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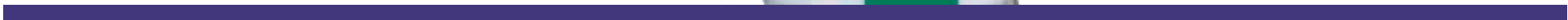


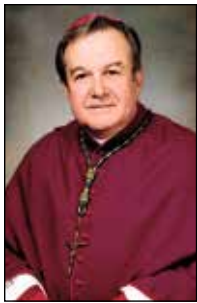
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**Bishop Roger Morin:
A Legacy of Service**





Bishop Morin

Bishop Roger Paul Morin was installed as the third Bishop of Biloxi on April 27, 2009, at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the late Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, and Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, Metropolitan Archbishop of Mobile.

A native of Dracut, Mass., he was born on March 7, 1941, the son of Germain J. and Lillian E. Morin. He has one brother: Paul; and three sisters: Lillian (Pat) Johnson, Elaine Joncas and Susan Spellissy. His parents and his brother James are deceased.

After high school and college studies, he earned a bachelor's in philosophy in 1966 from St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass., and continued theology studies at St. John's for two years of graduate school. In 1967 he went to New Orleans to work in its new Summer Witness program, conducted by the archdiocesan Social Apostolate. When he returned to New Orleans in 1968, he became director of The Center, a neighborhood social service organization run by the Social Apostolate. He enrolled at Notre Dame Seminary, studying in the evenings and on Saturdays in addition to his full time position at The Center. Bishop Morin has a M.Div., Theology from Notre Dame Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Hannan on April 15, 1971, in his home parish of St. Therese in Dracut, Mass. His first parish assignment was at St. Henry Parish in New

Most Reverend Roger P. Morin Third Bishop of Biloxi (2009 - 2016)

Orleans. In 1973, he was appointed associate director of the Social Apostolate and in 1975 became the director, responsible for the operation of nine year-round social service centers sponsored by the archdiocese. Bishop Morin holds a master of science degree in urban studies from Tulane University and completed a program in 1974 as a community economic developer. He was in residence at Incarnate Word Parish beginning in 1981 and served as pastor there from 1988 through April 2002. Bishop Morin is the Founding President of Second Harvest Food Bank. In 1978, he was a volunteer member of Mayor Ernest "Dutch" Morial's transition team dealing with federal programs and then accepted a \$1 a year position as deputy special assistant to the mayor for federal programs and projects. He served the city of New Orleans until 1981, when he was appointed archdiocesan vicar for community affairs, with responsibility over nine agencies: Catholic Charities, Social Apostolate, human relations, alcoholics' ministry, Apostleship of the Sea, cemeteries, disaster relief, hospitals and prisons.

He was named a monsignor by Pope John Paul II in 1985.

One of the highlights of his priesthood came in 1987 when he directed the archdiocese's preparations for Saint Pope John Paul II's historic visit to New Orleans. The visit involved thousands of community volunteers and coordination among national, state and local religious and political leaders. He also coordinated the events of the bicentennial of the archdiocese in 1993. In 1995,

Bishop Morin received the Weiss Brotherhood Award presented by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his service in the field of human relations.

Bishop Morin was a member of the USCCB's Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development 2005-2013, and served as Chairman 2008-2010. During that time, he also served as a member of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development and the Committee for National Collections. In 2011, Bishop Morin received the Sister Margaret Cafferty Development of People Award from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for his work with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Bishop Morin serves on the Jesuit Social Research Institute Board, Loyola University, New Orleans.

Bishop Morin was appointed by Pope John Paul II as Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans on February 11, 2003, and his Episcopal ordination was on April 22, 2003. He served as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Archdiocese of New Orleans 2001-2009. Bishop Morin was named Bishop of Biloxi by Pope Benedict XVI on March 2, 2009. Bishop Morin's episcopal motto is "Walk Humbly and Act Justly." Upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 75 on March 7, 2016, Bishop Morin submitted his letter of resignation to Pope Francis. The Holy Father accepted his resignation on December 16, 2016, and named him apostolic administrator of the diocese.

Armorial Bearings of the Most Reverend Roger Morin, DD, Third Bishop of Biloxi, Mississippi

The bishop's coat of arms, is composed of a shield upon which there are symbolic charges, a motto and the external ornaments of rank.

It is customary in North America for the coat of arms of the bishop and those of his diocese to be marshaled together and depicted on the same shield. The coat of arms of Bishop Morin and the Diocese of Biloxi are displayed side by side which is called impaling the arms. In addition to being the most common method used in North America it is also one of the ways to depict the coats of arms of two spouses so using impalement shows that the bishop is "married" to his diocese.

The left side of the shield shows the arms of the diocese of Biloxi which depict a gold (yellow) field on which is a silver (white) lighthouse, the famous landmark on the beach at Biloxi. To the left of the lighthouse is a green pine tree emblematic of the forestry and lumber industries that are of great significance in the diocese. To the right of the lighthouse is a crescent surrounded by twelve stars, all in blue, to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, in her title of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the diocese. The base of the diocesan arms is a blue, wavy base symbolic of the Gulf of Mexico. On this base is a silver fishnet containing two gold fish to signify the fishing industry along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Contained in the fishnet is also a gold anchor, the symbol of hope, reminding us that our hope is in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

For his personal arms, seen in the sinister impalement (right side) of the shield, Bishop Morin has adopted a design to reflect his religious devotion and priestly min-

istry. The arms are composed of a silver (white) field with a large red horizontal bar across the center. On this red bar, called a "fess" is a simple gold (yellow) cross in the form known as "potent". This shows the centrality of the cross of Christ and symbolizes the power of the faith grounded in and guided by the Holy Spirit. In the upper section are three blue fleur-de-lis. These allude to the life and priestly ministry the bishop exercised in the archdiocese of New Orleans before becoming bishop of Biloxi. In the lower section is a blue monogram composed of the letter "M" intertwined with a cross. This monogram of Our Lady is taken from the reverse side of the Miraculous Medal manifested to St. Catherine Labouré. The bishop included this to show his devotion to the Mother of God.

For his motto, Bishop Morin has selected the phrase "Walk Humbly and Act Justly." This phrase is taken from the prophecy of Micah 6:8.

The shield is ensigned with a gold (yellow) episcopal cross. Such crosses resemble processional crosses but they are, in fact, different. In the Middle Ages such a cross was carried directly in front of all metropolitan archbishops and Papal Legates as a symbol of their authority. Eventually all bishops began using this emblem and adopted it in their coats of arms as well. The episcopal cross ceased to be used in the late XIX Century but the cross behind the shield is the true emblem of episco-



pal heraldry. In addition, above the shield is the green ecclesiastical hat called a "galero" with twelve tassels pendant on both sides. This broad brimmed hat, once worn in cavalcades, is no longer used but remains as a heraldic emblem. The original color worn by bishops and archbishops was green, not purple. This "episcopal color" is retained in heraldry. These external ornaments are those used for a prelate with the rank of bishop according to the Instruction of the Holy See, "Ut Sive", of March, 1969.

Bishop Morin's original coat of arms was redesigned and marshaled to those of the diocese of Biloxi and emblazoned by the Rev. Fr. Guy W. Selvester, a priest of the diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.

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Bishop Roger Morin

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have done.

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You will always have a place in our hearts. We thank God for you.



Bishop Morin: ‘I’m at home here and this is where I intend to make my home’

BY TERRY DICKSON

DIOCESE OF BILOXI -- When he arrived in 2009, Bishop Roger Morin wasn't very familiar with the Diocese of Biloxi, so his first order of business was to learn more about the people and various entities of the diocese he was tasked with shepherding.

Eight years later, as he prepares for retirement, Bishop Morin looked back on his time as Biloxi's third bishop.

When he received the call in 2009 that he had been appointed by Pope Benedict XVI as bishop of Biloxi, Bishop Morin, who was auxiliary bishop and vicar general for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, was up to his eyeballs in the whole process of recovering and rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina.

"I really didn't think I would be moving," said Bishop Morin.

"There have been some auxiliary bishops in New Orleans who had stayed on until retirement. That could have been the case since I was 68 years old at the time. I think moving and beginning anew in a new local church hadn't been first and foremost in my mind. I had more than enough to do as an auxiliary bishop and vicar general and being an auxiliary bishop was a more pleasant experience than being an ordinary because the archbishops had the ultimate responsibility and you were a helper."

As an auxiliary bishop, Bishop Morin had the responsibility of handling confirmations and appearing at meetings and special events when the archbishop was unable to be present.

"It was a bonus without much additional onus," he said.

Coming to Biloxi, however, meant more onus and less bonus.

"If you've been an auxiliary, you've had experience in a number of different aspects," he said.



Bishop Roger Morin carries the Book of Gospels through the Holy Door to mark the beginning of the Year of Mercy in 2016. At left, is Deacon Ben Wimberly and, at right, is Deacon Eddie Renz. Photo/Juliana Skelton

"Coming to Biloxi, I felt that I was fortunate to have the years of experience that I did. On the other hand, you're never totally prepared for what the future holds. I knew it was going to be a learning experience."

Grand Kickoff into uncharted territory

Bishop Morin remembers the introductory press conference and installation as being "a grand kickoff" to his tenure as bishop of Biloxi.

"The installation is a great celebration and other people have done all of the work," he said. After that, the first year, everything is new. Everywhere you go, day

after day, is new -- a different parish, a different community. Most people you're meeting on a day-to-day basis are new. I suppose there was a small degree of apprehensiveness, not nervous tension, because you want to put your best foot forward.

"At first, I might have expected more of myself than I was able to provide," he said.

"Maybe that's a factor of age, mobility and resilience. Maybe, at 68, I wasn't the same person I was when I became an auxiliary at 62. Up until that point, I had always had, in terms of assignments in the church, more than one responsibility at the same time. It was multi-dimensional. The bigger the size of a diocese or archdiocese means you have more personnel to deal with a particular matter or to generate information or help you prepare for any given task. A smaller diocese or a home mission diocese has a smaller number of available personnel to do what needs to be done."

Although this diocese is small in numbers compared to New Orleans, Bishop Morin said, "Everyone here has been very helpful."

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MORIN INTERVIEW

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"I've been very happy here," he said. "In terms of my own life experience, no matter where I've worked, I have never dreaded going to work and I started working in my teens. Of course, I've developed a new line lately. This is the first time in my life that I've been out of a job. Seriously, I've always enjoyed going to work. I like the people that I work with. That has been true here as it was in New Orleans. I've been fortunate. I've had more than enough work to do. I've had pleasant people to work with. I've been blessed with friends among the people that I work with and that has continued. I was happy in New Orleans and I'm happy in Biloxi."

The Diocese of Biloxi was still very much in Katrina-mode when Bishop Morin took the reins.

"We were still in the process of rebuilding in 2009," he said. "There were places under construction. I think resources were directed toward rebuilding, but I was fortunate that the necessary fundraising to build new churches and other facilities had already been done. I think there were a set of priorities that were already in place that were important to be attended to and were certainly not being competed with."

Planning for the future

Bishop Morin took a particular interest in increasing the endowments and trust funds in the Catholic Foundation, including the Seminarian Trust Fund.

"I think proactive thinking for the future is very important of the diocese," he said.

"We have the annual Catholic Sharing Appeal, which is for subsidy of operations, so the money goes in and the money goes out because it's needed in order to maintain a certain level of activity. I think, if I had more time to use myself, I would have devoted more, in terms of long-term planning, to further growing the endowments and the trust funds in the Catholic Foundation so as to insure larger sums of income in the future, in terms of the church's needs.

"So, I wish I could have done more fund development for the Catholic Foundation trust funds to provide scholarships for kids to go to parochial schools or Catholic high schools, to have more money for the education of seminarians and to have more money to stir up vocations to the priesthood and religious life."

Currently, there are

only six seminarians studying for the Diocese of Biloxi, but Bishop Morin feels that the future of the local church is in good hands.

"We've been fortunate. We've incardinated a few men who are valuable to us and they come as gifts to us because their education and formation has already been done in affiliation with a religious order," he said. "Father Peter Varghese is coming back into the diocese to accept an assignment. We have the upcoming priestly ordination of Colten Symmes and we have three new Indian priests who are coming to the diocese. There's no parish that will be without a resident pastor."

Even though he will be officially retired, Bishop Morin will continue to assist Bishop-elect Louis Kihneman as needed and said he will continue to look forward to coming to work each day.

"I always enjoyed parish celebrations and liturgies, many of them confirmations with the young people, and continue to enjoy them. That has always been a pleasure."

Bishop Morin lists priestly ordinations and church dedications as particular highlights of his time in Biloxi. In fact, he will dedicate the new St. Mary Church in Woolmarket on Feb. 12 at 10 a.m.

Bishop Morin said he will fondly remember his time as bishop of Biloxi and offered the following thoughts to people of the diocese.

"As I say to the seminarians and young people, the bishop loves you," he said. "It's been an honor and a privilege. I'm at home here and this is where I intend to make my home. I must say that, no matter where I went in the diocese through the years, I have always felt that the people are very warm and gracious and outgoing."

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Bishop Morin comes from a long line of ‘great American churchmen’

BY TERRY DICKSON

DIOCESE OF BILOXI -- When Roger Morin was named third bishop of Biloxi in 2009, he was well-positioned to lead his own diocese because of his great fortune in having worked closely with three New Orleans archbishops, who helped shape him as a shepherd.

Bishop Morin said Archbishops Phillip Hannan, Francis Schulte and Alfred Hughes had differing styles of leadership, but he took valuable lessons away from each.

Archbishop Phillip Hannan

A native of Dracut, Mass., Bishop Morin was a seminarian studying at St. John Seminary in Brighton when he came to New Orleans in 1977? to volunteer for the Summer Witness program, conducted by the archdiocesan Social Apostolate. When he returned to New Orleans in 1968?, he became director of The Center, a neighborhood social service organization run by the Social Apostolate. He enrolled at Notre Dame Seminary, studying in the evenings and on Saturdays in addition to his full time position at The Center.

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He was named a monsignor by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985, and was chosen by Archbishop Hannan to direct the archdiocese’s preparations for Saint Pope John Paul II’s historic visit to New Orleans in 1987.

“I suppose I get my apostolic zeal for urban affairs and social ministry from Archbishop Hannan,” said Bishop Morin. “That is what he asked me to do and I was inspired by his openness to hearing plans about how programs and activities could be undertaken to benefit the poor, whether it was food distribution or healthcare or housing. He was always ready to say yes, bring people in and raise money through the Archbishop’s Community Appeal. It was a broad-based



From, l-r, Archbishop Francis Schulte, Archbishop Alfred Hughes, Bishop Roger Morin and Archbishop Francis Schulte are pictured during a toast. Bishop Morin served under all three archbishops before being named bishop of Biloxi in 2009 and said he learned valuable lessons in leadership from each man. Photo/Frank Methe-Clarion Herald

support. I think in American Church history he’ll be highly regarded for what he did in New Orleans through the Social Apostolate, Christopher Homes, Second Harvest, and all kinds of things that, in some places, wouldn’t be possible.

“He was always ready to say ‘yes’ to try to do as much as possible to help the people who were in the greatest of need. There was a rather high rate of poverty in the city of New Orleans proper, but also beyond the city. So he was inspirational and supportive. His motto was, ‘If I say yes to this and you asked for it, then you’re going to be the one who’s going to do it.’”

Archbishop Hannan retired from active ministry in 1988 and died Sept. 29, 2011, at age 98.

Archbishop Francis Schulte

Archbishop Schulte was bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, when he was tabbed to succeed Archbishop Hannan.

“Archbishop Schulte had a depth of structure and organization,” Bishop Morin said. “From his very first meetings after he was announced, it was basically a reorganization of the archdiocese. It was putting every activity in the archdiocese somewhere on the flow chart, in terms of ‘This comes under community services, this comes under pastoral services, this comes under clergy formation.’”

“Everything was organized (under Schulte). There was a department, there were offices within it, there was one person who was head of the department and there were associate directors who had specific areas of responsibility. Organization was his gift.”

Archbishop Schulte retired in 2002 and died Jan. 17, 2016, at age 89.

Archbishop Alfred Hughes

Archbishop Hughes, a native of West Roxbury, Mass., served as an auxiliary bishop in Boston and Bishop of Baton Rouge, before being named coadjutor to Archbishop Schulte in 2001. He became archbishop a year later when Archbishop Schulte retired.

“Archbishop Hughes is a very pious and devout man,” Bishop Morin said. “Archbishop Hughes would infuse everything he did with spirituality.”

Bishop Morin said Archbishop Hughes, who retired June 12, 2009, and continues to reside in New Orleans, stayed on beyond the mandatory retirement age of 75 to lead the post-Katrina rebuilding effort.

“It was such a critical time of rebuilding, merging parishes and putting up new buildings,” he said. “He was very meticulous and precise and highly consultative. On every-

thing, he would consult with those around him. Sometimes, the decision would not be made at the end of the consultation. We would have to come back another time and consult some more.”

Bishop Morin described Archbishop Hughes as fair and transparent. “He wanted the publication of the distribution and allocation of all the donations and funds from various sources to be public record, and he worked out a formula so that there was an equity to it,” Bishop Morin said. “If as whole as the archdiocese could make you would be to provide you with 60 percent of your losses, then you got 60 percent of your losses. He wanted that to be public, and then he would go over it with the clergy.”

Simplistic Churchmen

Bishop Morin said one commonality between all three archbishops was they were first and foremost “churchmen.”

“They were given over to a simplicity of personal lifestyle,” he said. “There was nothing glamorous about them. Archbishop Hannan couldn’t understand and nobody could convince him otherwise that maybe it was time to change some of the furniture in the archbishop’s residence. It was perfectly good in 1938 when they had the Eucharistic Congress,” he said.

“I never heard the tinge of a rumor about any one of them doing anything that was self-seeking. They weren’t into fine dining. They weren’t into wining and dining.”

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GREAT CHURCHMEN

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Bishop Morin remembers how Archbishop Hannan would open the archbishop's residence for a breakfast meeting or other events.

"Archbishop Hannan would say, 'You can have as many people over as you'd like. I have to have breakfast anyway. If you want to invite 10 people to join me and you think they'll give us a contribution, this will be good,'" Bishop Morin recalled. "But all three of them could sit down to dry toast and tea and be just as happy instead of having somebody come in and serve a meal.

"There might have been grander residences, there might have been more amenities in terms of a car or a driver, but, not with them. If Archbishop Hannan wanted Antoine's to do something, he would call them up for a meeting of the committee to plan the papal visit or something like that. He didn't even attend those meetings."

The bottom line, Bishop Morin said, is that all three will go down in the annals of history as "great American churchmen."

"Each one of them had a particular perspective, but what it did was one built on the other," he said. "Each one of them helped me. I worked with all three of them and I never had a falling out or a disagreement with any of them. I never felt as

though I went away hurt from something because there was some disagreement or a preference to do something another way.

"They respected people, and I was always aware of the fact that they were in charge. We got along fine."



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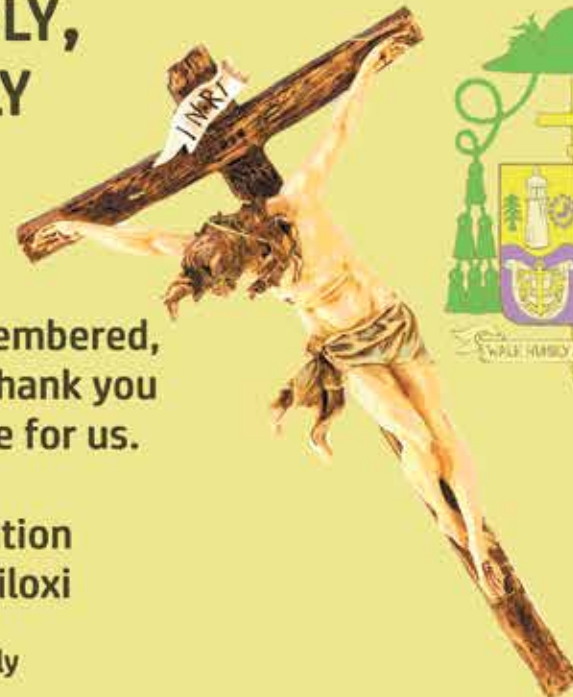
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Bishop Morin is pictured with the late Father Gerard Cleary, left, and Father Noel Fannon, right, who is retired and lives in Ireland. Bishop Morin has always been supportive of retired priests. File Photo/Terry Dickson



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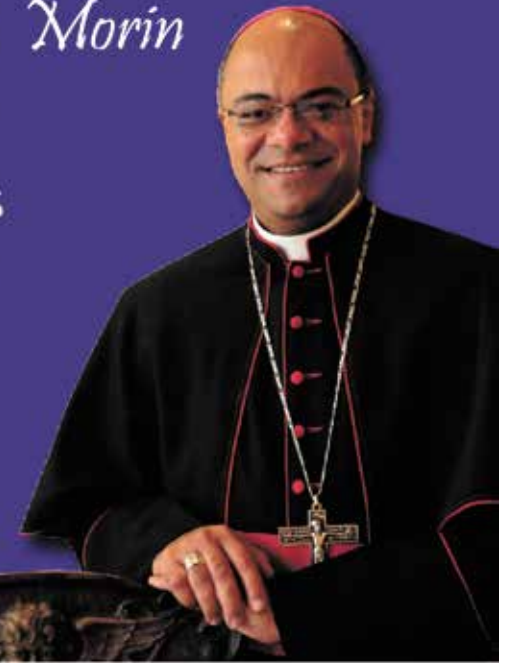


*Farewell Bishop Roger Morin.
With gratitude for your faithful service.*



Bishop Morin,
on behalf of the churches of Holy Trinity
in Columbia, and St. Paul in Tylertown, we
thank you for your eight years of faith-filled
spiritual leadership as our Shepherd. May
God continue to bless you as you move
forward in your journey. Our thoughts and
prayers will always be with you.

BEST WISHES TO
Bishop Roger P. Morin
ON YOUR RETIREMENT
MAY YOU ENJOY GOD'S
GRACE AND BLESSINGS
IN THE YEARS AHEAD



+ *Shelton J. Falne*

and the
Catholic faithful
of the
Diocese of
Houma-Thibodaux

*With profound gratitude to Almighty God
we send our very best wishes to you,
Bishop Roger Morin.
May God bless you for your many years of
leadership in the Church.
You will remain in our prayers.*



*Most Rev. Robert W. Muench
Bishop of Baton Rouge
and the People of the Diocese of Baton Rouge*



*Our Lady of
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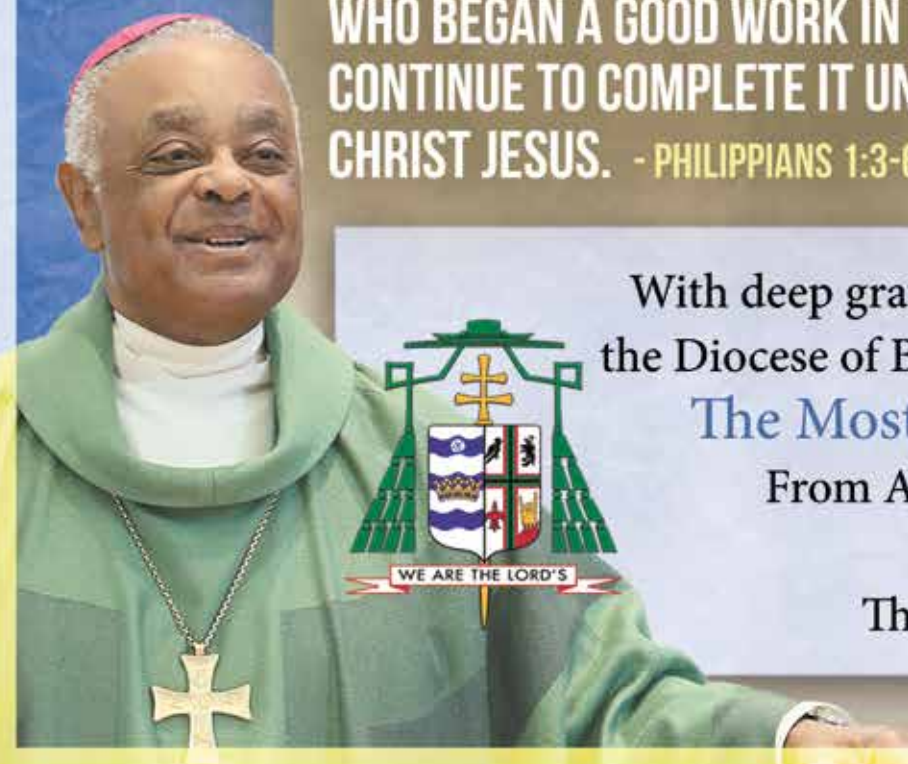
Pascagoula, Mississippi

**Prayers for a healthy retirement
from Father Tony Arguelles
and Our Lady of Victories
Parish, Pascagoula**

I have appreciated
working with you
and wish you all the
best in the next part
of your journey.

Ted Longo

I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD AT EVERY
REMEMBRANCE OF YOU, PRAYING ALWAYS WITH
JOY... I AM CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT THE ONE
WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL
CONTINUE TO COMPLETE IT UNTIL THE DAY OF
CHRIST JESUS. - PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

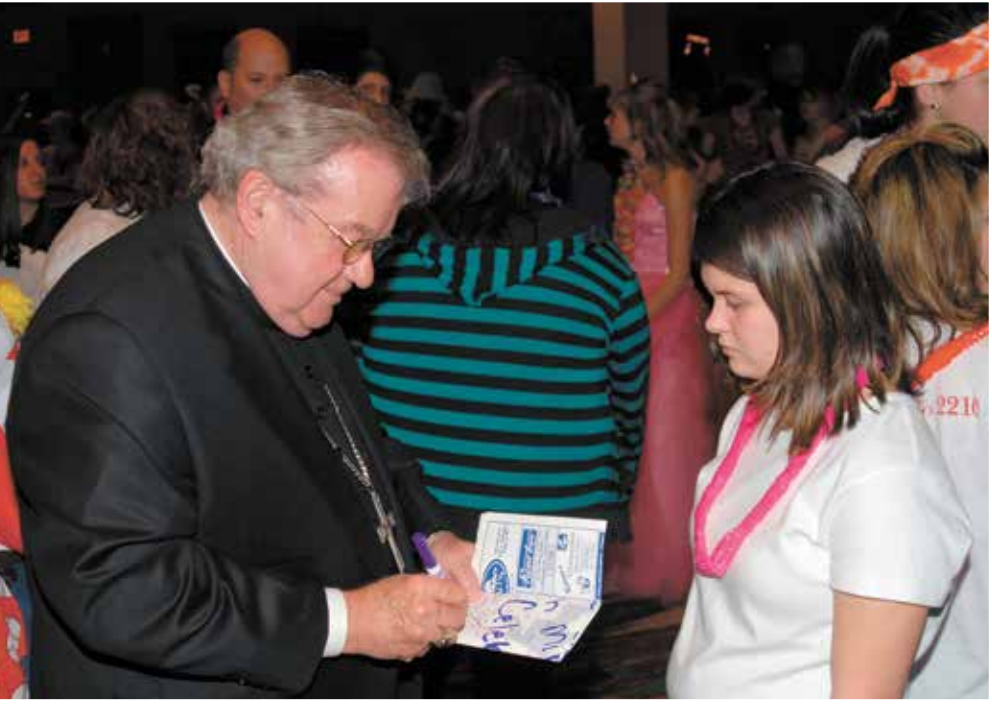


With deep gratitude for eight years of leadership to
the Diocese of Biloxi, we offer prayerful best wishes to
The Most Reverend Roger P. Morin.

From Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory
and the faithful of
The Archdiocese of Atlanta



Thanks for the Memories



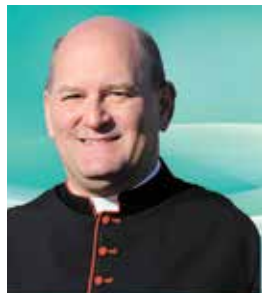
**Most Rev.
Joseph Howze**
First Bishop of Biloxi



Dear Bishop Morin,

I salute you for your many years of service as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Boston and a seminarian, priest and auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. I trust that you will have an enjoyable retirement. I pray for you that it will be restful. I join all of the people of the Diocese of Biloxi in saluting you for your service as the third bishop of Biloxi during this year as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the diocese.

**Msgr. Dominick
Fullam**
Vicar General



“God of infinite love and boundless mercy...” these were words we heard frequently from our beloved third Bishop. I had the unique privilege of working closely with Bishop Roger Morin over these past seven years, and in that time, he very much reflected God’s infinite love and boundless mercy to those around him. He was, and is, entertainer, friend and shepherd after the heart of the Good Shepherd.

**Msgr. John
McGrath**
Judicial Vicar



In the years I have known Bishop Roger Morin, I have witnessed him live his episcopal motto that says, “*Walk Humbly and Act Justly*”. The best example is how he lived and continues to live the call of Pope Francis during the “*Year of Mercy*”. Indeed the “*Year of Mercy*” was a year designed for Bishop Morin. Throughout his tenure as the Bishop of Biloxi, he has demonstrated his concern by actions of mercy taken from the teachings of our Lord. Countless individuals and families in our diocese have benefitted from his kindness and understanding. He is willing to stop in the street and give a handout to a homeless person. He has been willing to help parents pay their tuition for the children to attend our excellent Catholic schools. These acts of kindness and the concern for the less fortunate have provided each of us spiritual inspiration. During these turbulent times, Bishop Morin has made a posi-

tive impact on the Diocese of Biloxi by his example of faith and trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. I am sure I express the feelings of the Catholic and the non-Catholic population of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi in wishing Bishop Morin many years of blessed retirement as he continues to “*Walk Humbly and Act Justly*”.

**Sr. Rebecca
Rutkowski**
Chancellor



“Kind and gentle shepherd” and a “quiet, effective leader” are terms I would use to describe Bishop Morin, but, since actions speak louder than words, let me share two stories that demonstrate the type of man I believe him to be.

Bishop Morin was hosting his very first Christmas party for his priests at the Pastoral Center. Everything was set to go, but his bartenders did not arrive on time and the priests were waiting. So, the new Bishop of Biloxi rolled up his sleeves, got behind the bar and started mixing cocktails. I said to myself, “I’m going to enjoy working with this bishop.” And, indeed I have.

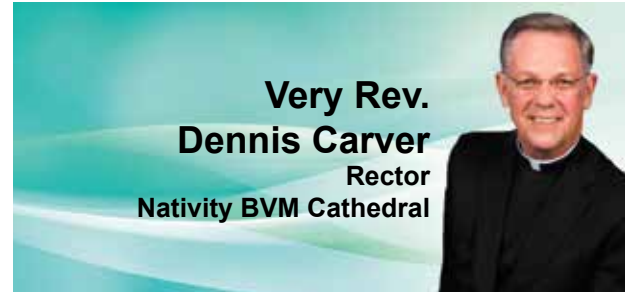
Anyone who knows Bishop Morin at all, knows that he is always on the lookout for the best fried chicken. We were visiting some people in downtown Biloxi and it was nearing lunch time. I told him about a grocery store on Division Street that served plate lunches and the cook made some of the best fried chicken (from scratch) I have ever had (not that my palate is as discerning as Bishop Morin’s, of course). So, in we went, got our plate lunches and sat down in a simple booth to eat our fare. Bishop Morin asked the server for salt and when she returned, not with a salt shaker, but with a box of salt from the grocery aisle, he nonchalantly pulled the paper off the spout, opened it up, shook some salt into his hand and salted his meal. And I said to myself, “I really enjoy working with this bishop.” And, indeed I have.

There are many more stories I could share. All of us who have had the honor and privilege of knowing Bishop Morin, and working with him, have our own stories to tell and can attest to his warmth, empathy and genuineness.

In short, he is a living testimony to his motto: “*Walk humbly and act justly.*” And I say to myself, “I have really enjoyed working with this bishop.” And, indeed I have.

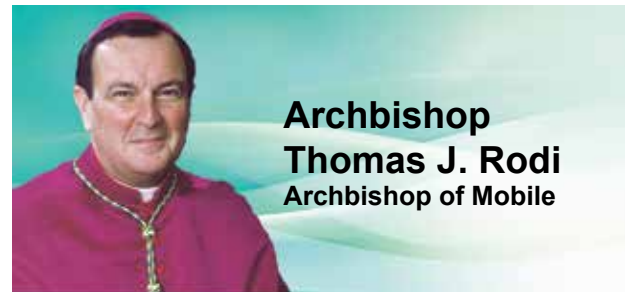


**Very Rev.
Dennis Carver**
Rector
Nativity BVM Cathedral



It has been a pleasure to work with Bishop Morin, both in vocations work and as rector of the Cathedral Church. One of the more charming personality traits of Bishop Morin is his propensity to sing little songs as he comes and goes about the tasks of his day. It never fails to lift my heart a bit and it also reassures me that he is pleased with the order of things around the Cathedral. Simultaneously, it has been clear that Bishop Morin expected professionalism and accountability regarding my responsibilities, particularly with vocations work. I was most willing to comply. It is an indication of Bishop Morin’s love for the priesthood and the necessity of supporting the highest quality seminarians for the long term good of the church once they become priests.

**Archbishop
Thomas J. Rodi**
Archbishop of Mobile



I have had the pleasure of knowing Bishop Morin since I was a seminarian. Even as a young priest, he was considered a leader in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. After I was ordained a priest, we served as priests in New Orleans and I had the pleasure of working together with him in a number of ministries. In 2008 I was pleased to learn of his appointment to succeed me as Bishop of Biloxi.

He has been the right man at the right time. When he came to south Mississippi, he not only brought a wealth of experience with him from his previous assignments, he also brought the personal abilities which have served him well as he shepherded the Diocese. His patience, sound judgment, calm personality, good humor, and deep faith have been blessings to all. He has a friendly and gracious manner in relating with others.

He has shown his deep concern for the needs of neighbor. Attention to the needs of others, both spiritual and physical, has been a hallmark of his ministry throughout his priesthood. As Bishop of Biloxi, it has been shown in his efforts to build a new Catholic Social and Community Services Center and to rebuild Santa Maria Apartments.

Now the Diocese of Biloxi prepares to receive a new bishop, but Bishop Morin leaves a legacy of a shepherd who loved and cared for the people and who through word, worship, and service has brought the love of God to so many.

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Thank you Bishop Morin for all you have done for the Diocese of Biloxi and St. Fabian! God Blessed you with special gifts and we have been honored to have you share those gifts with us! God Bless you in your retirement!

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Bishop Morin rings in Vietnamese New Year



Bishop Roger Morin hands out "lucky money" to a child during the Tet Celebration on Feb. 5 at Vietnamese Martyrs Church in Biloxi.
Photo Juliana Skelton


Thank you,
Bishop Morin,
for your service to the Diocese of Biloxi,
and especially the parish family of
Our Lady of the Gulf, Bay St. Louis.
You will remain in our prayers.

Farewell and
Happy Retirement



St. Alphonsus
and
St. Elizabeth Seton
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On the occasion of your retirement,
Bishop Morin,
*we express our thanks
and gratitude for your
friendship and devoted
service to our diocese.*

*From the parish family of
St. Mary, Woolmarket
Monsignor Dominick Fullam, Pastor*

SINCERE THANKS TO
**BISHOP
ROGER
MORIN**
FOR SHOWING US TO

*Walk Humbly
and
Act Justly*

DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM
IN ALABAMA



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***“Walk
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Justly”***

— Bishop Roger P. Morin

Thank you for your 8 years of dedicated service and leadership to the Gulf Coast.
We will miss you and we will carry your many teachings with us.



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FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE**



**Bishop Morin,
Thank you for your leadership!**



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*Father Charles Nutter
and staff along with
St. James Parish family bids
Bishop Roger P. Morin
a fond farewell.
May God be with you always.*

*The St. John the Evangelist
Parish community
would like to extend
their gratitude to
Bishop Roger Morin
for his years of service
to the Diocese of Biloxi. Thank You!*

His Excellency,
**The Most Reverend
Glen Provost, D.D., M.A.,**

Bishop of Lake Charles,
with the clergy, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Lake Charles
extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to

Bishop Roger Morin
for his eight years of Episcopal
service to the Diocese of Biloxi

**On behalf of Fr. Cuddy,
Fr. Dominic, Fr. Pat, Deacon Buddy
and all members of the parish of
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic
Church, we congratulate you on
your retirement. We wish you health
and happiness as you begin your
next journey in life.**



Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 2090 Pass Road, Biloxi

Father Henry McInerney, Father Everardo Mora-Torres,
Deacon Ron Alexander, Deacon Paul Matherne,
the Retired Priests at Fatima, the parish staff and
parishioners extend a heartfelt farewell to

Bishop Roger P. Morin.
Thank you for your 8 years of service to the
people of the Diocese of Biloxi.
We wish you a long and happy retirement.

Official Appointments



Rev. Robert P. Higginbotham, appointed Pastor of Annunciation Parish, Kiln, effective February 16, 2017.

**Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator**



Rev. Dominic Vu Xuan Pham, appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, D'Iberville, effective February 16, 2017.

**Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator**



Rev. Joseph G. Benjamin, S.S.J., appointed Pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Pascagoula, effective February 1, 2017.

**Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator**



Rev. Peter Varghese, C.M.I., appointed Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Moss Point, and St. Ann Mission, Hurley, effective February 1, 2017.

**Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator**



Rev. James M. Smith, appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Long Beach, effective February 16, 2017.

**Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, D.D.
Apostolic Administrator**

Louisiana Bishop Herzog retires; Coadjutor Bishop Talley succeeds him

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Ronald P. Herzog of Alexandria, Louisiana. Coadjutor Bishop David P. Talley of Alexandria succeeds him.

The changes were announced in Washington Feb. 2 by Archbishop Christopher Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Herzog, 74, had headed the 11,108-square-mile diocese in central Louisiana since 2005. Bishop Talley, 66, was named coadjutor of the diocese by Pope Francis last September.

When he was appointed coadjutor, Bishop Talley was an auxiliary bishop of the Atlanta Archdiocese, where he was vicar general and director of priest personnel. He was ordained a priest of the archdiocese in 1989.

He became the first native-born Georgian to serve as a bishop in the archdiocese. His episcopal motto is *"He will give you a new heart."*

As a priest, he served the archdiocese in several capacities, including as director of vocations, tribunal judge, judicial vicar and chancellor. He also served on the Atlanta Archdiocese's Hispanic ministry board.

When he was director of vocations, the archdiocese initiated a cross-cultural immersion program for seminarians where they spent time living in El Paso, Texas, and in Juarez, Mexico, to learn Spanish and be more knowledgeable about Hispanic culture and more skilled at ministering in a variety of communities.

Bishop Talley was raised as a Southern Baptist but has said he left the church as a teenager over the issue of racial segregation. At Auburn University, he met Catholics and read the writings of Trappist Father Thomas Merton, which led him to become a Catholic, he said. He was 24 when he joined the church at St. Mary Church in Opelika, Alabama.

Family members remain faithful Baptists, including a brother who is a deacon. That background gives him a broad view, he said. "I do know faith across the spectrum," he said.

Born in Columbus, Georgia, Sept. 11, 1950, he pursued seminary studies at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in Indiana, earning a master of divinity degree. He was ordained a priest for the Atlanta Archdiocese June 3, 1989, at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Atlanta by Archbishop Eugene A. Marino.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar of St. Jude Parish in Sandy Springs, Georgia. He was there until 1993, when he began post-graduate studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he earned a doctorate in canon law in 1998. In 2001, Pope John Paul II named him a monsignor.

He served other parishes as administrator, pastor and parochial vicar. He last assignment before being named an auxiliary bishop was as pastor of St. Brigid Parish in Johns Creek, Georgia, from 2011 to 2013.

Bishop Talley currently serves as chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and as a member of USCCB's Committee on National Collections and its Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

Born April 22, 1942, in Akron, Ohio, young Ronald Herzog moved with his parents to Natchez, Mississippi, when he was 11 years old. After studies at St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, Louisiana, and at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, he was ordained a priest June 1, 1968, for the then-Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, now the Diocese of Biloxi.

He held pastoral posts throughout his priesthood, in addition to having many diocesan responsibilities. He also became a chaplain in the Mississippi National Guard, eventually retiring with the rank of brigadier general.

He became part of the new Biloxi Diocese when it was formed in June 1977. When Bishop Herzog was named to head the Diocese of Alexandria, he became the first priest from the Biloxi Diocese to be named a bishop.



Bishop Herzog

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Louis F. Kihneman III as Fourth Bishop of Biloxi



On February 16, Bishop-elect Louis F. Kihneman III will lead Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 p.m. in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. This will be live streamed at www.wlox.com.

The Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-elect Kihneman as the Fourth Bishop of Biloxi will take place on Friday, February 17, at 2:30 p.m. in Nativity BVM Cathedral. Due to limited seating, the Mass will only be accessible by ticket. Overflow

seating will be provided in the Sacred Heart Center, located directly behind the cathedral. The Mass will also be televised live by *WLOX* and the *Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN)*. The Mass will be re-aired by *EWTN* on February 18 at 1:30 a.m. The Mass will also be live streamed at www.wlox.com and www.ewtn.com. Following the Mass, all are invited to a reception honoring Bishop Kihneman at the Croatian American Cultural Center (Slavonian Lodge), 159 Maple Street, Biloxi.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Bishop Roger P. Morin

MAY THE LORD SHOWER YOU
WITH EVERY GRACE AND BLESSING

From Bishop David R. Choby

AND THE

Priests, Deacons, and Faithful

OF THE

Diocese of Nashville



Bishop Morin plans to remain active in retirement

BY TERRY DICKSON

DIOCESE OF BILOXI -- On Feb. 17, Bishop Roger Morin will help escort his successor, Bishop-elect Louis F. Kihneman III, to the cathedral, the bishop's throne inside Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral, marking an official change in diocesan leadership.

At that point, Bishop Morin, who officially retired Dec. 16, 2016, when the Holy Father Pope Francis named Bishop-elect Kihneman the fourth bishop in the diocese's 40-year history, will relinquish his role as apostolic administrator and transition into retirement.

However, Bishop Morin, who turns 76 in March, will remain in Biloxi and has offered his services to Bishop-elect Kihneman. "I have communicated to the new bishop that I will be glad to help him in whatever way that I can," Bishop Morin said.

"I know that, as the calendar of the year unfolds, when you don't have any help or you don't have a bishop substitute, you have to blank out those time periods when you go to the annual bishops' meetings in June and November, or when you want to take some personal leave time. I told him that I will be at his personal behest to lend him assistance in any way possible."

Bishop Morin will keep an office in the pastoral center, next door to Bishop-elect Kihneman's. "I'm going to work out a schedule to come in for two or three days a week at first to be available to him," he said. "That will probably narrow down after a period of time."

Bishop Morin said he "sees the wisdom in the mandatory retirement age" of 75 for bishops.

"I don't feel debilitated or physically limited," he said. "I have some ailments, but they're not such that I can't go out of the house and do some things. I don't want to become a couch potato and stay home."



Bishop Roger Morin leads children in song during a visit to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Lumberton.

Bishop Morin doesn't have any long-range plans or great expectations for retirement. "People think I'm supposed to be dancing a jig down the street or being fleet of foot. That's not the case. I just have this terrible cross to bear that I'm attached to too many things," he said. "I'm just not very good at moving."

Bishop Morin fondly remembers his good friend, the late Sister Jane Walker, a Dominican nun who served as director of religious education for the Diocese of Biloxi.

"Jane used to be able to move around with her car, basically, and another sister who worked with us in New Orleans said you just have to be able to put what you need in three or four cardboard boxes and go to the next place," he said. "It was interesting that, after Sister Jane died, there were a couple of things that I brought with me from New Orleans that were among her personal belongings. Her sister from Canada brought them to me after Jane died and said she thought she would like for me to have them. I knew they had to be precious, because she didn't keep very many things."

"So, when I sort through my books and keep which ones I'm going to have for my contemporary library, there are some that are very new that I have multiple

copies of that I think Bishop-elect Kihneman might like to have or would find useful. The rest will go to the diocesan resource center."

Bishop Morin will continue to live in the same house he has called home since 2009. "That's a blessing," he said adding that he will probably take time out to do a little more backyard gardening, or just relax on his patio.

There was speculation Bishop Morin might return to New Orleans, where he spent more than 40 years of his life as a seminarian, priest and auxiliary bishop, or to his home state of Massachusetts, to be closer to his family.

"I can't say that I hadn't thought about going back to

New Orleans," he said. "I've had a number of invitations to go there and been offered places where I could stay. I might find time to go there more often than I do now because I don't go there very often, unless it's for a special event. I might go frequently and spend a little bit more time."

"There are several priests from New Orleans who are friends of mine who have places in Diamondhead, and they come over this way more often than I go over that way. My New Orleans family, (Ben and Barbara Johnson) have been here with me faithfully for every Christmas, Easter, birthday and what have you. They've been a lot more faithful to me than I have been to them, because I only went back to their home in New Orleans once since I moved here. But I don't just get in my car and whisk off to Jackson or New Orleans. It's just not me."

As for spending an extended amount of time visiting his family, he says it's a possibility. "I probably should, but I don't know if I will," he said. "If there's a need for me to go there now, I would be able to go much more easily without feeling that I was walking out on something that needed to be done."

Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, to the diaconate, and to the religious life, especially in the Diocese of Biloxi

Thank you Bishop Morin.



May Christ, in whose place you stand as priest, give you continuing grace to teach, guide and sanctify His people. Thank you for your teaching, guiding, inspiring and most of all, thank you for bringing us closer to Christ.



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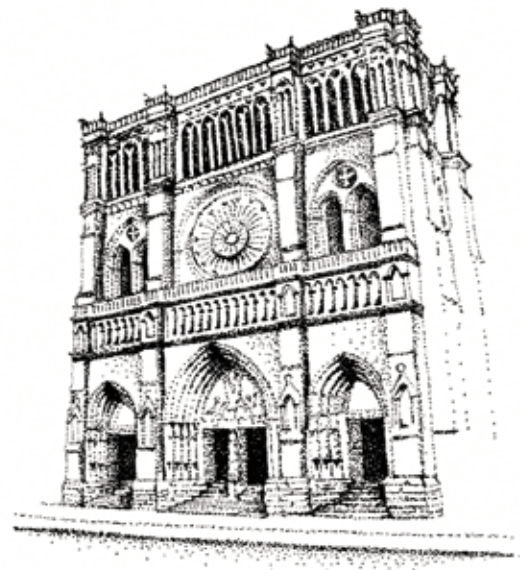
the priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful

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send our best wishes and prayers to the

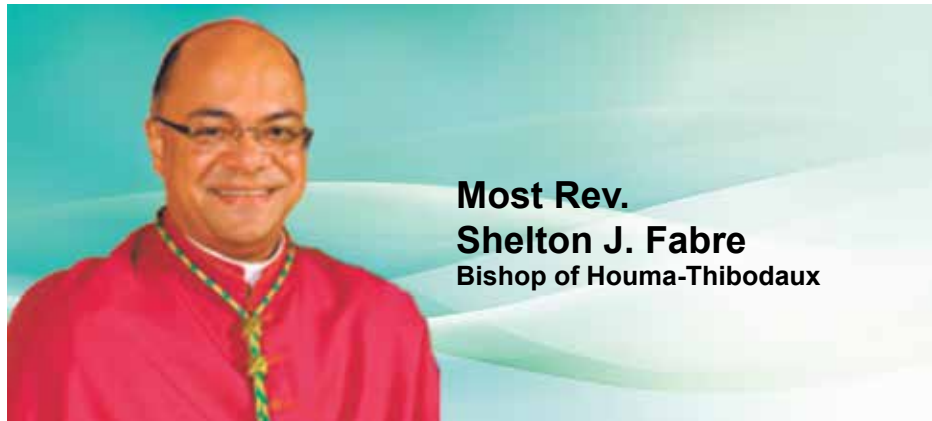
Most Reverend Roger P. Morin.

Let your light shine.
Matthew 5:16



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**Most Rev.
Shelton J. Fabre**
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux


Peace!

I take this opportunity to wish my good friend Bishop Roger Morin blessings and relaxation in his retirement! I shall long treasure our time serving together as Auxiliary Bishops in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. I learned a lot from Bishop Morin in my initial years as a bishop, and I will always be grateful to him for his patience, guidance, and support. He has faithfully served the Church during his ministry as a priest and bishop, and in a special way has given attention to those in need by serving many areas in the social apostolates of the Church. He became for me a good friend, and we enjoyed many laughs together and endured many challenges as we supported one another and served together. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunities that various local and national meetings gave for us to enjoy each other's company and to catch up over the years. Bishop Morin, may you know enjoyment and relaxation for many years in retirement. Peace and blessings to you now and always!

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*The parish families of
St. Joseph the Worker,
Moss Point
and
St. Ann Mission,
Hurley*



Congratulate

Bishop Roger Paul Morin

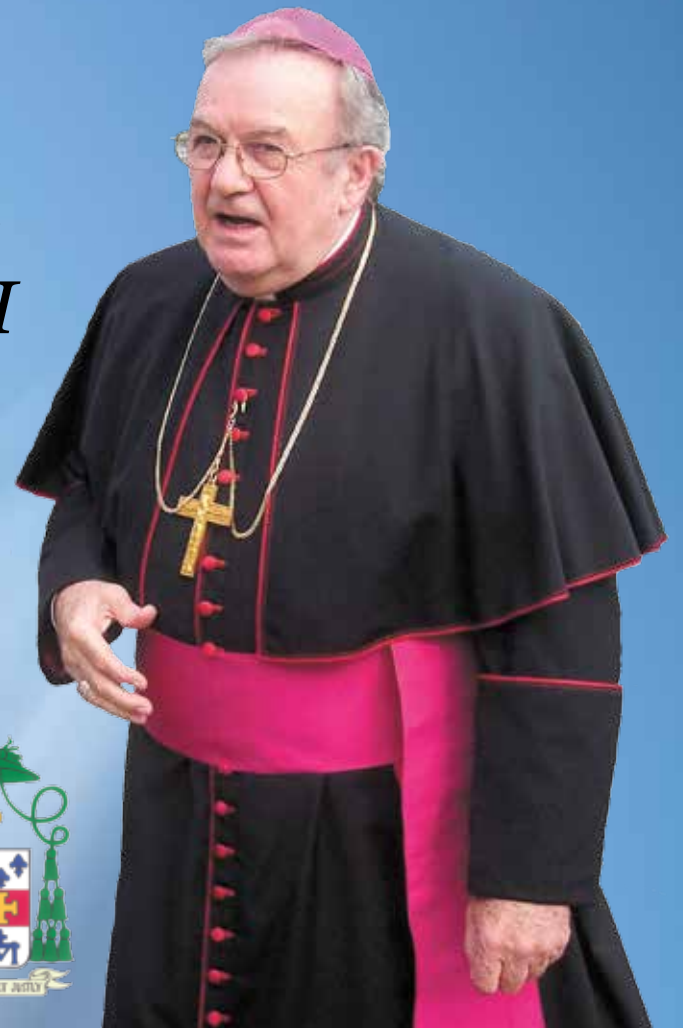
*On the occasion of his retirement
as Bishop of Biloxi*

*May the Lord bless you with
abundant joy in your retirement,
as you have blessed so many
through your service to us.*

“His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’”

May retirement bring you great joy!

**From the staff of the
*Gulf Pine Catholic***



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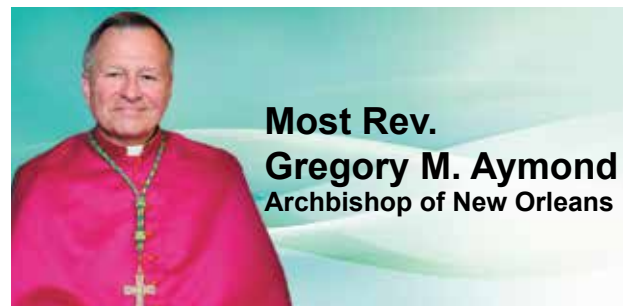
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I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Bishop Roger Morin on his retirement. He has earned the right to exercise his pastoral ministry at a much more relaxed pace. I have known † Roger for many years and always have admired his dedication to the priesthood and the episcopal office. He has carried out both callings with noble grace, abundant wisdom and elegant style. Both the Diocese of Biloxi and the Archdiocese of New Orleans have benefitted greatly from his talents, gifts and service. May God bless him with the health and determination he needs to continue his journey as he joins the ranks of the emeriti.



Bishop Roger Morin offered me a warm Mississippi welcome when I became Bishop of the Diocese of Jackson, for which I will always be grateful. He was always willing to lend his voice to issues of faith here in the state, from Catholic Day at the Capitol to joint statements on legislation and issues of the day. He shepherded the Diocese of Biloxi with calm, wisdom and deep faith. I believe he has been and will continue to be a great blessing to our neighbors on the coast in his new ministry of prayer, rest and presence. I wish him all the best in retirement.



Dear Bishop Morin:

I wish you God's blessings as you retire as bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi. Thank you for the shepherd's care that you have given to the people of God entrusted to you in the Diocese of Biloxi.

I also extend to you deep gratitude from the people of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for the many years in which you have served here as a priest and auxiliary bishop. It has always been a pleasure for me

to work with you and to call you a brother priest and bishop. You have made many contributions to the local church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans by your service in various parishes as well as your commitment to Catholic Charities and the Social Apostolate.

Please know that we have missed you during your years in Biloxi. Although you will be remaining in Biloxi, please know that you have a home here in New Orleans.



Bishop Roger Morin grew up in a small, largely French-Canadian town of Dracut, Massachusetts, in a family, close to one another and steeped in Catholic faith. It was while a student at St. John Seminary in Boston, that the young seminarian responded to an invitation to serve in the Summer Witness Program in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He fell in love with the city and especially the good people who struggled with cyclical poverty or racial discrimination. After a second summer, Roger left the seminary to give his life to service with the needy in New Orleans.

Archbishop Hannan recognized the promise in this young man and persuaded him to serve both the Lord and the poor as a priest. So he re-entered priestly formation at Notre Dame Seminary and was ordained in 1971. Archbishop Hannan continued to recognize the special gifts of the young Roger Morin and sent him to secure a degree in Social Administration at Tulane University. He then engaged him in establishing the Archdiocesan Social Apostolate. Eventually, he became Executive Director for Community Services, Vicar General, and Moderator of the Curia.

What great joy it was for me to benefit by the special experience and expertise of Monsignor Morin when I came to New Orleans in 2001. He knew the archdiocese and the city well. His concern always was for the common good. He was able to walk with the rich and the poor. He insisted that the Church be truly engaged in the challenges of the people. I considered it a special grace to lay hands on him in episcopal ordination in April of 2003.

Most of all, I came to appreciate Bishop Morin as friend and counselor. His self-deprecating humor and passion for justice have endeared him to me. In Hurricane Katrina he lost everything in a fire that completely consumed the house where he was living. The devastation, personal and archdiocesan, bound us together in the challenging response of rescue, recovery and then reconfiguration of the archdiocese. His support and collaboration made those daunting challenges possible. I will always appreciate the fraternity and comity we shared during that historic struggle.

When our Holy Father asked Bishop Morin to serve as Bishop of Biloxi, I understood the many reasons that recommended that decision. But, I personally experienced keenly the loss of an exceptional friend and close collaborator at my side. I know he has served the Diocese of Biloxi in an exemplary and blessed way. Our friendship has continued to flourish. I now pray that Bishop Morin will find the best way to continue to make his wisdom, experience and compassion available to God's poor as he lives out his motto to live justly and walk humbly with God.



A kaleidoscope of images come to my mind when I think of Bishop Morin -- seminarian, priest, Bishop, someone who loved his family, loved life and loved a good time. And oh how he loved chocolate!

But there are two major themes that stick out in my mind: his commitment to social justice and his "holy humor."

Bishop Morin, a servant leader! His dedication to social justice and "holy humor" always motivated and gave us strength to do the work of the Church. He had the organizational and ministerial skills to create programs and to pursue funding. He worked hard to create and sustain the 2nd Harvest Food Bank. He had a special relationship with Archbishop Hannan who was the person who recruited him to come to New Orleans and start the Summer Witness program. He loved to joke around and always had a jovial attitude.

He offered guidance to me as Administrator of Catholic Charities. He served on many Boards and worked collaboratively with government leaders and leaders of many faiths. On a national level he was actively involved with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Like Pope Francis he wanted a Church for the poor and wanted to change structures that perpetuated the cycle of poverty.

He wore many hats and wore them all as a true Servant Leader.

Bishop Morin loved going to Paris. When there he always visited the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity, 140 Rue de Bac. He established a wonderful relationship with Sister Mildred Chermine who was stationed at the Motherhouse but who was from New Orleans. He always stated he had to give her a report on the Daughters and what they were doing in her home town.

Bishop Morin, congratulations on your retirement. You leave behind a great legacy both in New Orleans and Biloxi. Thank you.

Bishop Morin Through the Years

