

Diocese of Erie EPISCOPAL TRANSITION



Our Legacy in Christ, Our Mission to Shepherd

“I will give you shepherds after my own heart.”
— Jeremiah 3:15

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Proceeds directly enrich the Diocese of Erie
episcopal transition experience.*

Episcopal Transition Sponsorship Opportunities

The Diocese of Erie is entering a sacred moment in its history: the transition to a new bishop—the shepherd appointed to teach, sanctify and govern the People of God in our region.

Your support is vital to bringing this sacred moment to life. Sponsorships and donations ensure a seamless and dignified episcopal transition—upholding the solemnity of the liturgy, extending hospitality to our guests, and enabling the faithful across the diocese to participate fully.

Your generosity helps provide for:

- The beauty and dignity of the Installation/Ordination Mass.
- Hospitality for clergy, family and guests.
- Opportunities for parishioners to join in prayer.
- Communications that unite our diocesan family.

EXCLUSIVE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

PLATINUM	\$25,000
DIAMOND	\$15,000
GOLD	\$10,000
SILVER	\$5,000
BRONZE	\$2,500

A Sacred Moment in the Life of Our Diocese

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The installation of a new bishop marks a profound moment of renewal for a diocese. As our diocesan family gathers to welcome new pastoral leadership, we do so with gratitude for our shared faith and hope for the future of the Diocese of Erie across our 13 counties in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

We invite you to partner with us in ensuring that this sacred occasion is celebrated with reverence, warm hospitality and broad participation—honoring our rich traditions and the faithful who make up our local Church.

As I reflect on my time shepherding the Diocese of Erie, I am constantly reminded of the generosity and faithfulness of our community. Together, we have faced challenges with courage, celebrated blessings with gratitude and continued to proclaim the Gospel with conviction.

It is your steadfast support—through prayer, service, and sacrificial giving—that strengthens the Church and makes moments like this possible. May God bless you for your continued support and for the many ways you strengthen the Church through your generosity and faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Laurence T. Persico



Impact

YOUR GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP WILL MAKE THE EPISCOPAL TRANSITION AND CELEBRATION POSSIBLE BY SUPPORTING:

- A seamless diocesan celebration, including liturgical planning, sacred art and design, worship materials, hospitality, receptions, travel coordination, volunteer support and diocesan wide communications.
- A reverent and beautifully executed Installation Mass, providing for liturgical music and musicians, vestments, worship aids, prayer materials, sanctuary preparation and hospitality for clergy and honored guests.
- Essential hospitality and logistics, such as travel and transportation arrangements, volunteer coordination, meals and receptions, printed programs, signage and guest services that welcome attendees from near and far.
- Diocesan-wide participation and engagement, through livestreaming video production, parish and diocesan communications and printed and digital prayer resources that allow parishioners across the diocese to participate fully.
- Opportunities for prayer and community connection, ensuring parishioners throughout the diocese have the materials and support needed to join in this historic moment.

St. Peter Cathedral, Erie



Benefits

ALL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS INCLUDE:

- Reserved seating for two to a post-installation Mass and blessing with the new bishop.
 - Commemorative Worship Aid from the Installation Mass.
 - Personal note from Bishop Persico.
 - Recognition in *Faith* magazine, social media and on the diocesan website.
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PLATINUM — \$25,000

- Invitation for two to attend the Installation Mass and reception.
- Invitation for two to a private dinner gathering* with Bishop Persico and diocesan leadership.
- Full-page ad in the Bishop-elect's commemorative publication.
- Framed art print featuring the Bishop-elect's episcopal motto and coat of arms.

DIAMOND — \$15,000

- Invitation for two to a private dinner gathering* with Bishop Persico and diocesan leadership.
- Full-page ad in the Bishop-elect's commemorative publication.
- Framed art print featuring the Bishop-elect's episcopal motto and coat of arms.

GOLD — \$10,000

- Invitation for two to a private dinner gathering* with Bishop Persico and diocesan leadership.
- Half-page ad in the Bishop-elect's commemorative publication.

SILVER — \$5,000

- Quarter-page ad in the Bishop-elect's commemorative publication.

BRONZE — \$2,500

- Logo recognition in the Bishop-elect's commemorative publication.

**The private dinner gathering will be scheduled for a date yet to be determined.*

Prayer for a New Bishop

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son,
the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

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The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie



A Lasting Sign of Faith and Unity

Your sponsorship is more than a gift—
it is a witness to faith, unity and hope for the future
of the Church in Northwestern Pennsylvania.
Together, we ensure that this historic moment
is celebrated with beauty and joy.

Gift Agreement

Thank you for your generous support. Please select your desired sponsorship level and provide the necessary information below.

- Platinum — \$25,000**
- Diamond — \$15,000**
- Gold — \$10,000**
- Silver — \$5,000**
- Bronze — \$2,500**

Donor (Name as you would like it to appear in print):

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Name & Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PAYMENT

Payment due within 30 days of agreement. (EIN: 25-0965322)

TAX ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Diocese of Erie will provide written acknowledgment stating the sponsorship amount received and the good faith fair market value of any goods/services provided.

LOGO AND PUBLICITY USE

Sponsor grants the Diocese of Erie the right to use its name and logo for recognition materials.

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Sponsor's ad must be submitted by the Diocese of Erie's production deadline and is subject to approval.

STEWARDSHIP

Funds will be restricted to support the episcopal transition and celebration. Remaining funds may be applied to related leadership needs.

Contact

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