artwork:

EXPLANATION OF BISHOP LEWANDOWSKI'S COAT-OF-ARMS



The Coat-of-arms of Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R. is a red shield with interwoven symbols in vibrant colors. The vibrant colors reflect hope for recovery during the coronavirus pandemic of 2020. There are no boundaries within the shield as there are no limits to God's plentiful redemption. The overall colors of red and white are symbolic of the bishop's rich Polish heritage.

The episcopal, broad-brimmed hat is the shape of that worn by missionary priests on the early American frontier. At a young age, Bishop Bruce had the desire to work as a missionary, trekking through the wilderness on horseback bringing the sacraments to God's people.

THE EUCHARIST

The white rays streaming from behind the cross against the red background depict God's infinite mercy flowing from the Body and Blood of Christ, pervading the whole of our lives.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit breaks the edge of the shield as it is the privilege of the Holy Spirit to inspire new life and envision endless possibilities for the Church, God's people.

THE TOWER

The tower with the blue shield is the seal of the Diocese of Toledo in Ohio, reminiscent of the tower of Toledo in Spain. The tower is a symbol of spiritual wealth, hope and the promise of freedom for all. Bishop Lewandowski was born and raised in this diocese. It was there that he first discerned his call to the Redemptorist life and priesthood.

THE CROSS

The cross over three hills with a lance and a sponge are symbols from the seal of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists), which portray the heart of the bishop's religious life and formation.

MARY

The Greek abbreviation for "Mother of God" is found on the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and reflects the bishop's dependence on Mary's motherly strength and intercession and his desire to make her known wherever he serves.

The Bishop's motto, *Because by Your Holy Cross*, quotes *The Testament of St. Francis of Assisi* which was adopted by St. Alphonsus Liguori in his well-known devotional work *The Way of the Cross*. It reflects Pope Francis' vision of God's love made known through Jesus, sacrificed on the cross, and the missionary disciples' vocation to continue the work of Redemption.

Please turn off cell phones.

Thank you.

EVENING PRAYER

August 17, 2020

(Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time)

Please stand and make the sign of cross.

Archbishop: *God, come to my assistance.*

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

HYMN

Radiant Light Divine

*Based on Phos Hilaron, Text: Rufino Zaragoza, OFM;
Spanish: Mary Frances Reza
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Radiant Light Divine,
shine throughout this night.
Jesus, Holy One, praise to you our light.
As the daylight fades, and come eventide,
dwell among us, Holy Fire.

En la oscuridad, brillará tu luz.
Jesucristo, te alabamos.
Al anochecer, ya se aba jóel sol,
Fuego Santo, danos luz.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY

Archbishop: *Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end.*

The Archbishop will begin each psalm/canticle as indicated. Side One (*Cathedra side*) will continue the stanza with the Archbishop. Side Two will be recited by those on the “*ambo*” side.

Psalm 136

We praise God by recalling his marvelous deeds.

Archbishop: *O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,*

(Cathedra side)

Side One: **for his love endures for ever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his love endures for ever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his love endures for ever;**

(Ambo side)

Side Two: **Who alone has wrought marvellous works,
for his love endures for ever;
whose wisdom it was made the skies,
for his love endures for ever;
who fixed the earth firmly on the seas,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side One: **It was he who made the great lights,
for his love endures for ever,
the sun to rule in the day,
for his love endures for ever,
the moon and stars in the night,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side Two: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

Side One: **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

**All: Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is
without end.**

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Archbishop: *Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.*

II

Archbishop: *The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,*

Side One: **for his love endures for ever.
He brought Israel out from their midst,
for his love endures for ever;
arm outstretched, with power in his hand,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side Two: **He divided the Red Sea in two,
for his love endures for ever;
he made Israel pass through the midst,
for his love endures for ever;
he flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side One: **Through the desert his people he led,
for his love endures for ever.
Nations in their greatness he struck,
for his love endures for ever.
Kings in their splendor he slew,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side Two: **Sihon, king of the Amorites,
for his love endures for ever;
and Og, the king of Bashan,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side One: **He let Israel inherit their land,
for his love endures for ever.
On his servant their land he bestowed,
for his love endures for ever.
He remembered us in our distress,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side Two: **And he snatched us away from our foes,
for his love endures for ever.
He gives food to all living things,
for his love endures for ever.
To the God of heaven give thanks,
for his love endures for ever.**

Side One: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:**

Side Two: **as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

**All: Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God
the Almighty.**

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Archbishop: *God planned in the fullness of time to restore all
things in Christ.*

Canticle -Ephesians 1:3-10

God our Savior

Archbishop: *Praised be the God and Father*

Side One: **of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has bestowed on us in Christ
every spiritual blessing in the heavens.**

Side Two: **God chose us in him
before the world began
to be holy and blameless in his sight.**

Side One: **He predestined us
to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ,
such was his will and pleasure,
that all might praise the glorious favor**

Side Two: he has bestowed on us in his beloved.
In him and through his blood,
we have been redeemed,
and our sins forgiven,
so immeasurably generous
is God's favor to us.

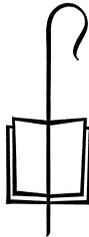
Side One: God has given us the wisdom
to understand fully the mystery,
the plan he was pleased
to decree in Christ.

Side Two: A plan to be carried out
in Christ, in the fullness of time,
to bring all things into one in him,
in the heavens and on earth.

Side One: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

Side Two: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

All: God planned in the fullness of time to restore all
things in Christ.



Please be seated.

READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord increase you and make you overflow with love for one another and for all, even as our love does for you. May he strengthen your hearts, making them blameless and holy before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his holy ones.

HOMILY

Bishop-elect Bruce Lewandowski

RESPONSORY

Reader: Accept my prayer, O Lord, which rises up to you.

All: Accept my prayer, O Lord, which rises up to you.

Reader: Like burning incense in your sight,

All: which rises up to you.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: Accept my prayer, O Lord, which rises up to you.

GOSPEL CANTICLE (*sung by schola*)

Luke 1:46-55

Please stand and make the sign of the cross.

All generations will call me blessed,
for the Almighty has done great things for me,
has done great things for me.

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor
on his lowly servant.
2. He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
3. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
4. He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

INTERCESSIONS

Archbishop: *Jesus does not abandon those who hope in him; therefore, let us humbly ask him:*

All: Our Lord and our God, hear us.

Deacon: *Christ our light, brighten your Church with your splendor, so that it may be for the nations the great sacrament of your love.*

All: Our Lord and our God, hear us.

Deacon: *Watch over the priests and ministers of your Church, so that after they have preached to others, they themselves may remain faithful in your service.*

All: Our Lord and our God, hear us.

Deacon: *Through your blood you gave peace to the world, turn away the sin of strife, the scourge of war.*

All: Our Lord and our God, hear us.

O Lord, help married couples with an abundance of your grace, so that they may better symbolize the mystery of your Church.

All: Our Lord and our God, hear us.

Deacon: *In your mercy forgive the sins of all the dead, that they may live with your saints.*

All: Our Lord and our God, hear us.

The Lord's Prayer

All: **Our Father . . .**

Concluding Prayer

Archbishop: *Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for evening draws near,
and be our companion on our way
to set our hearts on fire with new hope.
Help us to recognize your presence among us
in the Scriptures we read,
and in the breaking of bread,
for you live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

All: **Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

Archbishop: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And with your spirit.**

Archbishop: *Blessed by the name of the Lord.*

All: **Now and forever.**

Archbishop: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

All: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Archbishop: *May almighty God bless you, + the Father, + and
the Son, + and the Holy spirit.*

All: **Amen.**

Archbishop: *Go in peace.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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