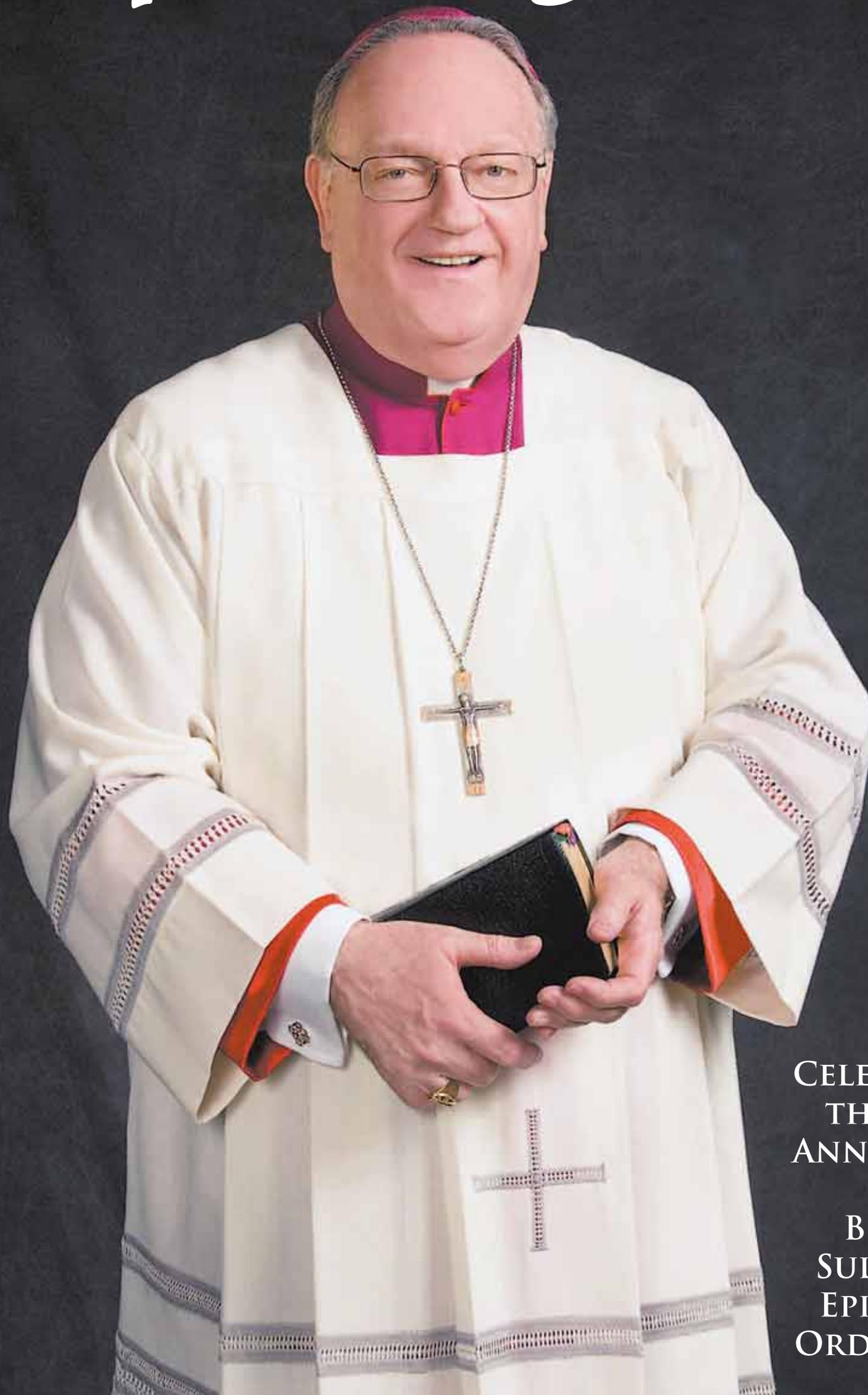


Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan



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Becoming a bishop in New York, 2004

On June 28, 2004, in Washington, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, apostolic nuncio announced that Pope John Paul II had appointed two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of New York. They were Msgr. Gerald T. Walsh, pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish in New York City, and Msgr. Dennis J. Sullivan, pastor of Saint John and Paul Parish in the New York City suburb of Larchmont, N.Y.

Bishop-designate Sullivan's words at the time were a clear indication of his personal vision and how it would shape his episcopal ministry years later when he became Camden's eighth ordinary.

"All I have known and loved for my 33 years as a priest is parish work," Bishop-designate Sullivan said in a June 28 statement. "I am a parish priest — at heart a pastor. I pray that the Lord continue to strengthen me for this new pastoral service."

Bishop-designate Sullivan, 59 at the time, was born March 17, 1945, in New York City. He went to Iona College and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Saint Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1971. Afterward, he went on a mission experience in the Dominican Republic.

He received his first pastorate in 1982 at Saint Teresa Parish in New York City, where he stayed until he was assigned as pastor of Saint John and Paul Parish. He was named a monsignor in 1999.

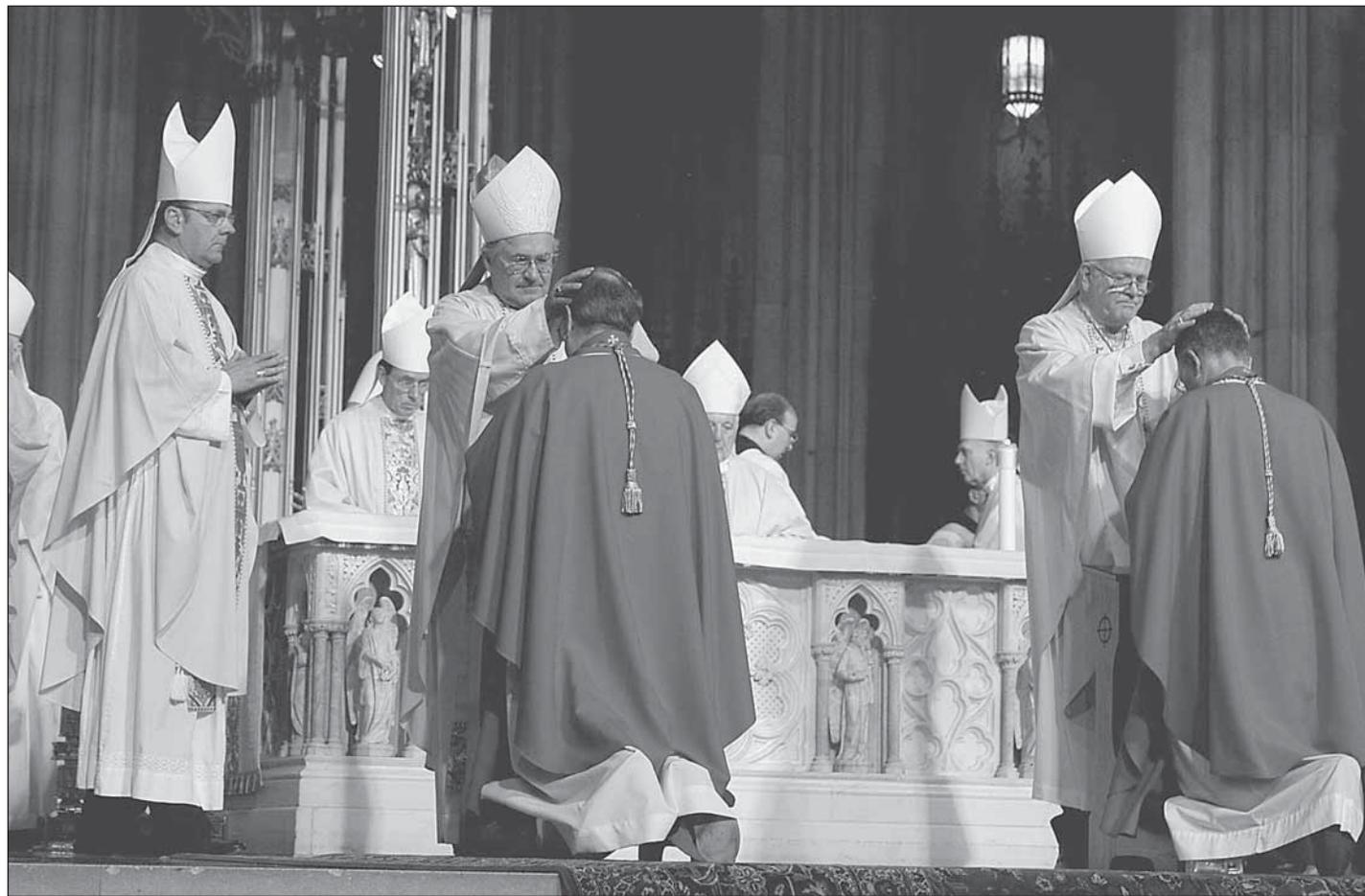
Bishop-designate Sullivan, along with Bishop-designate Walsh, was ordained a bishop in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Sept. 21, 2004. The two men received standing ovations before and after the rite of ordination.

Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York ordained them and was the celebrant and homilist at a Mass before a congregation of about 2,200 including family, friends and parishioners of the new bishops.

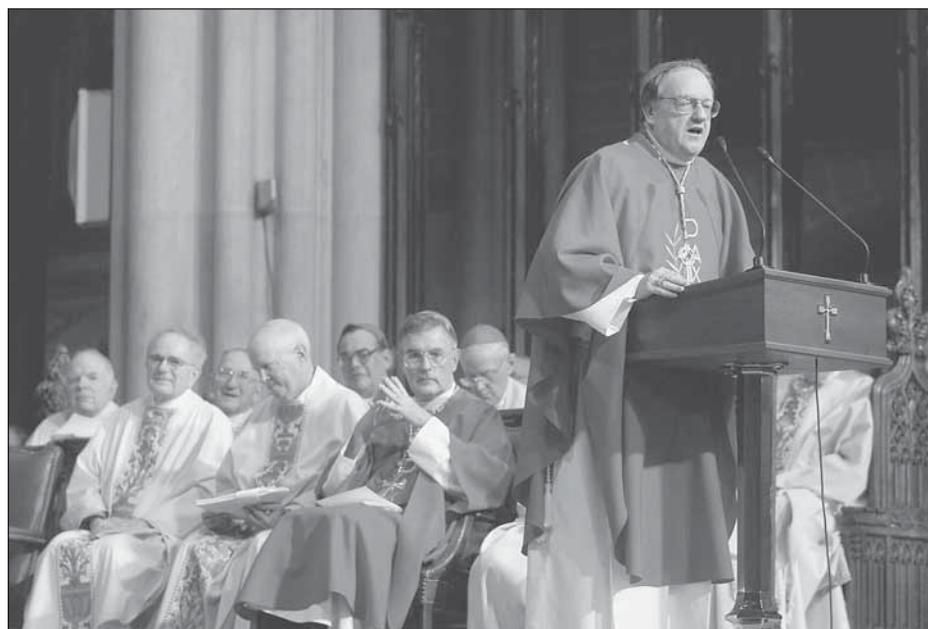
Cardinal Egan welcomed the congregation on "this very happy day when the Lord gives us two new successors to the apostles."

Each of the new bishops spoke to the people just before the Mass concluded. Bishop Sullivan expressed his "fidelity and gratitude" to the pope, promised full cooperation with Cardinal Egan's ministry, and told his fellow bishops, "I am humbly among you as one of you."

Underscoring the varied cultures that make up the archdiocese and their own linguistic fluency, both bishops spoke in English and Spanish. Bishop Sullivan, whose parishioners at Saint



Photos by Chris Sheridan, courtesy of Catholic New York
Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Bishop Gerald T. Walsh are ordained auxiliary bishops of New York in Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sept. 21, 2004.



Bishop Sullivan gives his remarks in both English and Spanish. As a pastor whose parish included Asian immigrants, he also offered a greeting in Chinese.

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In his homily Cardinal Egan noted that the ordination took place on the feast of Saint Matthew the Apostle, and said a more fitting day could not have been chosen, particularly because of the way Saint Matthew was called.

According to the Gospel, Christ was walking beside the Sea of Galilee when he saw Matthew — a Jewish tax collector known as Levi — and said to him, "Follow me."

Tax collectors were shunned by the Jews, the cardinal explained, because they collected money from their own people for the despised Romans and because they were considered to be ritually impure, so the people were shocked when Matthew was called, but he rose and followed Christ.

"It was all very uncomplicated, immediate, free of drama," the cardinal said, and he compared Matthew's response to that of Bishops Walsh and Sullivan.

They also heard the call of Christ, answered it and remained faithful to it throughout years of service as priests, he said. Now they have heard a call "from the Lord and Pope John Paul II" to serve as bishops and to carry out the mission of the apostles, "repeating all that has been revealed, completely, accurately," he added.

Like Saint Matthew, Bishops Walsh and Sullivan responded to Christ and "left all things," the cardinal said. They chose to forgo secular careers and families of their own to "embrace a wider family, the mystical body of Jesus Christ."

He said that he was asking the new bishops also to leave behind any concerns about their worthiness, hesitation about saying yes, or fears they might have.

Like Cardinal Egan, Bishop Sullivan would reference Saint Matthew years later when Pope Benedict XVI sent him to Camden. He referred specifically to Caravaggio's painting "The Calling of Saint Matthew," which features a humbled apostle who finds himself literally and figuratively in the light of Christ.

At the 2013 installation Mass, Bishop Joseph Galante presented Bishop Sullivan with a reproduction of the painting as a gift.

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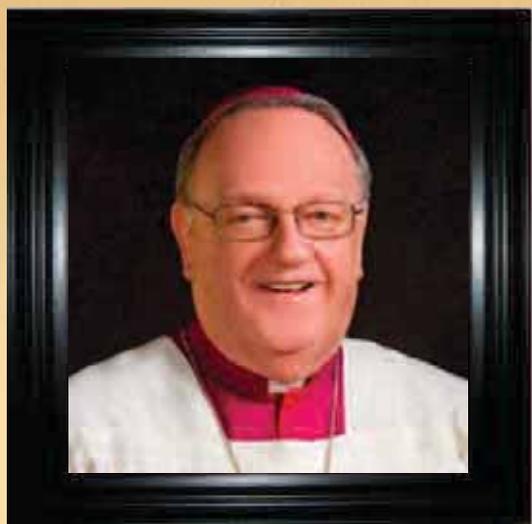


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A bishop driven by his love of pastoral work

By Carl Peters

CAMDEN — During a conversation that lasted more than an hour, and ranged from the beauty of William Butler Yeats' poetry to the vitriolic rhetoric now common on social media and in political debate, Bishop Dennis Sullivan often circled back to a favorite topic: his love of the priesthood.

The bishop recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of his episcopal ordination and agreed to sit down for a rare interview in his office on the fifth floor of the chancery on Sept. 24. The office view looks east toward the Philadelphia skyline, but for almost seven years the bishop's attention has been pointed in another direction, on the Catholic parishes, schools and ministries in the six counties of South Jersey.

Yet his time as a bishop was even longer in New York, where he was an auxiliary serving both Cardinal Edward Egan and Cardinal Timothy Dolan. While he has remained a fan of New York sports teams — his answer to the question of whether he has become a Philadelphia fan was an emphatic and simple "No! N-O" — the bishop, a native of the Bronx, feels more than at home in South Jersey.

"I love it here. It's been wonderful. South Jersey will always be part of my future," he said. "I'm very much a Camden priest. They are my brothers."

The bishop's recurring emphasis on the priesthood seems to have less to do with the distinction between ordained men and the laity than the interaction between them. For the bishop, who is the chief administrator of the diocese as well as its spiritual leader — whose schedule is jammed with paperwork and meetings — the church's work is, above all, personal.

Bishop Sullivan came to Camden from the sprawling New York Archdiocese where, as vicar general, he had to make difficult decisions, including the closure of parishes. But in his first appearance in Camden, after being appointed the successor to Bishop Joseph Galante, he said he would lead the diocese as a pastor, and he still talks like one.

He was named a bishop by Pope John Paul II and his time in New York largely coincided with the pontificate of Pope Benedict, but Bishop Sullivan often sounds like Pope Francis, with his emphasis on accompaniment and on a priest's responsibility — and privilege — to be present to those in spiritual, emotional or physical need.

He recalled that recently he had been asked to visit someone who was ill. "Afterward I thought, 'I love this. I really felt like a priest today,'" he said.



Bishop Dennis Sullivan poses for a photo after celebrating Mass at Wildwood Catholic High School on Sept. 23. "I love going to schools to visit," he says.

“We have to get the message out about the joy of the priesthood, the joy of serving people.”

“As a bishop, I don't often have opportunities like that.”

“I love confirmations. They're wonderful,” he continued. “But I don't know the names of the children and I don't know their families. As a pastor, I knew something about every student about to be confirmed. As a bishop, you are not present to the people in that way.”

And yet, he tries to be present as much as possible, putting in long work days and hours on the road to visit parishes and schools. He said he visits high schools “just so the kids can see a bishop,” suggesting it is part of their religious education to learn about the hierarchy of the church. But he soon added that he usually tries to meet with the student council, and he says how much he enjoys being able to “chit-chat” with them.

And then he talks about the student he saw at school who he also remembered from a parish visit. The one who wants to go to the Naval Academy.

And another student at a different school who scored a perfect 800 on his math SAT. “I love to go to schools to visit,” the bishop said.

Catholic schools have been one of the bishop's main priorities during his time in Camden. “I wish we didn't have to charge a penny for Catholic education,” he said, noting that he understands tuition costs are simply prohibitive for some families.

“We know what we're doing, and we do it well,” he said of the schools. “We do a good job. Our teachers — God bless them — their work is sacrificial.” Catholic schools are essential for the future of the church, and even American society in general, he added.

Before his installation as Camden's ordinary, Bishop Sullivan said his immediate plan was to “listen, listen, listen.” To some extent, that has translated to “visit, visit, visit.” His travels throughout the diocese have helped shape another of his priorities, outreach to Hispanic Catholics. Hispanic

ministry was strong in Camden City when he came to New Jersey, but he learned the diocese had to extend that work when he traveled the diocese and realized how extensive the Hispanic population is in other areas, such as Bridgeton and Vineland.

Again emphasizing the need to connect with people, not just communicate with them, he said the ability of ministers to speak Spanish should be only part of the church's response. Also important is understanding Latino cultures and respecting the differences among them, he said.

As a New York pastor, Bishop Sullivan ministered in diverse parishes. When he got the phone call informing him that Pope John Paul II was naming him a bishop, he was shocked. “I said to the nuncio, ‘You must have the wrong Sullivan.’ There were many Sullivans in New York.”

He said he found it hard to leave parish life, but “your life changes and you do the work. You do what you have to do. Here, my job is Camden.”

“When I retire, I want to live in a parish,” he said. When that time comes, he added, “whoever comes after me has to focus on vocations to the priesthood. It is a critical issue.”

“We have to get the message out about the joy of the priesthood, the joy of serving people. The priest is with his people in every situation, from birth to death, in times of happiness and in desperate situations,” he said. “It's a very rewarding life.”



Photo by James A. McBride

Bishop Dennis Sullivan gives his homily, in both English and Spanish, during his installation Mass at Saint Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood, on Feb. 12, 2013.

The installation of Camden's eighth bishop

Bishop Dennis Sullivan set the tone for his years as Camden's eighth bishop with the word Alleluia.

Bishop Sullivan — who served as a pastor of a multicultural parish for years in New York City — said the word Alleluia, universally associated with joy, needs no translation. “It’s everybody’s language.”

The word is not used in the Roman liturgy during Lent, so at his installation Mass in Saint Agnes Church, Blackwood, on Feb. 12 — the day before Ash Wednesday — he said that as a “final fling” before the beginning of Lent, he wanted to “let the Alleluia ring out.”

He offered an Alleluia for the Diocese of Camden, which just observed its 75th anniversary; to “our priests, now my brothers”; to Bishop Joseph Galante; to Jesus, who showed that true religion is not found in rules and regulations but in the heart; to the Catholic



Photo by Alan M. Dumoff

Bishop Sullivan leaves the church at the end of Mass.

Church, currently observing a Year of Faith; to Pope Benedict; and to all who minister in Camden.

“And, not to be selfish, but Alleluia to me,” Bishop Sullivan said. “Praise God that I will faithfully teach and sanctify and pastor this local community according to the way of Jesus Christ the teacher, the priest and the shepherd.”

“Let the Alleluia echo around this place and around the six counties of this local church,” he said.

Bishop Sullivan gave a portion of his homily in fluent Spanish. He said, despite not having a single drop of Hispanic blood, his heart is Latino.

Before leaving the altar, Bishop Sullivan asked, “As the late Mayor Koch (of New York City) would say, ‘How am I

doing?’”

The response was warm and enthusiastic.



Photo by James A. McBride

Bishop Sullivan accepts the offertory from Dolores Orihel, who has been his secretary while he has been in Camden.



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PRAYERS AT CALVARY —

Bishop Dennis Sullivan and Father Robert E. Hughes, chancellor, pray at the graves of priests of the Diocese of Camden in Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, on April 10, 2013. They are standing before the graves of the four former bishops of the diocese who are buried there: Bishop Bartholomew J. Eustace, Bishop Justin J. McCarthy, Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano and Bishop George H. Guilfoyle. Auxiliary Bishop James L. Schad is buried in Vineland, where he grew up. Bishop James T. McHugh, who left the diocese to become bishop of Rockville Centre, N.Y. is buried there. Bishop Joseph Galante, a Philadelphia native, who died earlier this year, is buried in Philadelphia.

Bishop Sullivan speaks out on faith and tragedy

Bishop Sullivan has written columns regularly for the Catholic Star Herald and spoken out on a number of topics. Following are a few excerpts.

The variety of ethnic groups who populated the parish taught me that God speaks infinitesimal languages but that a priest who speaks the Word of God with a smile can be understood and can assist others, no matter what their language, to cross over to God.

“Learning about being a bridge in the shadow of the George Washington,” April 24, 2015

May is traditionally the month for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As I travel around the diocese celebrating Confirmation I witness the joy of the families, the excitement of the youngsters and the pastoral labors of parish ministries and staffs. The seriousness of the parish programs of preparation is impressive. Young lives and families have contact with the church through catechetical preparation, which must be of excellent standards. On the morning of First Holy Communion at the parish of Saint Joachim in Bellmawr, I stopped by before the Mass, having been invited by the children whom I visited during their catechetical class last October. The beaming parents and the

innocence of the children dressed in their First Communion finery remind us that we are God’s children who learn at an early age to love Him and His Church through participation in the Sacraments and Sunday Mass.

“A month’s travels among the faithful,” May 29, 2015

We need diocesan priests. Let that message be heard by young men and may it move them to seek the priesthood of Jesus Christ. There is no church without the priesthood and there are no parishes without parish priests. Each of us can help to get this message into the lives, hearts, minds and consciences of young men.

“Our people need shepherds, parish priests,” April 21, 2016

While we may never know when and how evil will express itself, we must always remember that there is more good in the world. That evil will never rule the Earth. That God’s love for us, even in the midst of tragedy, is present.

“Bishop Sullivan addresses Texas shootings,” Nov. 9, 2017

On Friday, January 19, I stood on the corner of New Jersey and Constitution avenues viewing the 44th March for Life. I chose this corner to

make it easy for the faithful from our New Jersey diocese, who give witness to the sacredness of life by participating in the March, to find their bishop. I enjoy speaking with them, cheering them on, and am so proud of their commitment to life that I want to thank them for taking a public stand on behalf of human life.

Catholic schools and lessons on the sacredness of life from PBS mid-wives,” Jan. 25, 2018

The Sunday Mass is central to our faith lives, and every Mass concludes with the dismissal “Go,” which calls us to bring our faith to serve the needs of children; families; the poor; the immigrant; the refugee; the addicted; the struggling and burdened; and all women and men who look to the Church for spiritual assistance and support.

“A goal that we can reach together,” March 23, 2018

There is no Christian faith without the Cross. There is no Christ without the Cross. There is no salvation without the Cross. Unfortunately, too many have no understanding of this truth. Education and formation in faith is a serious need for people of all ages throughout the diocese.

“Building and strengthening parish

ministries,” April 15, 2018

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, our national holiday, we give thanks to God for the freedoms we enjoy in this great nation, among them religious freedom.

“The blessings of the priesthood and religious freedom,” July 3, 2019

I will be dedicating myself to more intensified prayer and sacrifices to express my personal sorrow for what some sick and sinful priests and bishops have caused to their victims and to the Church. In your charity, prayers are needed for the healing of all the victims who carry in themselves an intense and forever pain. The victims of clerical abuse must be supported by the Church.

We cannot forget our good and faithful priests who are suffering as a result of this crisis. They have been scarred by the actions of their sinful brothers and the inactions of some bishops. May our priests know the love and support of God’s people and may they pastor God’s people with priestly fervor and holiness. This crisis weighs heavily on their priestly souls, minds and hearts.

“Pray the Holy Spirit guides my brother bishops and me,” Nov. 8, 2018 before the USCCB General Assembly

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A few significant dates from the past 15 years

September 21, 2004

Bishop Sullivan's Episcopal Consecration is held, with Cardinal Egan as Consecrator, and Bishops Robert Brucato and Patrick Sheridan serving as Co-Consecrators.

January 8, 2013

Pope Benedict XVI names Bishop Sullivan as the eighth Bishop of Camden.

February 12, 2013

At his installation the bishop asks the congregation to "pray that my heart continues to be shaped by Christ and joined to His Sacred Heart as I walk among you, my brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Camden."

Feb. 17, 2013

The new bishop of Camden begins his visits to South Jersey's parish com-

munities at Sewell's Church of the Holy Family. The noted Yankees fan receives a Philadelphia Phillies baseball cap and T-shirt from the grateful parishioners.

Aug. 16, 2013

Bishop Sullivan announces the creation of four Directors of Catholic Identity to serve as "pastors" in diocesan high schools.

Nov. 21, 2013

The Bishop of Camden meets with Jewish and Muslim leaders, first at the Katz Jewish Community Center in Cherry Hill, and later at the Muslim American Community Association Mosque in Voorhees. With leaders of both religions, he re-affirms the Diocese's commitment to work in dialogue with its non-Christian neighbors.

Oct. 16, 2014

It is announced that Bishop Sullivan has appointed a commission to make recommendations for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Camden. Including experts in education, business, law, finance, communications and parish life, the commission is charged with examining the Catholic identity of the schools as well as their governance, leadership and programs, and offering proposals to promote academic excellence, improve finances, utilize facilities, expand marketing and increase enrollment, and engage with public policy and fundraising.

August 17, 2015

The Diocese of Camden's 40 Days of Francis campaign launches, ahead of the Holy Father's upcoming visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families, with Bishop Sullivan calling for the faithful of South Jersey to "hear the cry of the poor."

Feb. 23, 2018

With Catholic Charities staff, Bishop Sullivan meets students, electrical engineers, firefighters, architects, medical assistants, art therapists, first responders, parish secretaries, taxpayers — all Dreamers (DACA recipients) under the age of 30 who came to United States as children, and subject to deportation under federal law. He hears their stories, their hopes, and tells them, "As Catholics, we want you to know that we are doing the best we can as a church to accompany you in a bitter and difficult experience. I want you to know that we are with you."

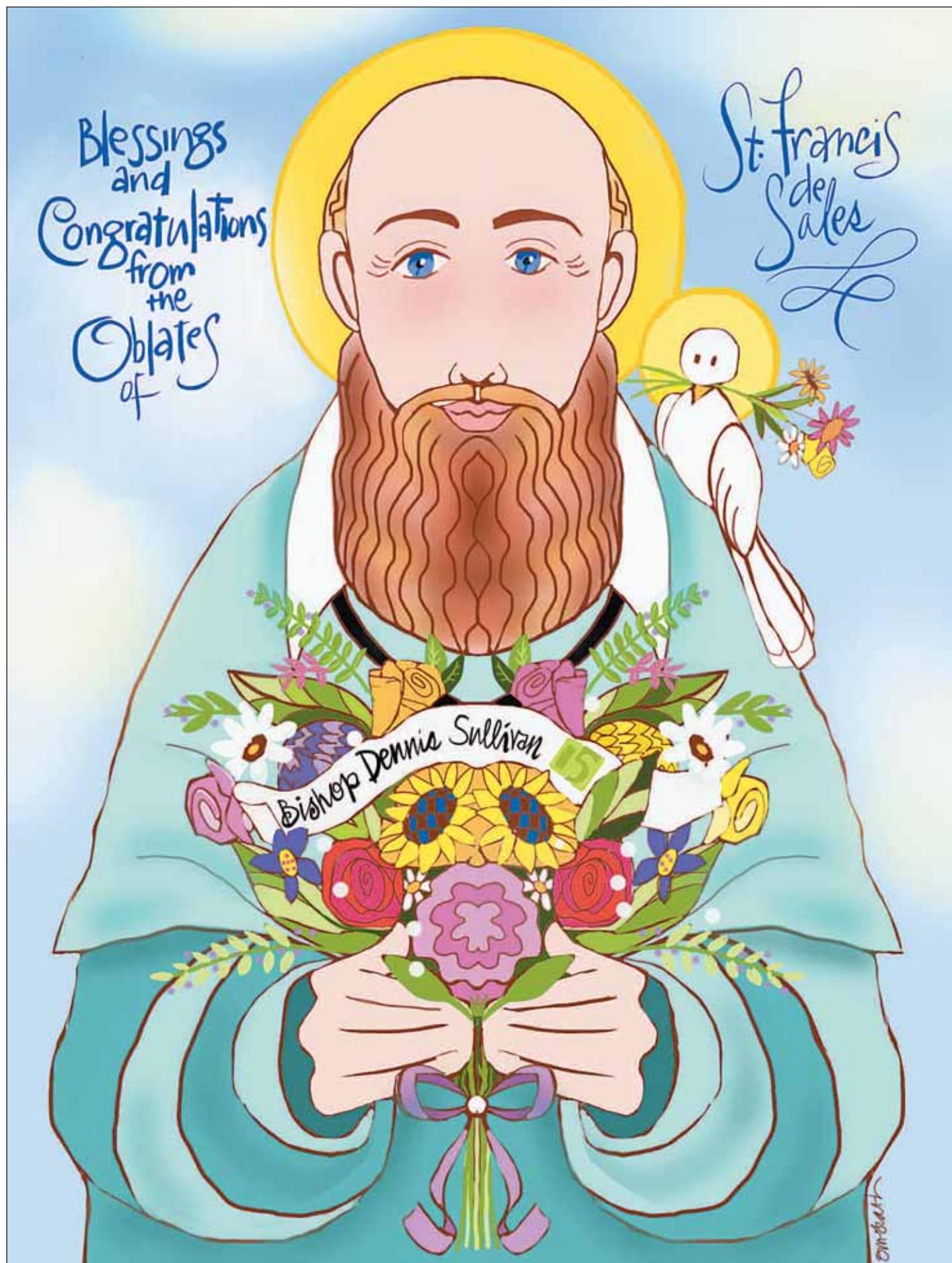
May 17, 2018

Bishop Sullivan announces the the diocesan-wide Catholic Strong campaign, which, with a goal of \$50 million, will primarily benefit parishes.

March 25-28, 2019

Hundreds of diocesan lay leaders and their pastors converge in Atlantic City for the Convocation of Catholic Leaders: Joy of the Gospel. In his closing address, Bishop Sullivan urges all to "walk as missionary disciples."

Information compiled by Peter G. Sánchez.



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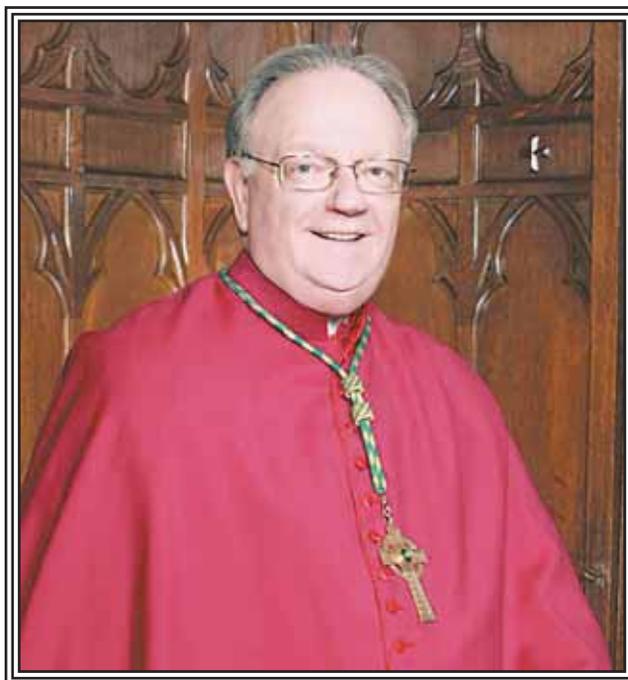
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The bishop's spiritual gift to the diocese

By Donna M. Ottaviano-Britt

“I have come to set fire to the earth and how I wish it were already burning.” This line, spoken by Jesus (Lk 12:49) creates a sense of wistful sadness and a great desire to help Him stoke an amazing and holy blaze — just to make Him happy.

There is so much richness in this single line of the Gospel if we but pause to sit with it, and in it. What did Jesus mean? The fire is the fire of great Christian love and Christian justice to build a community in relationship with the Father.

And, so it is with Bishop Dennis Sullivan. Our shepherd has a mission — to see his entire flock answer its Baptismal call, become holy and get to heaven helping others do the same — no small task! Bishop gave his fiat to his vocation and works tirelessly in his priesthood to form other Christs. All clergy and laity are part of this great mission of the church.

In March, Bishop gave the Camden Diocese a great spiritual gift — the Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey. He knew the faithful needed a “shot in the arm,” and a real call to get moving for the kingdom. Therefore, his plan to do something no other diocese had done was born!

The sacrament of Baptism sets forth a unique mission for each of us. It washes away original sin, *and* it calls us to be disciples (followers of Jesus, our teacher). Baptism calls us also to live as missionary disciples. Each of us has been given a mission by God. We are unrepeatable, and therefore our mission is unique. No one else can complete the mission God has given us. No one.

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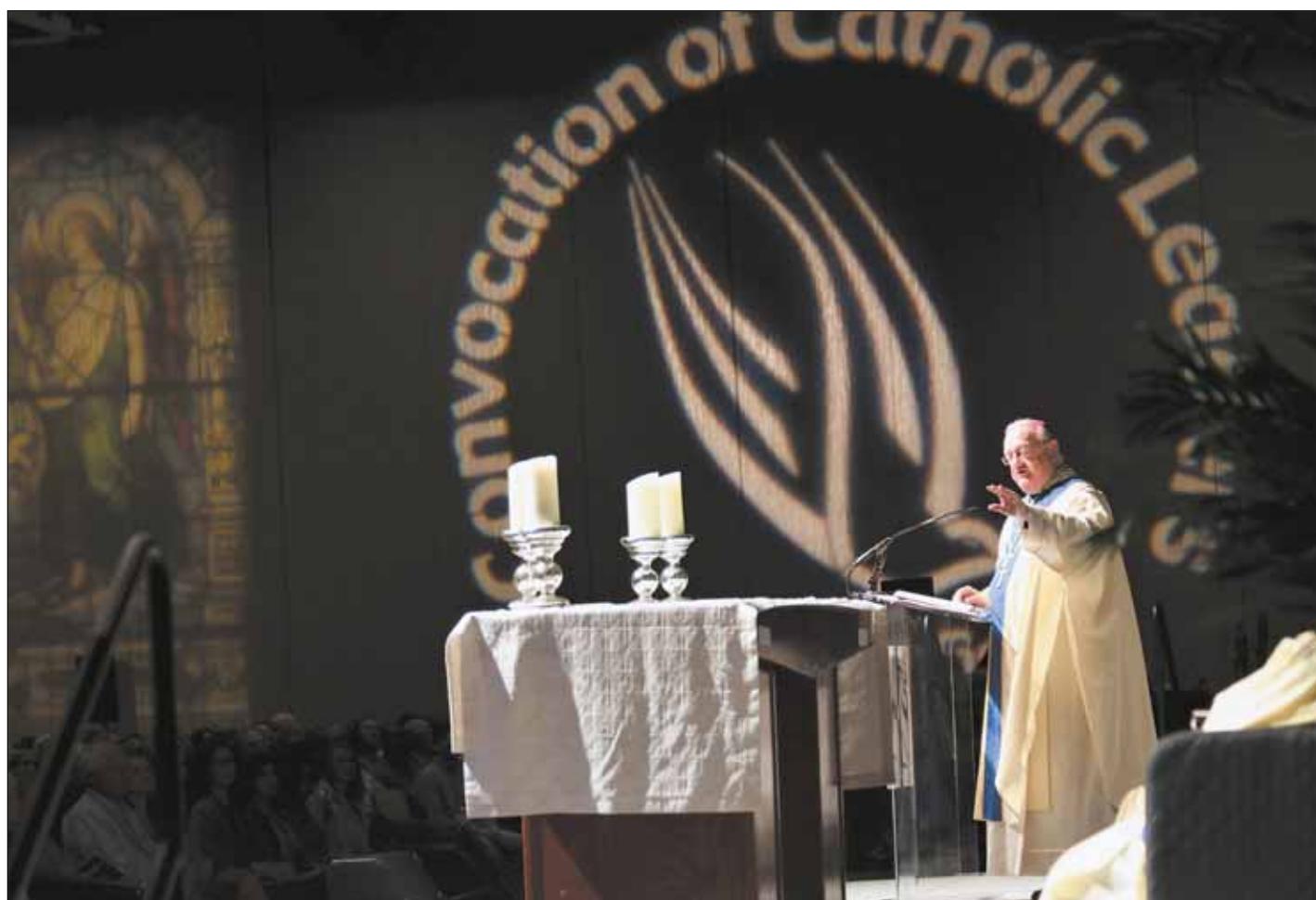


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Bishop Dennis Sullivan at The Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel, that was held at Harrah's Conference Center, Atlantic City, March 25-28, 2019.

Bishop knows every Catholic is a leader — at home, at work, with friends and with strangers. He knows his people and they possess tremendous gifts. These gifts — harnessed, affirmed and unleashed — will renew the Catholic Church in South Jersey. Bishop also knows we cannot wait for the fallen away, the “nones” and all those who do not know Jesus to charge through the doors and into our churches. It is time to reach out, serve and transform lives — right where they are. This is the time to let everyone know there is a seat at Jesus’ table only for them. Bishop’s vision is large in scope and yet within reach of each

and every one of us right where we are — in the places we live.

Many attendees have spoken and written to Bishop to thank him for the great gift — the gift of an encounter with the fire of the Holy Spirit. And, delegates continue to reference the profound impact the experience had on them. He asked everyone to take this fire back to the parish and be contagious.

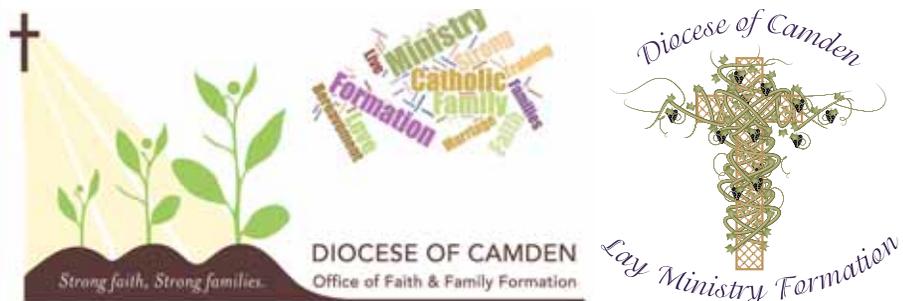
He knows it will take each one of us engaging with another human being. Bishop delivered a powerful wake-up call to everyone. He knows each of us must proclaim (joyfully!) the Gospel and enable others to experience Jesus in us and through us. He knows we

must pray, conform our wills to that of God. He also knows we must not rely on ourselves, but on the Holy Spirit.

Bishop also knows Convocation attendees are planting seeds, inviting others to join in this great work. The seeds we plant today will bear fruit at God’s chosen time. Our responsibility is to co-labor with Jesus in the vineyard. Let us proclaim the truth and bring others into friendship with Jesus — for He is closer to us than our own breath and our own heartbeats.

Donna M. Ottaviano-Britt is director of Missionary Discipleship, Diocese of Camden.

God Bless and Happy Anniversary Bishop Sullivan



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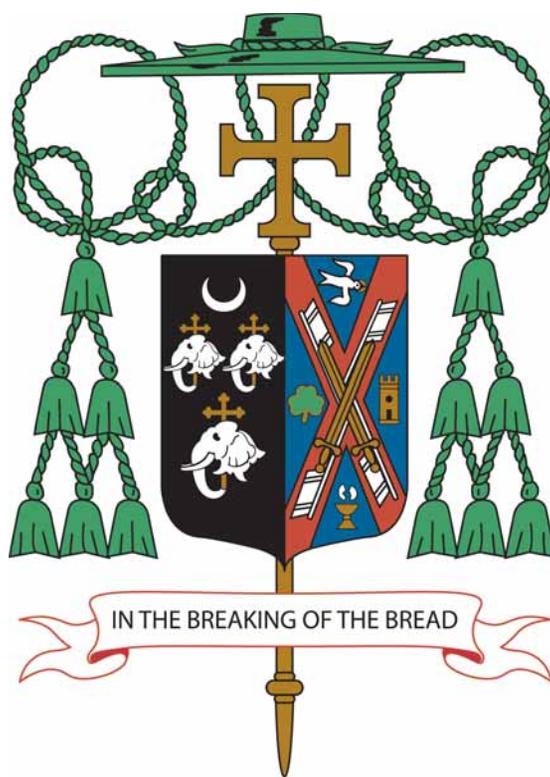
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Long-life and fair health to you.

Congratulations **BISHOP SULLIVAN**

on the 15th anniversary
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*May God
continue to
bless you.*

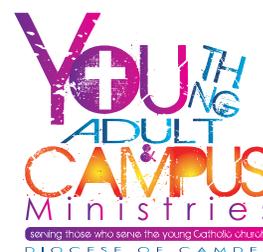
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With seminarians in the back, Bishop Dennis Sullivan concelebrates Mass with priests at Washington Lake Park, Sewell, on March 31, 2019, during the iRace4Vocations, an annual event to promote vocations in the Diocese of Camden.

Bishop communicates joy to seminarians

By Father Adam Cichoski

This year, after the Feast of the Assumption Mass and Wedding of the Sea in Wildwood, we held our annual dinner with the seminarians, their families and Bishop Sullivan.

During the dinner, a visiting priest remarked, "It took years after my ordination before I ever had the chance to sit down with my bishop!" Fortunately, for all of us who have gone through formation for the priesthood in the last six years, we have had many opportunities to be with our bishop and to talk to him as our spiritual father.

Bishop Sullivan has made it a point

to know our seminarians, and to make sure they understand what it means to be a Camden seminarian and to represent our Catholic faith.

Bishop Sullivan has such a great love and respect for our seminarians. He knows them, where we came from and what our stories were that led us into the seminary. He is someone who was very interested in the men that will one day be his brother priests, and he wants to be sure that they know they have his support on their journeys through formation. He knows the struggles that come with formation, and how important their time in the seminary is for their future ministry.

As a spiritual father to all of our men in formation, Bishop Sullivan is

a constant presence in their lives, even as they are away in seminary. As I begin my time as vocation director, I see this even more. His thoughtfulness and love for seminarians has only grown since his arrival in our diocese. I think this comes from his own love of the priesthood, and the joy he experienced as a parish priest. Now as a bishop, he helps to bring this joy into the lives of many others as he ordains them and helps them to start their lives as priests of Jesus Christ.

I always enjoyed my time as a seminarian for our diocese. I have had many wonderful experiences here and received the greatest gift of my life when I became a priest. This gift was

given to me through the hands of our bishop, Bishop Dennis Sullivan. As he celebrates 15 years as a bishop, I can't help but think of the number of men he must have encouraged in their own discernment, and how this is something still so close to his heart.

May God continue to bless our bishop with many more years of service to our church. We thank him for his ministry here with us, and for all the support he has shown us. May his dedication and love to the priesthood inspire many more men to discern this vocation and to follow God's call of service.

Father Adam Cichoski is director of Vocations for the Diocese of Camden.

'Our people need shepherds, parish priests'

From Bishop Dennis Sullivan's message in observance of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life in 2016.

I am convinced that priestly vocations are there. There may be noises in society that make it difficult and confusing for young men to hear and follow the voice of the Good Shepherd to a joyful life of service as a priest of the Diocese of Camden. We can help them hear a different voice about the Vocation of a parish priest who is privileged to be with people at times of cri-

sis and on occasions of joy and celebration; who leads women and men to God in the ordinary circumstances of daily life; who prays with the people and speaks to them of God; whose very presence keeps them connected to God and assists them to grow in our faith.

Our people need shepherds, parish priests. Let's get the message out across the six counties of our diocese so that young men will hear it and be moved to come forward with the confidence that God is calling them to be priests of Jesus Christ for the Diocese of Camden.



El obispo Dennis Sullivan posa para una foto con la delegación de la diócesis de Camden que asistió al V Encuentro, en Grapevine, Texas. El evento del 20 al 23 de septiembre, 2018, fue una reunión de más de 3.000 líderes católicos hispanos y cerca de 125 obispos de todo el país.

Obispo Dennis Sullivan Acompaña y Comparte el Viaje con la Comunidad Hispana

Por Marianela Nuñez

Hace 5 años tuve la oportunidad de conocer al Obispo Dennis Sullivan. Cuando lo conocí me sorprendió su saludo cálido y en mi propio idioma y luego al preguntarme de donde venía y revelarme que había pasado unos años en mi tierra dominicana aprendiendo español, me alegré de saber que nuestro líder realmente conoce y disfruta aprender de la cultura Latina. He visto de primera mano cómo se ha empeñado en ser uno con nosotros. El Obispo ha sido y sigue siendo una bendición para la comunidad católica del sur de Jersey. Es un hombre de la gente y con la gente, un hombre de fe que con su carisma nos ha hecho sentir su cariño genuino y su deseo de incluirnos y involucrarnos en todo lo que hace para fomentar una cultura de fe, unidad y armonía en nuestra iglesia. El no solamente habla un buen español, y entiende bien nuestra gramática, como me lo he hecho entender al encontrar algún que otro error en uno de los escritos que me ha tocado traducir o producir para él, sino que también entiende nuestra cultura y las necesidades reales de la gente hispana. Andrés Arango el Delegado del Obispo para el Ministerio Hispano confirma mis palabras al decir: "El Obispo Sullivan siempre ha estado muy cercano a la comunidad hispana, no solo tiene el don de ser bilingüe, sino también bicultural. Él ha sido una gran bendición para los latinos del sur de Nueva Jersey, ya que se dirige a ellos en su propio idioma, y más aún, entiende, valora e impulsa sus valores y costumbres".

Los hispanos tenemos una conexión especial con el obispo Sullivan porque su humildad hace de él una persona a la que te puedes acercar y hacerle una

broma o con la que puedes hablar y sentir su empatía acerca del dolor y/o la alegría humana. Sus prioridades para los hispanos han sido claramente marcadas por su gran labor con el tema migratorio, la evangelización, la vida pastoral y además de una manera especial, su enfoque en la educación católica para todas las familias de la Diócesis.

Desde que llegué a la oficina de escuelas católicas, he visto como Sullivan se ha preocupado por empujar y animar más inscripciones de niños hispanos en nuestra Diócesis. Su apoyo para re-vitalizar las escuelas católicas en el sur de Nueva Jersey ha sido inmensurable. En el año 2015 con la ayuda de varios expertos en educación, puso un plan en marcha para asegurarse de que las escuelas católicas reafirmaran su gran compromiso por la excelencia en todos los aspectos. El Dr. Bill Watson, superintendente de las escuelas católicas de la diócesis de Camden nos cuenta que: "El obispo Sullivan ha sido incansable en sus esfuerzos por garantizar que las escuelas católicas estén disponibles, sean asequibles y accesibles para todos los estudiantes, incluyendo a los estudiantes latinos. Su liderazgo aseguró que las metas establecidas en el plan para las escuelas católicas en la Diócesis de Camden, Forming Minds and Hearts in Grace, incluyeran un fuerte énfasis en fomentar un ambiente acogedor en nuestras escuelas para aumentar la inscripción de latinos". Nuestro obispo cree en el valor de la educación católica y en lo que esta puede significar para nuestros niños y familias hispanas en términos de crecimiento espiritual, personal y profesional, por eso hace todo lo posible para que las familias hispanas tengan acceso a la ventaja de las escuelas católicas.

Además de su enfoque en la educación, el obispo ha sabido caminar en la lucha con los inmigrantes latinos que vienen a este país a buscar un futuro mejor para sus familias. Ha sabido acompañar a familias en línea de deportación en su dolor y se ha pronunciado en contra de leyes injustas que no ayudan a la unificación familiar y al crecimiento sano de las familias inmigrantes. Hemos visto en sus últimos 15 años como el obispo ha tomado como prioridad el hacer que nuestros hermanos indocumentados se sientan apoyados y acompañados por su iglesia. Lo hemos visto traer más sacerdotes hispanos a trabajar en las parroquias que cuentan con ministerio hispano y además se asegura de que los seminaristas sean motivados y apoyados para aprender español. El obispo definitivamente abraza la diversidad de su iglesia en su totalidad y no solo a los hispanos, pero si debo decir que la gente Latina se siente agradecida de manera especial por el gran amor que nos ha demostrado.

Tener un obispo que come nuestra comida, que habla nuestro idioma, que baila nuestra música y que entiende de dónde venimos es sin duda uno de los más lindos regalos que hemos recibido en nuestra Diócesis, lo que nos confirma que el Espíritu Santo no se equivoca y que la instalación de Sullivan en la Diócesis de Camden, no fue una excepción. ¡Muchas felicidades en sus 15 años querido Obispo Sullivan, y que Dios siga dándole la gracia de seguir siendo uno de sus buenos pastores al cuidado de sus ovejas!

Marianela Nuñez es la directora de inscripciones Latinas de la Diócesis de Camden.

**Dear Bishop Sullivan,
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May you remember all the many ways
God has touched people through your life.

Happy Anniversary

A bishop who has been ‘determined to be one of us’

By Marianela Nuñez

When I met Bishop Dennis Sullivan five years ago, I was surprised he greeted me in my own language. When he asked me where I came from, and revealed that he had spent a few years in my Dominican land learning Spanish, I understood that our spiritual leader really knows and enjoys learning about Latino culture.

I have seen firsthand how he has been determined to be one with us. He is a man of the people, a man of faith, and we have felt his affection and his desire to involve us in fostering a culture of faith, unity and harmony in our church.

He is not only fluent in the Spanish language. He also understands our cul-

ture and the real needs of the Latino people.

Andrés Arango, Bishop’s Delegate for the Hispanic Ministry, said, “Bishop Sullivan has always been very close to the Hispanic community; he not only has the gift of being bilingual, but also bicultural. He has been a great blessing to Latinos in southern New Jersey, as he addresses them in their own language, and moreover, understands, values and supports their customs.”

Hispanics have a connection with Bishop Sullivan because of his humility. This makes him approachable — you can joke with him, and you also know he empathizes with you. He cares about your joys and sorrows.

His priorities for Hispanics have been clearly marked by his great work

with the issue of migration, evangelization, pastoral life and, in a special way, his focus on Catholic education for all families in the Diocese of Camden.

Since I began working in the Catholic Schools Office, I have seen how Bishop Sullivan has been concerned with encouraging more enrollment of Hispanic children. His support has been immeasurable. In 2015, with the help of several education experts, he put in place a plan to ensure that Catholic schools reaffirmed their great commitment to excellence.

Dr. Bill Watson, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese, said, “Bishop Sullivan has been tireless in his efforts to ensure that Catholic schools are available, affordable and accessible to all students, including Latino students. His leadership ensured that the goals set in the plan for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Camden, Forming Minds and Hearts in Grace, would include a strong emphasis on fostering a welcoming environment in our schools to increase enrollment of Latinos.”

Bishop Sullivan believes in the value of Catholic education and what it can mean for our Hispanic children and families in terms of spiritual, personal

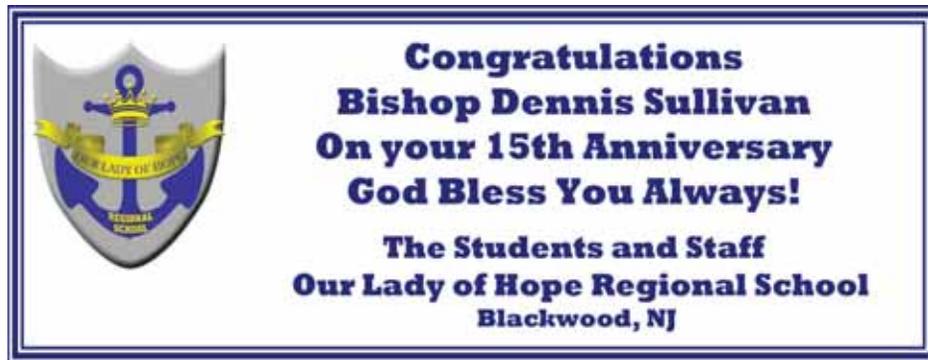
and professional growth.

In addition to his focus on education, Bishop Sullivan has walked and struggled with Latino immigrants who come to this country to seek a better future for their families. He has accompanied families facing deportation and has spoken out strongly against unjust laws. We have seen Bishop Sullivan bring more Hispanic priests to work in parishes that have a Hispanic ministry, ensured that seminarians are motivated and supported to learn Spanish, and made it a priority to make our undocumented brothers and sisters feel supported by their church.

Bishop embraces the diversity of his church beyond Hispanics, but speaking for Latino Catholics, we feel especially grateful for the great love and appreciation he has shown us.

Having a bishop who eats our food, speaks our language, dances to our music and understands where we come from is undoubtedly a beautiful gift. Such a gift confirms that the Holy Spirit is never wrong, and certainly was not wrong in sending Bishop Sullivan to Camden.

Marianela Nuñez is the field consultant for Latino enrollment, Diocese of Camden.



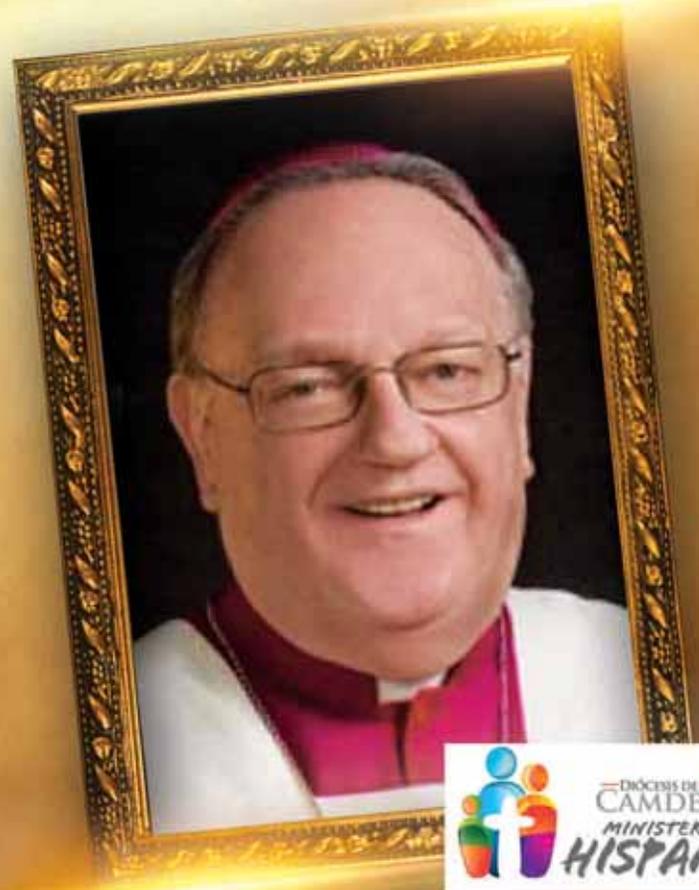
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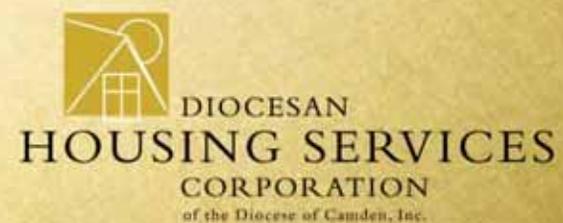


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