



Press Release

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Ordination/Installation Mass to be Celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Syracuse, NY – Nearly one thousand people will be in attendance to witness the Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Douglas J. Lucia at a 2pm Mass on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of New York Province will be the consecrator. Co-consecrators will be Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham, Bishop Emeritus of Syracuse and Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg.

Twenty-three bishops will concelebrate the Mass along with one hundred and eighty priests and seventy-one deacons from across the country and Canada. Nearly seven hundred religious, lay and ecumenical representatives will also be in attendance. A reception will immediately follow at the Syracuse Marriott for all invitees.

Attendance to the Mass is by ticket only and all tickets have been distributed. The Mass will be live streamed on the Syracuse Diocese YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/syrdio It will be live on Ch. 9.2, which is also Spectrum 1240, Verizon Fios 470 and New Visions channel 23 and live streamed on www.LocalSYR.com as well as live on Spectrum News, in Central NY, Northern NY and the Southern Tier. Spectrum News is available to Spectrum cable customers throughout the region on both channels 1 and 200.

An Evening Prayer service will be held on Wednesday, August 7 at 7pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The Prayer Service will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. Cunningham and Bishop-elect Lucia will offer the homily. This is an open, non-ticketed event.

Media is welcome to cover both the Evening Prayer Service and the Mass of Ordination and Installation. Members of the media are required to register with the Office of Communications prior to Thursday, August 8 with the names of those covering the Mass and must have identification to enter the Cathedral. Please email Danielle Cummings at dcummings@syrdio.org or call at 315.470.1476. Access areas for coverage will be reviewed upon registration.

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate all Masses at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception the weekend of August 10 & 11. He will then celebrate Masses in the other regions of the diocese on the following dates:

- 8/15 St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Binghamton
Feast of the Assumption: 12:10pm
- 8/17 Historic Old St. John Church, Utica
4pm
- 8/18 St. Peter's Church, Rome
10:30am
- 8/24 St. Mary's Church, Cortland
5:15pm
- 8/25 The Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Syracuse
9am
- 9/14 Christ the Good Shepherd, Oswego
4:30pm

Background information on Bishop-elect Lucia including his biography, portrait, Coat of Arms, and documents explaining the symbols of the church, explanation of the role of the bishop and more can be found at: <https://syracusediocese.org/about-us/bishop-elect-douglas-john-lucia-installation/>.

Bishop Douglas J. Lucia will serve as the eleventh bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse shepherding over 234,000 Catholics who reside in seven counties of the diocese covering 5,479 square miles. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse was established on November 26, 1886 and is comprised of Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

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