

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF
THE MOST REVEREND LARRY J. KULICK
AS SIXTH BISHOP OF GREENSBURG
CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

Your Excellency Metropolitan Archbishop Nelson Perez, Your Excellencies Bishop Emeritus Lawrence Brandt and Bishop Edward Malesic, Your Excellency Bishop-Elect Larry Kulick, My Brother Archbishops and Bishops, Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg, Dear Friends:

Indeed, it is a joy for me to join with all of you today as Monsignor Larry J. Kulick is ordained to the fullness of the priesthood and solemnly installed as the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg.

Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and is also the World Day of the Sick. In his message for this day, Pope Francis wrote: **“The Gospel frequently makes this clear by showing that Jesus heals not by magic but as the result of an encounter, an interpersonal relationship, in which God’s gift finds a response in the faith of those who accept it. As Jesus often repeats: “Your faith has saved you”.** (Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of the Sick, 20 December 2020)

Your Excellency, Bishop-Elect Kulick, the Holy Father has called you to be an instrument for facilitating this encounter and for deepening the relationship of the People of God with Christ Himself. He is asking you to be a model of Christ the Good Shepherd and to show forth the face of a Samaritan Church.

As the new Shepherd of this Flock, I place before you the words of the Holy Father:

“A shepherd after the heart of God has a heart sufficiently free to set aside his own concerns. He does not live by calculating his gains or how long he has worked: he is not an accountant of the Spirit, but a Good Samaritan who seeks out those in need. For the flock he is a shepherd, not an inspector, and he devotes himself to the mission not fifty or sixty percent, but with all he has. In seeking, he finds, and he finds because he takes risks. Unless a shepherd risks, he does not find. He does not stop when disappointed and he does not yield to weariness. Indeed, he is stubborn in doing good, anointed with the divine obstinacy that loses sight of no one.” (Pope Francis, Jubilee for Priests, 3 June 2016)

Bishop-Elect Kulick, inspired by these thoughts of the Holy Father, I ask you to take the risk demanded by love and to genuinely love all those whom God has placed in your pastoral care: your clergy,

religious and lay faithful, especially the poor, the infirm, the homeless, the community at large. We pray that by your holiness of life you may everywhere prove to be a true witness to Christ, Who is the Good News and “Face of the Father’s Mercy” (Misericordiae Vultus, April 11, 2015).

I commend you to Our Lady of Lourdes and to St. Joseph, during this year dedicated to him, praying that you may be a true father to those entrusted to your care.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Bishop Edward Malesic for his years of faithful service to this beloved Local Church before his transfer to the See of Cleveland.

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