

**SOLEMN CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION OF
MONSIGNOR ROBERT J. MCCLORY
AS THE FIFTH BISHOP OF GARY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020, 2:00 P.M.
HOLY ANGELS CATHEDRAL**

Your Eminence Cardinal Maida, Your Eminence Cardinal Cupich, Your Excellency Metropolitan Archbishop Charles Thompson, Your Excellency Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Bishop Emeritus Dale Melczek, Your Excellency Bishop Donald Hying, Your Excellency Bishop Designate Robert McClory, Rev. Fr. Michael Yadron, Diocesan Administrator, My Brother Archbishops and Bishops, Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious, Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Gary, Dear Friends:

I am truly pleased to be with you here in this venerable Holy Angels Cathedral for the Consecration and Installation of the fifth Bishop of Gary, His Excellency Robert J. McClory. I want to express my gratitude to Bishop Donald Hying of Madison for his years of service as Ordinary of Gary as well as to Bishop Emeritus Dale Melczek, as well as to Father Michael Yadron who served as Administrator. May the good Lord, who is never outdone in generosity, continue to bless you and keep you.

Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. Some years ago, speaking of Mary, Pope Francis said, "Mary went in haste to her elderly cousin Elizabeth. She wasted no time, immediately went to serve, and the 'Virgin of Readiness' is now ready to help us when we pray, when we ask for help and protection." (Pope Francis, Feast of the Visitation, May 31, 2014)

Dear Bishop-Elect McClory, we pray that you may not only turn to the Virgin for her help and protection as you begin your episcopal ministry, but also that you would follow her example in recognizing where mercy and compassion are needed and in being ready to serve.

The Holy Father wants a missionary church, and His Holiness is counting on you to lead the people of the Diocese of Gary to be both disciples and missionaries. Having served as Rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan, you also know how the Little Flower carried out her mission to be love in the heart of the Church.

We pray through the intercession of the Guardian Angels and Saint Matthias the Apostle, the heavenly patrons of this Diocese, as well as through the intercession of Saint Therese and Our Lady of Lourdes, that, in your pastoral wisdom and care, you will help lead this family of faith ever more fully into the Light, which is Christ.

And now, with great joy, I will read for you a translation of the Apostolic Letter of Appointment.