



Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Toledo

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Dear Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Leaders,  
Consecrated Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Toledo,

Since its earliest days, our Diocese has been blessed by the witness, prayer, and service of countless consecrated religious, in particular, women religious representing a variety of communities and charisms.

With great joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, I am pleased to announce that, in response to my invitation, the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, have generously agreed to establish a mission in our Diocese this coming July 2020.

The sisters will continue the great Dominican tradition of teaching and will establish a convent and serve in the parish of St. Michael the Archangel in Findlay. Initially, the Diocese of Toledo and St. Michael's Parish will be welcoming four sisters who will be assigned sometime after Christmas.

A motto of the Dominican Order is 'to contemplate and to give to others the fruit of one's contemplation'. It is precisely this spirit of St. Dominic which we welcome into the Diocese. The Dominican Sisters strive to embody a balance of study, prayer and teaching and hope to be of humble service to everyone in the local Church.

Please join me in rejoicing in the presence of this new congregation of consecrated women religious in service to our diocese, confident that their witness of the evangelical counsels may enliven in each one of us a renewed commitment to our own particular vocation and our service to Christ and His Church.

In God's providence, I believe this is yet another answer to our Diocesan Prayer to nurture holy disciples, holy families and holy vocations. I invite you to join me in prayer for the Dominican Sisters and St. Michael's Parish as we prepare by God's grace to enhance once again the presence of religious in our diocese. Entrusting you and your intentions to the Lord, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo