



May 23, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am pleased to announce that Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Msgr. Edward M. Lohse, who serves as vicar general of the Diocese of Erie and pastor of St. Julia Parish, Erie, as the bishop-elect of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

As a diocese, we rejoice at this honor for one of our fine priests. It is a testament to the clergy of the Diocese of Erie. Although it is difficult to lose one of our priests, who has served with great faith, wisdom and hope, we rejoice with the church of Kalamazoo on their new shepherd.

Bishop-elect Lohse will be ordained and installed at the Cathedral of St. Augustine in Kalamazoo on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. A livestream of the announcement from the Diocese of Kalamazoo, which will include comments from Bishop-elect Lohse, can be found at www.diokzoo.org this morning at 10 am.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie