

**REMARKS OF HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL CHRISTOPHE PIERRE
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REV. EDWARD J. WEISENBURGER
AS SIXTH ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT**

**CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT – DETROIT, MICHIGAN
MARCH 18, 2025**

My dear brother Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops; priests, deacons, and consecrated women and men; all the faithful of this Archdiocese as well as distinguished guests and visitors; dear friends: Greetings! It is my privilege to convey to you the spiritual closeness and affection of the Holy Father Pope Francis.

Archbishop Vigneron: Thank you for your many faithful years as a bishop, and especially for your tremendous ministry to this Archdiocese of Detroit.

Archbishop-designate Weisenburger, your “yes” to God has taken you on yet another journey! I am grateful to you and to the Holy Father, and I am happy for the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit that they will have another good shepherd to lead them and to walk with them through this journey of hope that, as the pilgrim people of God, we are walking together with the risen Christ.

As you begin your ministry as Archbishop, you will enjoy the special grace of this Jubilee Year. I am sure that you will find in the people of this local Church a readiness to walk as “pilgrims in hope”. I know that they will also find in you a special kind of wisdom in seeking out new pathways for the spread of the Gospel in this age.

May God bless you in these coming days and weeks as you listen, learn, and come to understand the particular gifts of this local Church, so as to lead the people of God in this pilgrimage.

I will now read an English translation of the official letter of appointment from the Holy Father.