

**EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF  
THE MOST REVEREND LOUIS TYLKA AS  
COADJUTOR BISHOP OF PEORIA,  
CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,  
JULY 23, 2020**

Your Eminence Cardinal Blase Cupich, Metropolitan Archbishop of Chicago, Your Excellency Bishop Daniel Jenky, Dear Brothers Archbishops and Bishops, Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious and Lay Faithful of the Church in Peoria, Dear Friends:

In this beautiful Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, I am happy to join you as Father Louis Tylka is consecrated as Coadjutor Bishop of Peoria. Father Tylka has distinguished himself as a pastor, most recently at St. Julie Billiart Parish in Tinley Park and as head of the presbyteral council in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

I want to acknowledge the wonderful ministry of Bishop Jenky in Peoria over these past eighteen years, despite the physical suffering he has endured in recent years. He took great pains to oversee the restoration of this beautiful cathedral. It takes both humility and courage to ask for help, and Bishop Jenky has shown both. Moreover, in asking for a Coadjutor Bishop, he has placed the love of his flock and the evangelizing mission of the Church before his own interests, offering us a model of pastoral charity. Your Excellency, thank you.

*The Directory for the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops* reads: **“When circumstances suggest, the Holy See may appoint a coadjutor Bishop. The diocesan Bishop should welcome him gladly in a spirit of faith and should promote an effective communion by virtue of their joint episcopal responsibility, establishing an authentic partnership which, with a coadjutor, should be particularly cordial and fraternal for the good of the diocese.”**

I am sure that this is the type of reception you will receive from Bishop Jenky and the People of God in Peoria – a reception that is filled with joy, gladness, and a true spirit of fraternity and cooperation. Indeed,

you will be stronger together as you bring the joy of the Gospel to this Diocese and its people under the protection of Mary Immaculate.

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