

Thank you, Bishop Persico!

During Clergy Appreciation Month, give thanks for Bishop Lawrence T. Persico and his ministry. Oct. 1 marks the anniversary of his installation as bishop of Erie.

WAYS TO HONOR OUR BISHOP

☐ **Pray for Bishop Persico**

Ask God to bless him with strength, wisdom, peace and joy. Remember him especially in prayer on Oct. 1.

☐ **Share a personal thank-you**

Write a note about how his ministry has touched your life, your parish or your family. Invite children to add a drawing or message.

☐ **Offer a spiritual bouquet**

Offer a Rosary, Holy Hour or other prayer in thanksgiving for his ministry. List the prayers offered by your family or parish in a card for Bishop Persico.

MAKE A GIFT IN HIS HONOR

One meaningful way to honor Bishop Persico is to support the Episcopal Transition Fund in his honor as the Diocese of Erie awaits its next bishop. Parishioners, families and parish groups are invited to make a gift as an expression of gratitude for his service.

When making your gift, indicate: "In honor of Bishop Lawrence T. Persico."

TEACH CHILDREN: WHAT DOES A BISHOP DO?

A bishop is a successor of the apostles. He teaches the faith, celebrates the sacraments and guides the Church in his diocese. A diocese is a community of parishes in a particular area. Bishop Persico serves the Diocese of Erie.

Talk together: Where have you seen Bishop Persico? How does our parish belong to the larger diocesan family? How can we pray for him and our next bishop?

Try this: Make an Oct. 1 anniversary card: "Thank you, Bishop Persico, for..."

PRAY TOGETHER Heavenly Father, bless Bishop Persico and all whom he serves. Guide our diocese as we await our next bishop. Help us grow in faith, unity and love. Amen.