

**REMARKS OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
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Cardinal Cupich, my brother bishops; dear clergy and religious; members of the faithful and distinguished guests: Greetings! Please know of the spiritual closeness of Pope Francis to all of you. His Holiness is grateful for the prayers that you are offering for him.

In a Church that is always “on the move”, always “going out” to spread the good news and to give people a life-changing encounter with the risen Christ, it is necessary to have ministers of the Gospel who are good pastors and zealous missionaries. Today, five such priests from this Archdiocese will be anointed for the episcopal ministry, to assist the Cardinal-Archbishop in shepherding God’s people.

Dear Bishops-elect: from all the diversity of your personal backgrounds and your priestly ministries, today you are being united with each other and with your Archbishop as sharers in the episcopal ministry to this large and diverse Church. Yours will be the task of advancing the synodal work that has already begun, and of continuing to lead this Archdiocese in its mission of bringing to everyone an encounter with Christ in this changed time in which we live.

Brothers, be of good courage as you take up this responsibility, and take strength from the fraternity to which God has called you.

At this time, I will read an English translation of each of the five letters appointing you to this office.