



# Episcopal Ordination/Installation of **Msgr Gerald Musa, first Bishop of Katsina Diocese, Nigeria**



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Catholic Church, Katsina, Nigeria**  
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# A new Shepherd for the Church in Nigeria!

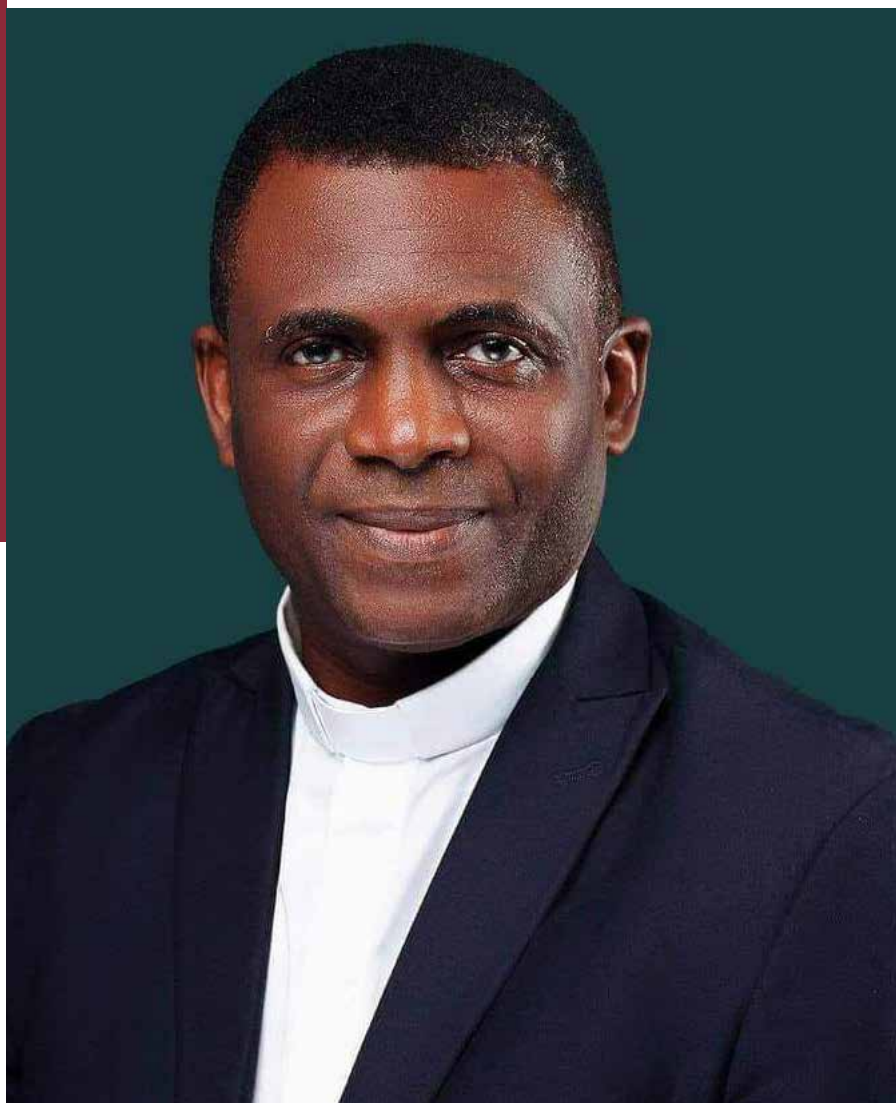


**W**e at Bayard Africa, both in Abidjan and Nairobi, are delighted to learn of Pope Francis' appointment of Father Gerald Musa as bishop of the new diocese of Katsina, in Northern Nigeria.

For several years, Bishop-elect Gerald Musa has accompanied readers of *Living With Christ* missal with his insightful biblical commentaries deeply rooted in African socio-cultural realities. This way, he has enabled us to bring the riches of the Church's liturgical prayer within reach of many while at the same time creating a bond of unity and communion between Christian communities and local Churches in Africa.

Through this Special Edition booklet, which accompanies his consecration and installation as bishop, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his unwavering commitment to the Bayard family. We wish him God's abundant blessings as he embarks on his episcopal journey in the service of the people of God in Katsina and beyond.

**Rev.Fr. Jean-Paul Sagadou**  
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Bishop-elect Gerald Mamman Musa

# Rev. Fr. Gerald Musa appointed first Bishop of the newly erected Diocese of Katsina (Nigeria)


Following the appointment of Rev. Fr. Gerald Mamman Musa by the Holy Father as the first Bishop of the newly erected Diocese of Katsina, the Catholic Faithful in Nigeria will celebrate the erection of the new diocese and the episcopal ordination and installation of their new bishop on 12th December 2023.

The new Diocese of Katsina (Nigeria) was created by splitting the Diocese of Sokoto, making it a suffragan of the Metropolitan See of Kaduna. The Bishop-elect hails from the Diocese of Sokoto.

## Brief biography

The Bishop-elect was born on 16 January, 1971 in Gusau, Zamfara State area in the Sokoto Diocese of the Ecclesiastical province of Kaduna.

He studied at Saint Thomas Aquinas' Major Seminary in Makurdi and Saint Augustine's Major Seminary in Jos. He was ordained on 1st June, 1996, as a clergy of the Diocese of Sokoto.



He served as the Vicar of the Administrator of the Holy Family Cathedral, Sokoto, and Diocesan Secretary, at the Diocesan Chancellery of Sokoto (1996-2000); Secretary of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) at the Sokoto State level (1998-2000).

He was an Exco member of the Nigeria Interreligious Council and parish priest of St. Patrick's in Illela, Sokoto State (2001-2003); parish priest of St. Vincent Ferrer in Malumfashi, in the State of Katsina (2007-2008)

He served as Resident priest at St. Bernard, Upper Mount Gravatt, Archdiocese of Brisbane (2008-2011); Resident Priest at the Jubilee Catholic Parish, and Assistant Chaplain at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Archdiocese of Brisbane (2011-2012); and Parish Administrator of Upper Mount Gravatt-Wishart Parish, Archdiocese of Brisbane (2012-2013).

From 2013 to date, the Bishop-elect has been a Professor and Director of the Center for Studies on African Culture and Communication (CESACC) at the Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.


# Bayard Africa Celebrates Monsignor Gerald Musa's Appointment as First Bishop of Katsina Diocese, Nigeria

By Virginia Kabugu

Bayard Africa has extended heartfelt congratulations to Monsignor Gerald Musa on his appointment as the first Bishop of the recently established Katsina Diocese in Nigeria. Monsignor, who has been a distinguished contributor to the daily reflections of Living with Christ and a longstanding collaborator with Bayard Africa through Living with Christ Africa, is lauded for his significant contributions to the Church and unwavering dedication to the publication.

The Bayard team conveyed their joy and gratitude to God for Monsignor Musa's appointment through a congratulatory message on October 16th, considering it a momentous milestone in his priestly journey and devoted service to the Church. The team joined the Christian faithful and people of goodwill in celebrating Monsignor Musa's appointment and recognizing the invaluable gift of his new episcopate.

The congratulatory message, signed by representatives from Bayard France and Africa, emphasized Monsignor Musa's re-



markable contributions through Living with Christ Africa, where he served as a dedicated editorial contributor for an impressive period of five years.

Rev. Fr. Jean-Paul Sagadou, the Editor in Chief of Living with Christ and Prions en Eglise Afrique (the French version of Living with Christ), commended Monsignor Musa's unwavering commitment and support, highlighting his steadfast backing of the Bayard team.

Addressing the readers of Living with Christ, Fr. Sagadou expressed, «The Bishop-elect has accompanied readers of the Living With Christ Africa with his insightful biblical commentaries that so well complement African socio-cultural realities. This way, he has enabled us to bring the riches of the Church's liturgical prayer within reach of many while creating a bond of unity and communion between Christian communities and local Churches in Africa.»

Bayard Africa extended prayers for the Bishop's continued success, seeking the Lord's blessings for prosperous years as he continues his labor in His vineyard. The team wished for the bishop's continual blessing for his selfless service and compassionate care in ministering to all entrusted to his guidance, hoping his life would be enriched with God's abundant gifts, excellent health, and boundless joy.



The team expressed their hope that Monsignor Musa's apostolate would inspire priests, religious individuals, and the laity, fostering a sense of purpose in young hearts and awakening their own calls to service in the Church. The team anticipates that this inspiration will contribute to the deepening of faith and bring all closer to Christ.

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## The new Catholic Diocese of Katsina

The new diocese of Katsina was split from the diocese of Sokoto and became a suffragan of the metropolitan see of Kaduna. The see of the diocese is in the city of Katsina. The cathedral church of the new ecclesiastical district will be the present St. Martin de Porres Church in Katsina.

The erected diocese of Katsina covers an area of 29,000 km<sup>2</sup>, with a population of 9,669,439, including 19,000 Catholics. It has 10 parishes and 72 stations, managed by: 11 diocesan priests and 3 Fidei Donum; 1 religious priest, 5 nuns; 48 catechists. The diocese has 13 elementary schools, 3 secondary schools and 1 clinic.

## IV. COAT OF ARMS

### Coat of arms in history

Coats of arms, originating in Europe during the late 11th century, were initially employed on the battlefield for warriors to distinguish their comrades. These same symbols were later utilised on seals to verify the authenticity of documents.

The Catholic Church also utilized seals to establish the legitimacy and ownership of documents and structures. Initially, these seals depicted the likeness of a specific individual, but as secular seals began to depict only shields, ecclesiastical seals followed suit.

Even after their deaths, the personal seals of bishops and abbots persisted and gradually transformed into the impersonal seals of dioceses. The clergy gradually replaced martial images with clerical symbols, retaining the shield while substituting helmets and coronets with ecclesiastical hats.

In contemporary times, a bishop's formal heraldic representation, known as an episcopal heraldic achievement, includes symbols that hold personal significance for the bishop as well as those representing his diocese.

# The Coat of Arms (Crest) of Bishop-elect Gerald Mamman Musa



To convey his episcopal mission, Bishop-elect Gerald Musa upholds the heraldic tradition by selecting a coat of arms that includes a shield adorned with symbols, a scroll bearing his motto, and additional ornamental elements. The shield is complemented by the inclusion of the bishop's hat and cross, as well as the scroll carrying the motto. In the realm of ecclesiastical heraldry, the martial helmet is substituted with a clerical hat known as a «gallero.» This hat was formerly standard headwear for clergy, and the colour and quantity of tassels on it signify the wearer's rank. For bishops, the hat is green and bears six tassels on

each side. The cross positioned behind the shield is typically a processional cross, often carried before the bishop during church worship services.

The motto is written in Hausa Ubangiji Na Tare Da Mu, translated in English as ‘The Lord is with Us’ and in Latin as ‘Dominus Nobiscum.’ What inspired the motto are the powerful words of Jesus to his disciples: «And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age» (Matthew 28:20). The motto illustrates God’s enduring and steadfast presence, even amid fear. His presence transcends human limitations and provides a sense of security in an uncertain world. Furthermore, confidence in God’s presence serves as a source of encouragement and perseverance, even when confronted with challenges.

## **The Holy Spirit**

The dove is used to illustrate the subtle yet potent actions of the Holy Spirit. Emphasizing the active and personal aspect of God’s presence in the lives of believers, the Holy Spirit is recognized



as the Lord who is with us. The Holy Spirit serves as the conduit through which God remains present and engaged in the world, offering direction, solace, and empowerment in the work of evangelization in Katsina Diocese.

## **Corn**

‘The Lord is with us’ through the beauty of nature and with plants as symbols of God’s presence and providence. The corn plant commonly found in Katsina is a staple food and a significant source of nutrition. We are an agrarian people and this is a representation of our life.



## Northern Knot

The Northern Knot was a commonly found ornament on mud structures in Hausa towns, such as the front of palaces. Historically, it was used in the mosaic pavements of ancient churches in North Africa and Palestine, dating back to the early Christian Church. It was widely spread in the regions of the Roman Empire. Catholic missionaries in Northern Nigeria have been using the Northern Knot in liturgical publications since the early 1960s. The history of the Northern Knot symbolizes the importance of collaborative unity for peaceful coexistence between the two religions in the region. While Islam is the dominant religion in north-western Nigeria today, the Northern Knot encourages Islam in Nigeria to recognise its constructive connection with Christianity. Both religions should work together to revitalize the North and the entire country, creating a more stable socio-economic and political environment.



Bishop-elect Gerald Mamman Musa  
Catholic Diocese of Katsina, Nigeria

19<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service (1 Timothy 1:12)*

RE: MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENT

Greetings and peace of Christ.

We have received with great joy and gratitude to God news of your appointment as the first Bishop of the newly erected diocese of Katsina, Nigeria. This appointment marks a major milestone in your journey in priesthood and dedicated service to the Church. We join the Christian faithful and all people of good will in congratulating you and thanking God for the gift of your new episcopate.

At Bayard Africa, we have had the privilege of knowing you through our collaboration on *Living with Christ Africa*. You have served Bayard Africa Faithfully as an editorial contributor over the years. As an office, we have enjoyed your selfless service and support in our engagements.

As you celebrate this new milestone, we look back and thank God for His goodness and for giving you the grace to serve in the kingdom. We have great faith that God will give you the energy to continue doing the good work He has called you to do.

On behalf of Bayard Africa, we offer our prayers and support. May the Lord may bless you in your new apostolate. May He continue blessing you for the selfless service and concern with which you minister to all those entrusted to your care. May your life be filled with God's good gifts, great health and abundant joy. May your apostolate be source of inspiration for all priests, religious and laity, and awaken in young people, their own call to service in the Church for the deepening of faith and bringing all to Christ.

Congratulations Your Lordship on your Episcopal Appointment!

With prayers,



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# I. THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



## **FIRST READING** (Isaiah 61:1-3abcd)

*«The Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to give them the oil of gladness.»*

### **A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Sion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. **The word of the Lord.**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Psalm 23:1-3, 4, 5, 6 (R. 1)*

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.  
He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
2. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.  
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

3. You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

## **SECOND READING (2 Timothy 1:6-14)**

*«Rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands»*

### **A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

Beloved: I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control. Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

**The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Matthew 28:19a, 20b**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.** Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. **Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL** (Matthew 5:13-16).

*«You are the light of the world.»*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, «You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

«You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.» **The Gospel of the Lord.**

## II. THE RITE OF ORDINATION OF A BISHOP



**One of the assisting Priests addresses the principal ordaining Bishop in these words:**

Most Reverend Father, the Church of N. asks you to ordain this Priest N. to the responsibility of the Episcopate.

**If, however, it is the case that the Bishop to be ordained will not be a residential Bishop:**

Most Reverend Father, the Holy Catholic Church, our Mother, asks you to ordain this Priest N. to the responsibility of the Episcopate.

The principal ordaining Bishop questions him, saying:

Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?

**He replies:**

We have.

Let it be read.

Then all sit and the document is read. When the reading is finished, all give their assent to the election of the Bishop, saying:

Thanks be to God.

or, they give their assent to the election in another way, according to what is established in no. of the General Introduction.

## THE HOMILY

### THE PROMISE OF THE ELECT

After the Homily, the Bishop-elect alone rises and stands before the principal ordaining Bishop, who questions him in these words:

The ancient rule of the holy Fathers decrees that the one to be ordained Bishop should be questioned in the presence of the people concerning his resolve to guard the faith and to discharge this office.

Therefore, dear brother, do you resolve to carry out until death with the grace of the Holy Spirit the office entrusted to us by the Apostles, and to be passed on to you through the laying on of our hands?

**The Bishop-elect replies:**

I do.

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve to proclaim the Gospel of Christ faithfully and ceaselessly?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve to guard the deposit of faith pure and entire according to the tradition preserved always and everywhere in the Church from the time of the Apostles?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve to build up the Body of Christ, his Church, and to remain in her unity, with the Order of Bishops, under the authority of the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve to sustain as a devoted father the holy People of God and to guide them in the way of salvation together with the Priests and Deacons, your fellow ministers?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve, for the sake of the Lord's name, to show yourself welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers, and to all those in need?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.

Do you resolve, as a good shepherd, to seek out the sheep who stray and to gather them into the Lord's fold?

**Bishop-elect:**

I do.



**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

Do you resolve to pray without ceasing to Almighty God for his holy people and to carry out the office of High Priest without reproach?<sup>21</sup>

**Bishop-elect:**

I do, with the help of

**Principal ordaining Bishop:**

May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to completion.

**THE LITANY OF SUPPLICATION**

Then the Bishops put aside their mitres and all rise. The principal ordaining Bishop standing with hands joined, faces the people and invites them to pray:

Let us pray, dearly beloved,  
that the loving kindness of Almighty God,  
providing for the welfare of the Church,  
will grant to this chosen one an abundance of his grace

<i>Lord, have mercy</i>	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
<i>Christ, have mercy</i>	<i>Christ have mercy</i>
<i>Lord, have mercy</i>	<i>Lord have mercy</i>
<i>Holy Mary, Mother of God</i>	<i>Pray for us</i>
<i>Saint Michael</i>	
<i>Holy Angels of God</i>	
<i>Saint John the Baptist</i>	



*Saint Joseph*  
*Saint Peter*  
*Saint Paul*  
*Saint Andrew*  
*Saint James*  
*Saint John*  
*Saint Thomas*  
*Saint James*  
*Saint Philip*  
*Saint Bartholomew*  
*Saint Matthew*  
*Saint Simon*  
*Saint Jude*  
*Saint Matthias*  
*Saint Mary Magdalene*  
*Saint Stephen*  
*Saint Ignatius of Antioch*  
*Saint Lawrence*  
*Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity*  
*Saint Agnes*  
*Saint Gregory*  
*Saint Augustine*  
*Saint Athanasius*  
*Saint Basil*  
*Saint Martin*  
*Saint Benedict*  
*Saint Francis and Saint Dominic*  
*Saint Francis xavier*

*Saint John Vianney  
Saint Catherine of Siena  
Saint Teresa of Jesus*

*All holy men and women, Saints of God*

<i>Lord, be merciful</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>From all evil</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>From every sin</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>From everlasting death</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>By your Incarnation</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>By your Death and Resurrection</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Lord deliver us we pray</i>
<i>Be merciful to us sinners lord, we ask you, hear our prayer</i>	

*Govern and protect your holy Church  
Keep the pope and all the ordained Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer  
in faithful service to your Church*

*Bless this chosen man Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer  
Bless and sanctify this chosen man Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer*

*Bless, sanctify, and consecrate this chosen man Lord, we ask you,  
hear our prayer*

*Bring all peoples together in peace Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer  
and true harmony*

*Comfort all the troubled and afflicted Lord, we ask you, hear our  
prayer with your mercy*

*Strengthen all of us and keep us Lord, we ask you, hear our*

## **prayer**

In your holy service  
Jesus, Son of the living God  
Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer

Christ, hear us  
Christ, hear us

Christ, graciously hear us  
Christ, graciously hear us

After the singing of the Litany, the principal ordaining Bishop standing with hands extended, sings or says:

Graciously hear our petitions, O Lord and as you raise the horn of priestly grace over this your servant, pour out upon him the power of your blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

**All:**

**Amen.**

Deacon (if the people are kneeling):

Let us stand.

All rise.

## THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND THE PRAYER OF ORDINATION

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Father of mercies and God of all consolation,  
who dwell on high and look upon the lowly,  
who know all things before they come to be,  
who established order in your Church through your gracious word,  
who from the beginning predestined a righteous people born of  
Abraham, who instituted rulers and priests  
and did not leave your sanctuary without ministry,  
who from the beginning of the world  
have been pleased to be glorified in those you have chosen:

*All the ordaining Bishops join in the following part of the Prayer,  
with hands joined, but in a low voice, so that the principal ordai-  
ning Bishop's voice is heard clearly:*

Now pour forth upon this chosen one the power that is from you,  
the governing Spirit, whom you gave to your beloved Son Jesus  
Christ and whom he gave to the holy Apostles,  
who established the Church in each place as your sanctuary,  
to the glory and unfailing praise of your name.

*The principal ordaining Bishop continues alone:*

Grant, O Father, knower of all hearts,  
that this your servant whom you have chosen for the Episcopate  
may nourish your holy flock  
and may without reproach exercise before you the High Pries-  
thood, serving you night and day;  
that he may unceasingly cause your face to shine upon us

and offer the gifts of your holy Church.  
Grant that by the strength of the Spirit of the High Priesthood he may have authority to forgive sins according to your command; that he may apportion offices according to your precept and loosen every bond according to the authority you gave the Apostles; may he be pleasing to you in meekness and purity of heart,  
offering a sweet fragrance to you  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
through whom glory and power and honor are yours,  
with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church  
both now and for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## **THE ANOINTING OF THE HEAD AND THE HANDING ON OF THE BOOK OF THE GOSPELS AND THE INSIGNIA**

The principal ordaining Bishop puts on a linen gremial, takes a vessel with sacred Chrism from one of the Deacons, and anoints the head of the newly ordained Bishop, who kneels before him, saying:

**May God, who has made you a sharer in the High Priesthood of Christ, himself pour out upon you the oil of mystical anointing and make you fruitful with an abundance of spiritual blessing.**

Then the principal ordaining Bishop washes his hands. Taking the Book of the Gospels from a Deacon, the principal ordaining Bishop presents it to the newly ordained Bishop, saying:  
**Receive the Gospel, and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching.**

Afterwards, the Deacon takes the Book of the Gospels and returns it to its place.

The principal ordaining Bishop places the ring on the ring finger of the right hand of the newly ordained Bishop, saying:  
**Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: and adorned with undefiled faith, preserve unblemished the Bride of God, the holy Church.**

If the newly ordained Bishop is entitled to use the pallium, the principal ordaining Bishop takes it from a Deacon and places it on the shoulders of the newly ordained Bishop, saying:  
**Receive the pallium, taken from the tomb of blessed Peter, which we hand on to you in the name of the Roman Pontiff, Pope N., to wear within the bounds of your ecclesiastical province as a sign of the authority of a Metropolitan; let it be for you a symbol of unity, a distinctive sign of communion with the Apostolic See, a bond of charity, and a spur to courage.**

Then the principal ordaining Bishop places the miter on the newly ordained Bishop, saying:  
**Receive the miter, and let the splendor of holiness shine in you,**

**so that when the chief Shepherd appears  
you may merit to receive an unfading crown of glory.**

Lastly, he presents the pastoral staff to the newly ordained Bishop, saying:

**Receive the crosier, the sign of the pastoral office,  
and keep watch over the whole flock  
in which the Holy Spirit has placed you  
as Bishop to govern the Church of God.**




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