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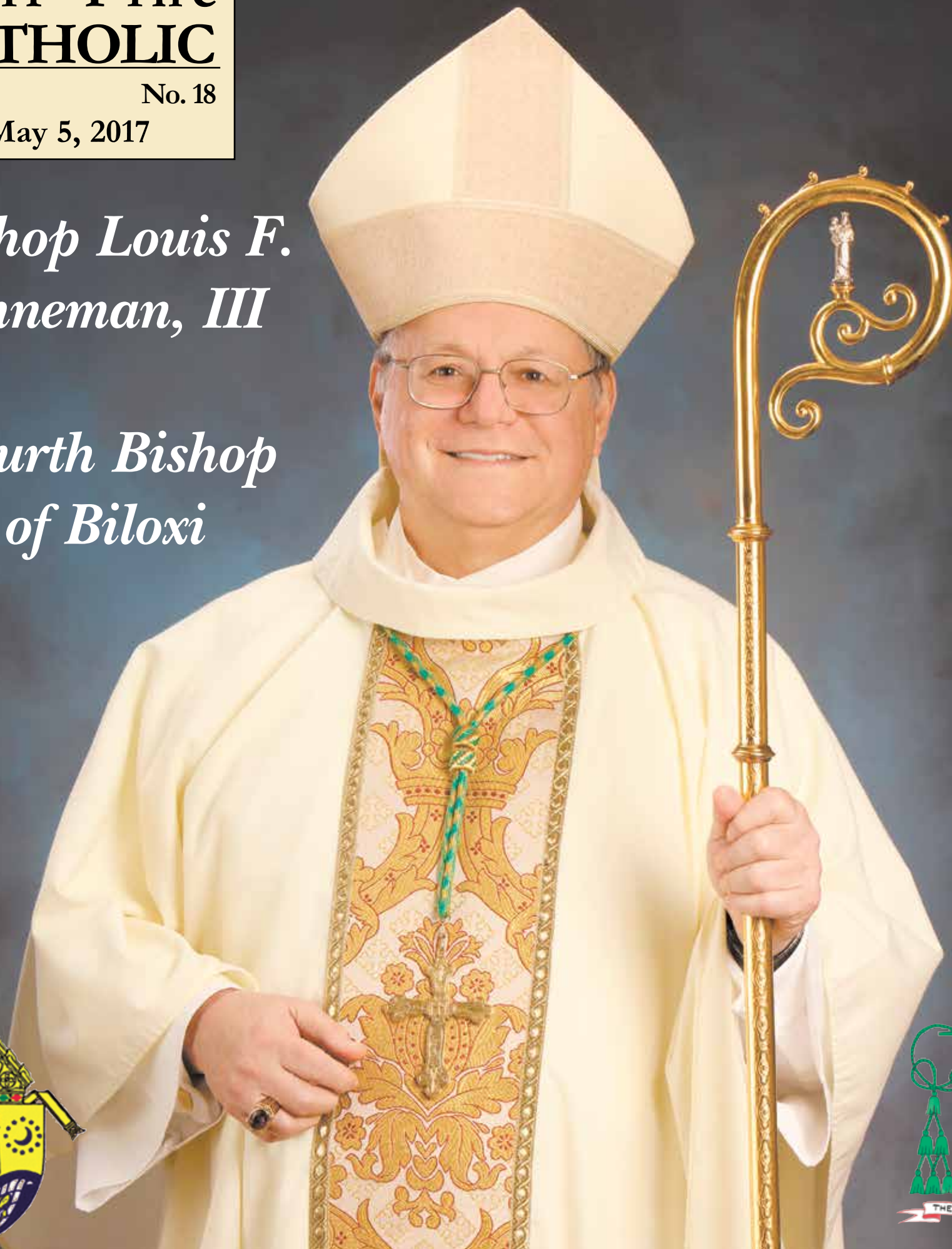
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*Bishop Louis F.  
Kihneman, III*

*Fourth Bishop  
of Biloxi*





## Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman III Fourth Bishop of Biloxi (2017)

Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III was ordained to the priesthood on November 18, 1977, at the Corpus Christi Cathedral by Bishop Thomas J. Drury. Bishop Kihneman served the Diocese of Corpus Christi as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia while also serving St. Philip the Apostle Parish as pastor.

Bishop Kihneman was born in Lafayette, LA, on Feb. 17, 1952, and baptized at Our Lady of Wisdom Parish. He received First Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Parish in New Orleans in 1958 and was confirmed at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Corpus Christi, TX, in 1963. On March 26, 1977, he was ordained to the transitional diaconate and on November 18 of that same year, was ordained to the priesthood.

His first assignment in 1977 as Parochial Vicar to San Isidro Labrador Parish in Arteaga, Mexico, was followed by Parochial Vicar assignments to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Robstown, TX (1978-1980), Christ the King Parish, Corpus Christi, TX (1980-1981), and Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Corpus Christi, TX (1981-1983). Bishop Kihneman's assignments as pastor began at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Alice, TX, and St. Peter Mission, Ben Bolt, TX (1983-1986), then Sacred Heart Parish, Rockport, TX (1993-2011). Bishop Kihneman was in residence at Corpus Christi Cathedral, Corpus Christi, TX (2011-2012), and Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Corpus Christi, TX (2013-2014), which was followed by his assignment as pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Corpus Christi, TX (2014 to present).

Bishop Kihneman has served the following diocesan offices; Diocesan Director of Religious Education (1978-1983); Director of Vocations (1986-1993); Director of Seminarians (1986-1993); Director of Ministry to Priests (1986-1993); Director of St. John Vianney House of Studies and Christian Leadership Vocations Program (1986-1993); Associate Vicar for Clergy (1988-1995); Tribunal Advocate (1983-1987); Chancellor (2013-2014); and Vicar General (2010-2016).

Over the years, Bishop Kihneman has served and continues to serve on many diocesan boards. He is currently a member of the Priest Personnel Board, Presbyteral Council, the Diocesan Finance Council, Diocesan Deposit and Loan Board, the Priest Pension Plan Board and is Chair of the Perpetual Benefit Endowment Fund of the Diocese.

Bishop Kihneman is the son of Louis Kihneman, Jr., and Bernadine Kihneman (both deceased). They were natives of Morgan City, Louisiana, and raised Bishop Kihneman along with his brothers, Kenneth (Donna) and David (Hilda) in the Gulf Coast from Clearwater, Florida, to Corpus Christi, Texas, with Pecos, Texas, and Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in between. Bishop Kihneman's family includes a nephew, several nieces, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Bishop Louis Kihneman attended the Corpus Christi Minor Seminary from 1966-1972 during which time he graduated from High School in 1970 and also attended Del Mar College from 1970-1972. He then attended St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas, and

the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, from 1972-1977. He received his Liberal Arts degree in 1974 Summa Cum Laude. He completed a Masters of Religious Education degree in 1976 and a Masters of the Arts in Theology degree in 1977. He has taught Scripture and Liturgy in the Diocesan Pastoral Institute and the St. Paul School of Catechesis of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He has also taught Homiletics in the Permanent Diaconate program of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He is the 2011 recipient of the NCEA Distinguished Pastor Award in recognition of his outstanding support for Catholic Education. Bishop Kihneman served as a priest for the Diocese of Corpus Christi for the past 39 years.

Bishop Kihneman was ordained and installed as the Bishop of Biloxi on April 28, 2017, at Nativity of the BVM Cathedral, Biloxi.

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# Coat of Arms of His Excellency, The Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III, D.D., Fourth Bishop of Biloxi

## Blazon:

Arms impaled. Dexter: Or, a lighthouse Argent between to dexter a pine tree Vert and to sinister a crescent, encircled by twelve stars Azure; on a base wavy of the last, upon a fishnet, of the second, lined Sable, an anchor between two fish of the first. Sinister: tierced per fess; to chief Azure, a Chi-Rho Argent; a center of the second, a rose in profile Gules, leaved and stemmed Vert; and in base Or a fleur-de-lis of the first.

## Significance:

The episcopal heraldic achievement, or bishop's coat of arms, is composed of a shield, that is the central and most important part of the design and tells to whom the design belongs, the external ornamentation, that tells the owner's position or rank, and a motto, placed upon a scroll. By heraldic tradition the design is described (blazoned) as if being done by the bearer with the shield being worn on the arm. Thus, where it applies the terms "sinister" and "dexter" are reversed as the design is viewed from the front.

By heraldic tradition the arms of a diocesan bishop are joined (impaled) with the arms of his jurisdiction; in this case the Diocese of Biloxi. These arms are composed of a gold (yellow) field on which is displayed a silver (white) lighthouse; the famous landmark of Biloxi. The lighthouse of Christ, the beacon of Peace and Truth, is placed between a pine tree, emblematic of the logging and forestry industries of the northern portion of the diocese near Hattiesburg and Laurel, and a blue crescent, surrounded by twelve blue



stars, emblematic of the Blessed Virgin Mary, titular of the Cathedral-Church in Biloxi, who is described in the 12th Chapter of the Book of Revelation, as having "the moon at her feet and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

The base of the diocesan arms is a blue, wavy field, to signify the waters of the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico, where the See City is located. On this field is a displayed fishnet (silver (white) outlined in black) to honor the city's fishing industry, equally represented by the gold (yellow) anchor and two fish that are held within the fishnet.

Bishop Kihneman's personal arms, that

are seen in the right side (heraldic --- "sinister") of the achievement is composed of three sections. The upper section is a blue field with a silver (white) Chi-Rho, the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ (XPISTOS) and is one of the most ancient symbols of Christians and Christianity. In the center segment is a silver (white) field with a red rose, displayed in profile, with a stem and leaves of green, to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary; the Mystical Rose. In base, on a gold (yellow) field is a blue fleur-de-lis, for Saint Louis, King of France, Bishop Kihneman's Baptismal patron.

For his motto, His Excellency, Bishop Kihneman has adopted the phrase, "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD." This phrase, from the 23rd Psalm, expresses Bishop Kihneman's firm and profound belief that it is only in following The Lord that eternal success is achieved.

The achievement is completed with the external ornaments that are a gold (yellow) processional cross, that extends above and below the shield and a pontifical hat, called a galero, with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate of the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See, of March 1969.

*Author and Designer  
Deacon Paul J. Sullivan*

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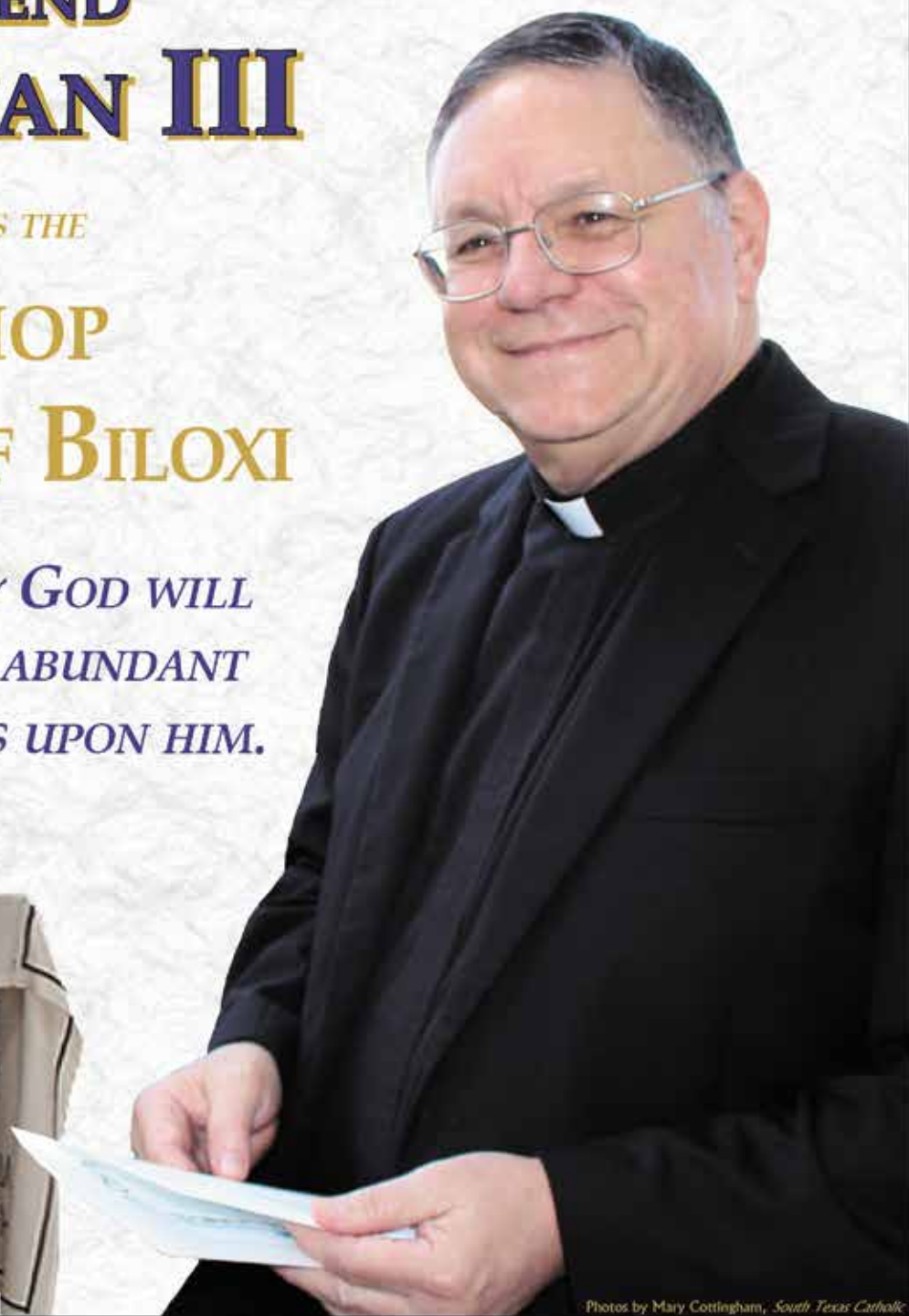
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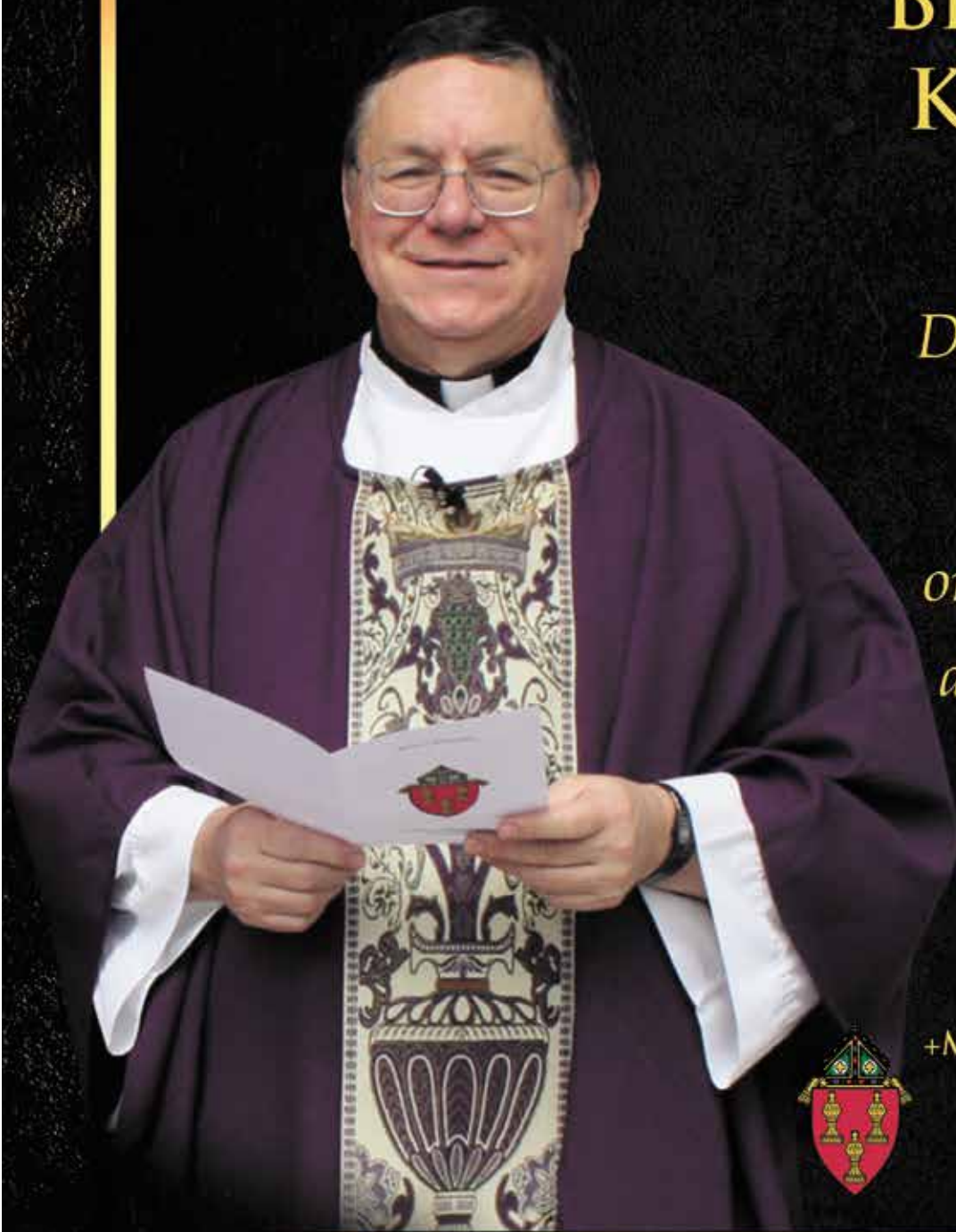
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# *Congratulations*

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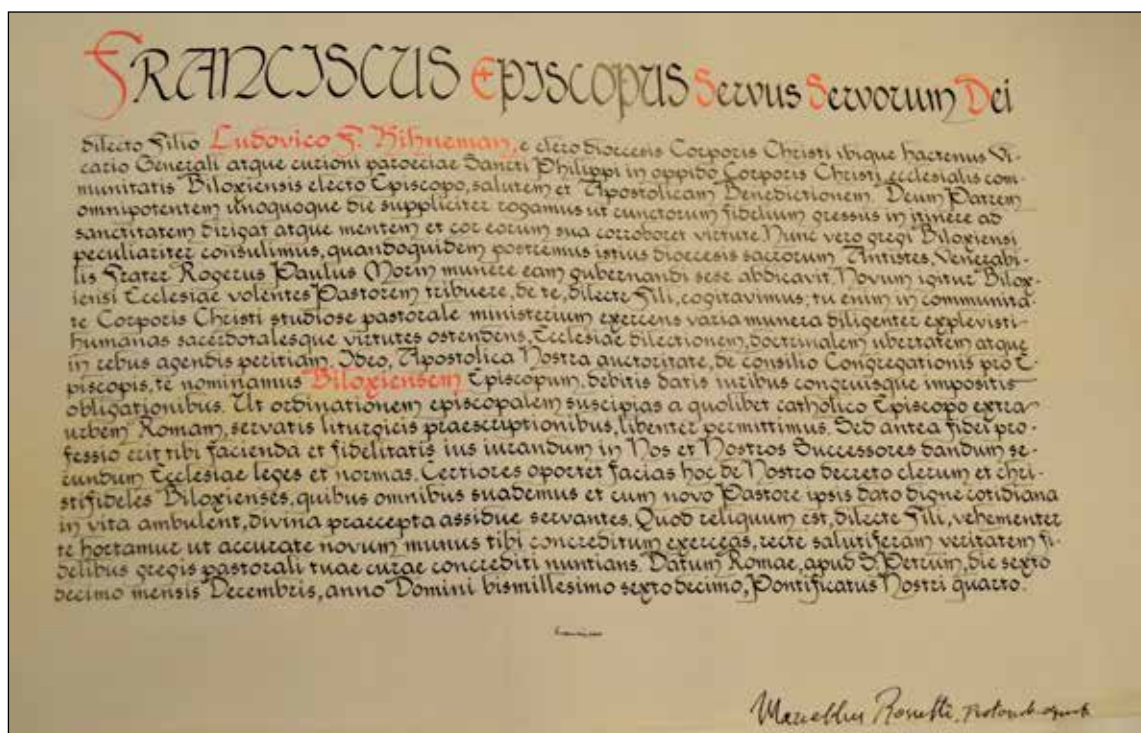
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## Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis



Pictured is the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, which was read by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. The document authenticates the discernment process of the Church and the Holy Father's choice of Msgr. Louis F. Kihneman III for ordination to the episcopate. The diocesan college of consultors reviews the Apostolic Letter. It is recorded by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Biloxi, Sister Rebecca Rutkowski, OSF. The letter is then shown to the people.



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**The LORD is my shepherd;  
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In green pastures he makes me lie down;  
to still waters he leads me;  
he restores my soul.  
He guides me along right paths  
for the sake of his name.  
Even though I walk through the valley  
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The Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Biloxi, Mississippi serves as the Episcopal See.

Since its establishment in 1977, the Diocese of Biloxi has been led by three bishops. Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze, the first bishop of Biloxi, served from 1977 until his retirement in 2001. He was succeeded by Bishop Thomas J. Rodi, who served from 2001 until 2008, when Pope Benedict XVI named him Metropolitan Archbishop of Mobile. Bishop Roger Morin was named Bishop of Biloxi in 2009. 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 appointed Msgr. Louis F. Kihneman, III as his successor.

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# Bishop Kihneman strives to be a ‘Good Shepherd’ to the people of Biloxi

BY TERRY DICKSON

*After much anticipation, Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III was ordained as the fourth bishop of Biloxi on April 28 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. His appointment as Biloxi's fourth bishop was announced on December 16 and his original date of ordination and installation was set for February 17. However, on the advice of medical staff, Bishop Kihneman underwent successful surgery for diverticulitis and was unable to travel to Biloxi for the 17th of February. Terry Dickson, Director of Communications and Editor of the Gulf Pine Catholic, interviewed Bishop Kihneman on April 13.*

**GPC -- If things had gone as originally planned, you would be well into your second month as fourth bishop of Biloxi. But, obviously, God had other plans. So, first of all, tell us how you're doing and what the last couple of months have been like?**

BK -- I'm much improved. It definitely wasn't according to my plans. I really had to lay things in God's hands. I spent almost the entire month of February in the hospital, and I spent the month of March and the early part of April in physical therapy trying to get strong enough to get to Biloxi for the ordination.

**GPC -- Will your recent health setback in any way change the way you go about your duties as bishop?**

BK -- Overall, it'll be business as usual. I'll still have to pace myself a bit because of the different things that took place in the month of February. But I should be able to function at a good level to serve the diocese as bishop.

**GPC -- Before we talk about the future, let's look back at the past. This year, you're celebrating 40 years of priestly ministry. Can you recall when the seeds of your vocation were first planted? Also, who are some of the people in your life who influenced your vocation?**

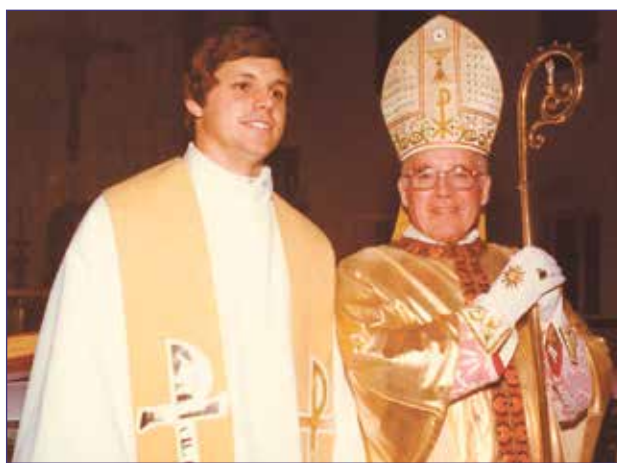
BK -- My parents were major influences and they actually continue to be, even though both are deceased. The seeds of my vocation were probably planted around the time I was an altar boy. I would have been between 10 and 12 years old. Actually, I ended up entering the Corpus Christi Minor Seminary in my freshman year of high school. Msgr. Thomas McGettrick, one of the priests of my parish, was a good influence. Msgr. Alvin Tingler, who is deceased, was the vocations director and the vocations director after him was Msgr. Larry White, who is still a good friend even now. They were both big influences. Then, of course, the religious sisters over the years, various priests and, of course, my classmates who are priests



**Bishop Kihneman in 1975 during his days as a seminarian.**



**Bishop Kihneman is pictured with his family on the day of his ordination to the priesthood.**



**Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III on the day of his ordination to the priesthood with Bishop Thomas Drury.**

now, were all a real source of inspiration. There are also quite a number of couples over the years that I have gotten to know as a seminarian, as a transitional deacon

and, eventually, as a priest. So it's definitely a large family effort for vocations.

**GPC -- What have been the highlights of your 40 years of priestly ministry to the people of the Diocese of Corpus Christi?**

BK -- I was actually assigned as a transitional deacon in my home parish, which was a treat. Bishop Thomas Drury was kind enough to travel to New Orleans to ordain me at the Mary Joseph Home for the Elderly where my grandmother was because she couldn't travel. I was ordained a priest in the Corpus Christi Cathedral on November 18, 1977. I was the only one ordained that night. It was a very special night. I was stationed in Mexico at our mission in Arteaga, which is near Monterrey at the beginning of my priesthood. That kind of changed everything for me because I was really opened in a big way to the people of Mexico -- the different culture, the different language -- but also working with the poorest of the poor. That's affected my priesthood all these years.

Each assignment I've had at each parish has been a blessing. It hasn't always been easy. It's sometimes been challenging, but always growing in the Lord and always finding really good people, people who love the Lord, people who want to serve the Church, people who love the Church and people who really want to be a sign of Christ to the world. It's a joy to walk hand in hand in the pilgrimage of faith with such wonderful people.

**GPC -- How difficult will it be to leave Corpus Christi?**

BK -- It's quite a challenge that the Lord has given me. I do look forward to moving to Biloxi, but, like with anything, it's hard to leave. It's hard to leave all my good friends and folks I know. There's a blessing with all the folks, but I look forward to the blessings in Biloxi too. I've already met some folks there who are really, really dedicated to the Lord and his Church.

**GPC -- What was your reaction when the papal nuncio called to inform you that the Holy Father Pope Francis had chosen you to be the fourth bishop of Biloxi?**

BK -- It was utter surprise and I told the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop (Christophe) Pierre that his phone call really caught me by surprise. His response was, "I get that a lot." I thought that was really humorous. He basically said, "The Holy Father wants you to be the fourth bishop of Biloxi. Will you accept?" He and I had a bit of a discussion about it and, of course, eventually I said yes.

**GPC -- You spent some time on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as a child. What do you remember about your experiences here?**

BK -- I came for summer camp a number of years as a child. I really have some fond memories. It was

really a very positive time and a time of great joy. I'm hoping to share in some of that, at least, as bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi. Of course, my family lived in New Orleans twice, so we were always close to the Gulf Coast. Having been born in Lafayette, I have strong roots in the south and I'm very open to God working in this very special way.

**GPC -- You've had the opportunity to visit Biloxi on a couple of occasions since the press conference announcing your appointment, and you had an opportunity to celebrate the Carlow Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Pascagoula. What kind of initial response have you received from the people of the Diocese of Biloxi?**

BK -- The people were really welcoming and very cordial. The priests were also very welcoming. I really enjoyed the mixed culture that we had at the Carlow Mass because it was sung in Spanish, even though I celebrated it in English. It really was a treat. The folks were wonderful in Pascagoula and that's really the way I found everybody that I met in the time that I've been in Biloxi over the past few months.

**GPC -- What are your hopes and plans as you take on your new role?**

BK -- I'd like to continue all the good work that's been done by all the bishops previous to me and by all the wonderful people -- the staff, religious, priests and deacons. Part of what I want to do is to do some real listening and getting to know you and letting folks get to know me a bit. I'd like to make Biloxi home as quickly as I can.

**GPC -- You are scheduled to ordain Colten Symmes to the priesthood in June. Beyond that, our diocese only has a handful of seminarians and the number of active priests is shrinking. What can be done to foster more vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese?**

BK -- I look forward to Colten's ordination and I think that's one way in terms of having a visible sign of a local, native son being ordained. And, also, my ordination would be a sign for folks. In the end, the vocations really begin in the home. So, we really need to encourage families to support their sons and daughters in the possibility of life in service to the Church, both as laypersons and as priests, religious and deacons. There are wonderful programs that can be done in the diocese to surface names of people and to encourage people and to invite people to consider a religious vocation. That's part of where the parish can come in, in terms of praying for vocations. I encourage families to, every time they sit down for a meal, after they say the blessing, to say a "Hail Mary" specifically for vocations. I also encourage all the youth of the diocese to pray for vocations. I think God will bless us if we continue to provide an opportunity for young people and adults to consider that God may be calling them. Some of them may just be waiting to be asked. So, I think we just need to ask the question of our youth, especially, but also of our adults, to consider the possibility of a vocation.

**GPC -- In your mind, how significant of a role do permanent deacons play in the life of the local**



**Bishop Kihneman meets St. John Paul the Great.**



**Bishop Kihneman is pictured greeting a well-wisher after being elevated to the rank of Monsignor on March 25, 1990.**



**Bishop Kihneman with the Sisters of Adoration.**

**church?**

BK -- It's really important for us to continue fostering men for the permanent diaconate program and the permanent diaconate life of service. I remember about 30 years ago when we had the renewal of the permanent diaconate. I don't think the pastors and some of the Church realized the full benefit of permanent deacons.

However, now I find when permanent deacons are in school or preparing for ordination, there's many more requests for permanent deacons than there are actual candidates. I think the pastors and parishes have really accepted the permanent deacons, and really want the permanent deacons to work side by side with them in ministry.

**GPC -- You received the NCEA's Distinguished Pastor Award in recognition of your support of Catholic education. How important is Catholic education? What can be done to make Catholic education more accessible for families that can't afford to send their children to a Catholic school?**

BK -- Catholic education is really important. Our Catholic schools are really important. Our religious education programs are also very important. The Diocese of Biloxi has made a very serious commitment to our Catholic schools, and I'd like to see that continue. Also, we really need to foster Catholic education among our families, especially the families that are less fortunate. Part of that is providing opportunities for people to participate in financial assistance and also encouraging those families to consider a Catholic education. So, part of getting the word out is letting people know that we have some really good Catholic schools on all levels, and they're really home-grown. One of the pillars is financial, part of it is invitational, and part of it is educational and a call to faith. So, I think we need to work together to grow our Catholic schools, but also to grow our parishes at the same time.

**GPC -- We have a vibrant youth ministry program in the Diocese of Biloxi on both the diocesan and parish levels. What is your message to the young people of Biloxi and the adults who minister to them?**

BK -- I would tell them to continue to be open to the Lord working in their lives and in the different youth groups that we have throughout the diocese, and let the love of Christ flow both to them and through them and with them to all the other young people who may not be coming to the various gatherings and meetings. One of the things I think is very important is that the youth themselves feel like they fit in or they belong. To all of our youth, I say this: You are youth ministers, each and every one of you because you know youth that none of us know. To all of our adults I would say that, in these youth ministry moments, make sure there is a spirit of love and a spirit of inclusion, not exclusion. I am heartened by the strength of our youth ministry programs throughout the diocese and would like to see those programs continue to grow and to touch all the youth of each of our parishes and all the youth in the area.

**GPC -- We also have very vibrant Vietnamese, Hispanic and Filipino communities in our diocese. How do we take advantage of this diversity?**

BK -- I think we need to celebrate the diversity we do have, the different cultures represented among us, and, as a faith community, to reach out to each of the different communities that we have in the diocese and help folks just like the youth feel like they belong, feel like they are important to us and feel like they can find

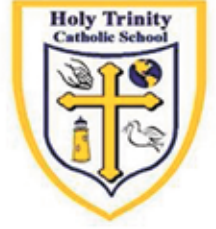
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## The Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman, III

the fourth Bishop of Biloxi



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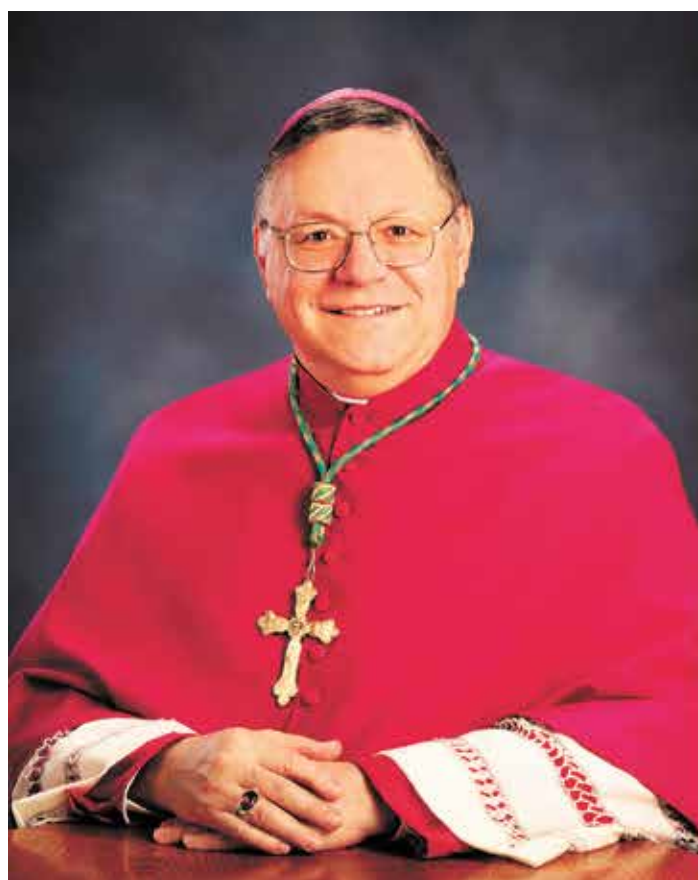


On behalf of Father Cuthbert O'Connell, Fr. Dominic Pham, Fr. Pat O'Shaughnessy, Deacon Buddy Vancourt, and all parishioners and staff at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Long Beach, we welcome our new Bishop, Louis F. Kihneman, III, as Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi.



*St. James Parish family,  
Father Charles Nutter & staff welcome  
**Bishop Louis Kihneman**  
to the Diocese of Biloxi  
and look forward to working with you  
in the coming years.*

Welcome  
**Bishop Kihneman**  
from the parishioners and  
staff of Our Lady of the Gulf,  
Bay St. Louis.  
You are in our prayers.



BISHOP JOSEPH KOPACZ  
and the Diocese of Jackson extend  
*congratulations*  
&  
*best wishes*  
to BISHOP LOUIS KIHNEMAN  
as you begin your ministry in  
Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

# New bishop's siblings praise brother for being rock in his faith, for his family

BY DAVID TISDALE

They witnessed his acceptance of the call to the religious life at a young age, and decades later Diocese of Biloxi's Bishop Louis Kihneman's brothers Kenneth and David Kihneman continue to be grateful for and cherish his unflinching devotion to his faith and family.

On Friday, April 28, they joined him, along with those in Louis Kihneman's new Diocese of Biloxi family, as he was installed as its fourth bishop during an installation Mass at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. A reception followed.

Bishop Kihneman comes to Biloxi from the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, where he most recently served as vicar general and moderator of the curia. He succeeds Bishop Roger Morin, who recently retired from the diocese but continued on in service as apostolic administrator of the diocese, pending Bishop Kihneman's installation. The ceremony was postponed from February, as Bishop Kihneman recovered from a medical procedure.

While both David and Kenneth Kihneman hate to see their brother leave Texas, they're proud of this accomplishment and grateful he'll still reside in the Gulf South, where the family lived in various locations in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas (as well as a brief stint in Canada) throughout their father's career as an oil company executive.

## Called early to serve the Lord, his people

The brothers witnessed the genesis of his path toward religious life during Bishop Kihneman's middle school days. "He accepted the call early on, probably around seventh grade," Kenneth Kihneman said. "So he became very committed to his faith and religious life at a very young age. My brother David and I may have been a little too young at the time to fully understand his decision, but our parents were very pleased. When he was ordained, we were all very happy.

"Obviously, we're honored and excited for him, and maybe a little biased in that we think he's earned and deserves this opportunity. He's flourished everywhere he's been. We think he'll be a great addition to the Diocese of Biloxi, and plus he'll be a little closer to his Louisiana family now."

"Louis was overwhelmed and humbled when he received the call from Archbishop Pierre," David



Brothers David Kihneman, Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III, and Kenny Kihneman are pictured after the bishop celebrated Mass for family and friends on April 29 at Nativity BVM Cathedral. Photo/Juliana Skelton

Kihneman said. "When he called to tell me the news, he was very excited and filled with great joy. As I listened, I smiled from ear to ear and thought about our parents and the deep sense of pride they would have.

"As he moves on to this new role and leaves family and friends in Texas, we have faith in God's plan and share in Louis' excitement. We know that he will now be able to positively impact the lives of many others as well. We're joyful and proud the Holy Father has chosen Louis to be Bishop of Biloxi."

Bishop Kihneman entered the minor seminary in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he lived while visiting his family on occasional weekends. For Bishop Kihneman's younger brothers, this took some adjustment in terms of the change in the family dynamic and fully understanding what his commitment to the religious life would entail.

"At that time, I did not realize the huge faith and trust in the Lord that he must have possessed, since I was more excited about having my own room when he left," David Kihneman said. "As I grew older and looked back at those years, I became more and more amazed at the strength and faith he possessed at such a young age."

Their dad transferred to Calgary, Canada, in 1970 for two years with the rest of the family, leaving Bishop Kihneman back in the U.S. to continue his education and formation at the seminary, though he would travel north of the border when he could. "He would visit us in Calgary, and we had a blast playing in the snow and learning how to ski," David Kihneman said.

## In good, bad times, Kihneman advocate of God's love and mercy

David said Bishop Kihneman has been "an incredible source of strength for our family and a true example of what it means to live in faith and the joy of the Lord."

"He has encouraged our continued growth in our sacrament of marriage by joyfully participating in all of our trials and jubilations. He has been here for us through births, celebration of all sacraments, as well as sorrowful times such as death."

In 2005 David and his wife lost their daughter, Cherie, due to complications from Lupus. He described that period of their lives as "a devastating time of grief for all of us" in which Bishop Kihneman was a spiritual and emotional rock for the family.

"Louis was a constant reminder of God's love and reminded us often to remain grounded with faith in God and in the eternal life He has promised," David Kihneman said.

"Through all of the tears we shared as a family, he has helped us grow stronger in faith and prayer, and reminds us that this is not our final home."

## Once a priest, always a priest

Even though he's been tapped for several administrative posts throughout his life in the priesthood, Kenneth Kihneman says his brother Louis' passion is cemented in the word of God, service to his parishioners and being a light to all in his daily walk with Jesus Christ.

"His best quality is his ability to serve the people of the church. That's his greatest gift -- being a priest, connecting with people," he said. "That's what matters most to him. Administration is secondary for him.

"When he's in church, preaching the gospel, he's a different person. He's truly a vessel of Christ and the scripture, and he knows how to relate the scripture to people."

David Kihneman concurs with his brother. "Louis' devotion to his faith shines through in everything he does. He leads others in quiet ways of example and active listening, and shares his faith by the way he lives and interacts with people.

"His attitude and personality in all things reflects his personal relationship with God and his prayer life. He takes time to remain a brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to his family, and by staying connected with all of us he has become a living example of our faith for us -- what it means to be Catholic."

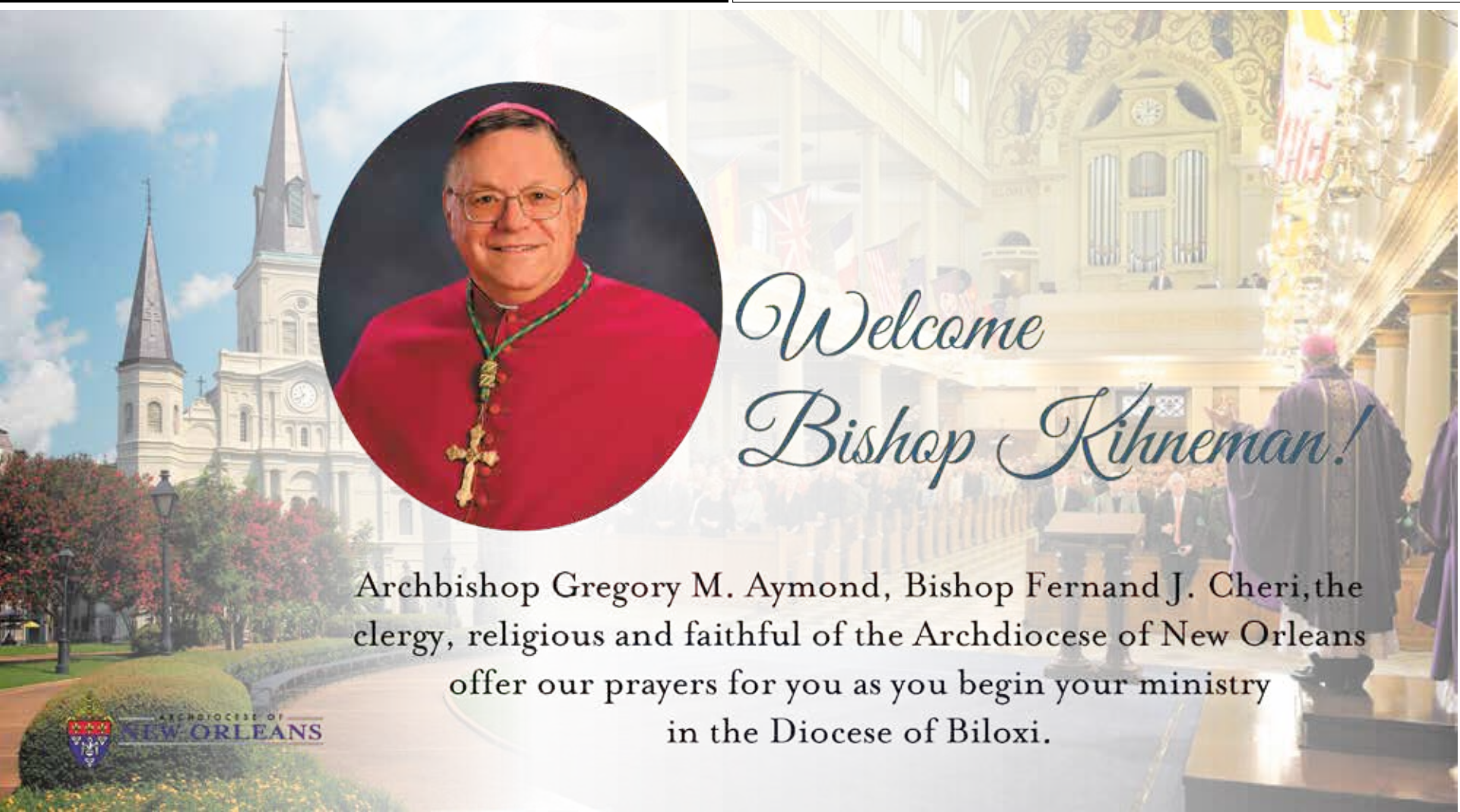


The pastor and people of  
St. Mary Parish, Gautier  
Welcome

**Bishop Louis Kihneman, III**  
to the Diocese of Biloxi

*The St. John the Evangelist  
Parish community  
in Gulfport would like to extend  
their hospitality to  
Bishop Louis Kihneman.  
Welcome to the Diocese of Biloxi!*

**CONGRATULATIONS  
BISHOP LOUIS KIHNEMAN III**



*Welcome  
Bishop Kihneman!*

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, the  
clergy, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese of New Orleans  
offer our prayers for you as you begin your ministry  
in the Diocese of Biloxi.



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Christ with us because, in the end, it really is a call to faith, a call to love and a call to trust in God's love in our midst.

**GPC -- Our Catholic Social and Community Services office offers a variety of outreach programs. What are your thoughts about bringing the church to local communities by ministering to those who are most in need?**

BK -- I think that's an important place we need to be. The Holy Father has asked us to reach out to the folks on the periphery. They need us in a very special way. I'm really heartened by what I know so far of our Catholic Social and Community Services. I think we do a lot of reaching out, a tremendous amount of ministry. I'm really encouraged by that and I think we need to continue to be open to ministry to folks who are on the periphery, of both society and the Church. We need to be there because Christ needs to be there through us.

**GPC -- Talk about the importance of your Episcopal motto (The Lord Is My Shepherd) and why you chose it.**

BK -- "The Lord is My Shepherd" has been really a very important prayer to me, both from John's Gospel and Psalm 23. When I was in the hospital, Psalm 23 really became part of my life in a special way. I pretty much just had to lay in the arms of Jesus most of the time when I was in the hospital. I really didn't have the energy for a whole lot more than that. It's about listening to the voice of Christ in a very special way. The image of the shepherd calling his sheep is very powerful. If we are people of prayer and people of the Word of God and people who are willing to live that Word of God in a very special way, we can hear his voice and have that personal relationship with the Good Shepherd and, in those moments, for example, when I was in the hospital, then let him carry us, hold us and take care of us. In a special way, I think that's at the heart of who I am as a person, but it's also at the heart of my call to participate in being a shepherd, as I've been a pastor in various parishes, vicar general of the Diocese of Corpus Christi and to now as bishop of Biloxi and to serve as what I hope will be, at least, an example of a good shepherd to the people of Biloxi.

**GPC -- Do you have a favorite saint?**

BK -- Actually, I have a few. St. Louis, of course, is important to me as my namesake because of his real love for the poor, his real desire to teach his children the faith and to be a good family man and to be a good example for his people. St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower," St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross are all very special. St. Francis Assisi, St. Augustine and all his works and St. Thomas Aquinas and all his works -- all very special. In the modern day,



**Bishop Kihneman (top left) is pictured with children of Sacred Heart Parish in Rockport, Texas. Top center is Bishop Edmond Carmody.**



**An avid, avid fisherman, Bishop Kihneman shows off a prized catch during a trip to Alaska.**



**Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze, first bishop of Biloxi, greets his successor, Bishop Kihneman, for the first time at the Dec. 16 press conference announcing his appointment as fourth bishop.**

there's St. Teresa of Calcutta and the Martyrs in Mexico who have recently been recognized, the Cristeros, who are very special in terms of their witness to the faith.

Many of the priests and bishops who fled Mexico at that time, in 1917 or so, ended up in Corpus Christi. So, we have a real connection with those folks, who eventually returned to Mexico to serve.

**GPC -- What are your hobbies?**

BK -- I like fishing, reading and music.

**GPC -- Favorite book?**

BK -- The Bible, of course. There are various ones after that. I listed the saints. "The Life and Conversion of St. Augustine" is just really profound and St. Thomas Aquinas and his relationship with the Lord and His Church and creation is just amazing. In modern times, *Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel)* by the Holy Father and the Bishops of South America -- what a gift to the Church! I do fairly eclectic spiritual reading -- I'm reading a book right now on seeking surrender -- books that lead me to both grow and meditate on the Lord's hand in my life and to be a better person in Christ and hear the call of Christ to be who I'm called to be.

**GPC -- Favorite type of music?**

BK -- I like classical Christian music and modern Christian music is very moving. I'm fairly eclectic, so I listen to bluegrass, soft rock and country western. In terms of favorite hymns, some of the hymns that we chose for the Mass of Ordination and Installation would be right at the top of the list.

**GPC -- Favorite food?**

BK -- I remember in Pascagoula at the reception after the Carlow Mass some of the folks were asking me what was my favorite food and I basically answered, "My favorite food is anything that doesn't eat me first."

**GPC -- Favorite TV show?**

BK -- I like history, National Geographic and I like mysteries. They don't have to be murder mysteries. I do like some of the science fiction or fantasy shows to relax.

**GPC -- Favorite sports team?**

BK -- The New Orleans Saints are special. I've always liked football. I played football years ago. I was a halfback. They now call them the "I back" on offense and, on defense, I was the middle linebacker.

**GPC -- Were you mean?**

BK -- No, but I really liked playing and I really liked the physicality of the game.

**GPC -- In closing, do you have a message for the people of the Diocese of Biloxi?**

BK -- Together, we answer the call of Christ to love one another and share in that love together. The Benedictine Monks have a motto which basically says do everything with love, even the simplest things, even the things that we seem to take for granted. So, let us pray that the heart of Christ, the love of Christ, enters into our families, our schools, our parishes, our communities, our nation and our world.

# Being a pastor is Bishop Kihneman's first love

BY MARY COTTINGHAM  
South Texas Catholic

Louis Kihneman, III has been called a son, a brother, a friend, a fisherman, a fisher of men, a pastor, a mentor, a teacher and a holy man. He has answered to deacon, father, monsignor and now he will be bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Sophie Perkins from Sacred Heart Parish in Rockport first remembers Bishop-designate Kihneman as an altar boy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish where she and her husband were married and later as an "excellent pastor at Sacred Heart," where she said "he ran a really good ship and was a good listener."

Perkins said Msgr. Kihneman believed in short homilies. He said his homilies were between seven to eight minutes, because that "was as long as he could keep people's attention, after that you were just talking to the walls."

He was also a great teacher. When he taught Bible classes, he made it easily relatable to everyday life.

According to Perkins, Sacred Heart School is in pretty good shape thanks to Bishop-designate Kihneman. "One of the biggies he did is he started an endowment fund for our Catholic school. I think it's one of the few schools to have an endowment. He wanted the kids to have the best education they could and he wanted to make it happen," she said.

Many parishioners from Sacred Heart remember Msgr. Kihneman as a great fisherman. Mary Berkenkotter said that the fact that he was a great fisherman in the Gulf waters made the men parishioners "true believers."

Speaking of her 11-year friendship with Bishop-designate Kihneman, Berkenkotter said the relationship could be summarized with the phrase "be careful of the quiet ones."

"When he is getting to know you, he does not talk a lot; he lets you talk. He doesn't give advice quickly; he lets you self-reflect because he knows answers often come from silence when no words are spoken. And that is how friendships evolve," she said.

"On rocky hills that are difficult to climb, we saw him walking down backwards listening to people he was shepherding. At personal crisis, in illness, his spiri-



**Bishop-designate Kihneman joins in a selfie with Elsa Ortiz and her children during Mass of Thanksgiving reception. The reception was held in St. Joseph Hall in Corpus Christi Cathedral on Jan. 13. Photo/Ervey Martinez for South Texas Catholic**



**Corpus Christi Cathedral parishioners Debbie Shae, left, and Ellen Flood congratulate Bishop-designate Kihneman on his new appointment as Bishop of Biloxi. Photo/Ervey Martinez for South Texas Catholic**

tual message was truly healing."

Msgr. Kihneman did not have to ask when his parishioners welcomed the opportunity to assist with

his aging father. He knew the caregivers would get more out of the experience than his dad even needed.

"He truly changed the quality of our spiritual life and we will miss him," Berkenkotter said.

Her husband, Tom Berkenkotter, remembers seeking advice from Msgr. Kihneman before getting involved in jail ministry. Msgr. Kihneman recommended that he visit the jail with a seasoned jail minister to help determine if that ministry was right for him.

After about six months with the ministry, Tom Berkenkotter felt something was missing. "Although we brought 'The Word' to the incarcerated, we did not offer them the opportunity to participate in Holy Communion," he said.

Msgr. Kihneman informed him that Communion would only be possible if the incarcerated had the opportunity to confess their sins, which required a priest. A month went by when Msgr. Kihneman called and told him to let the inmates know he would be visiting those seeking the sacrament of reconciliation.

"The willingness and dedication exhibited by Msgr. Kihneman in responding to my request was most memorable. But that was just the beginning," Tom Berkenkotter said.

Tom Berkenkotter visited the jail on Saturday mornings and collected the names of those seeking confession. He delivered the list to Msgr. Kihneman who in turn visited them in jail. This procedure took hours, and sometimes days, to accomplish. Also the inmates could receive Holy Communion the following Saturday.

"His willingness to partner with a layman like myself left a long lasting impression that I was ministering with a totally dedicated and holy man. Later experiences with Msgr. Kihneman further proved that my first impressions were spot on. Somehow, Pope Francis must have known of these same attributes when he appointed Msgr. Louis Kihneman

III, bishop of Biloxi."

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# Bishop Louis Kihneman III assumes leadership of Diocese of Biloxi following ordination and installation Mass

BY DAVID  
TISDALE

For those in the capacity crowd attending the installation of Msgr. Louis Kihneman as the new bishop for the Diocese of Biloxi, the general sentiment was he's well worth the wait.

Bishop Kihneman, formerly the vicar general of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, was chosen late last year to replace Bishop Roger Morin, who had reached retirement age. Until Bishop Kihneman could take over his new post, Bishop Morin served as apostolic administrator. Originally scheduled for February, the ordination and installation Mass was postponed while then Bishop-elect

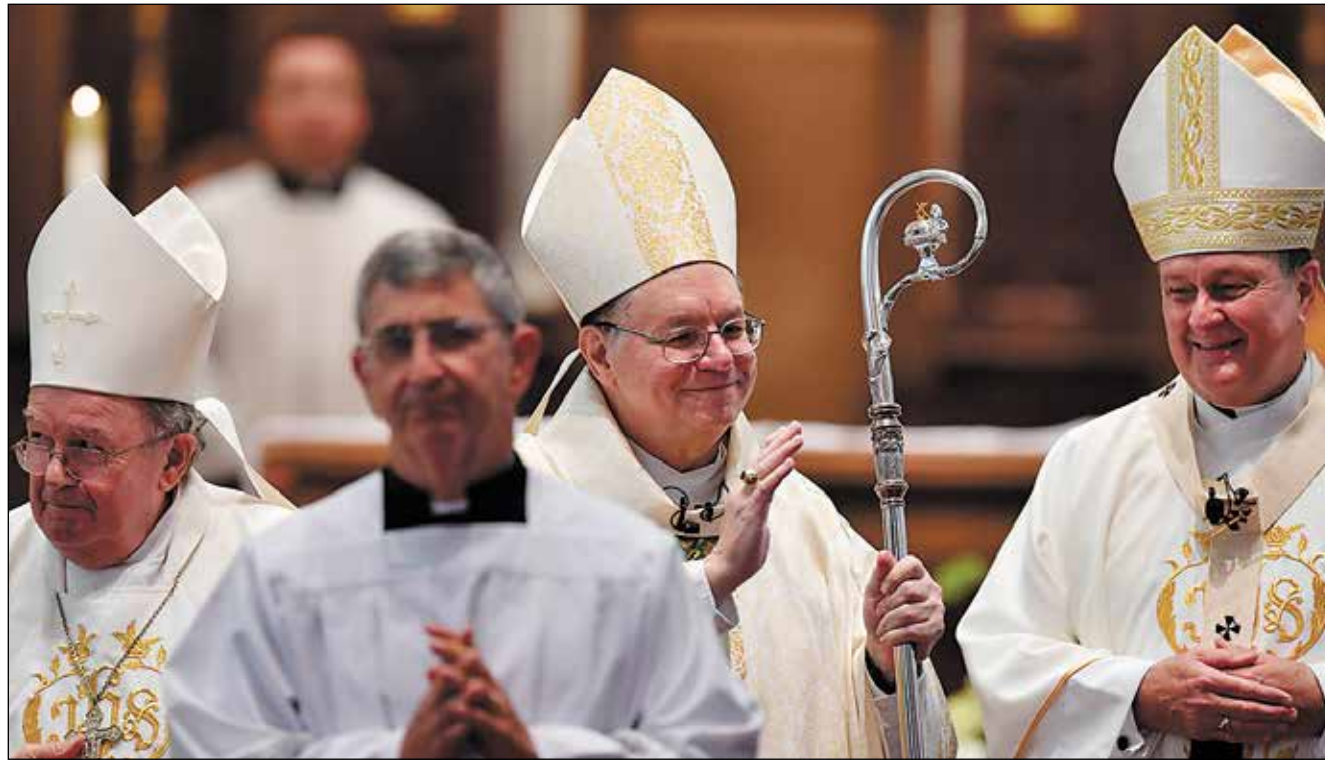
Kihneman recovered from surgery for diverticulitis.

Bishop Morin welcomed his successor near the beginning of the Mass, telling Bishop-elect Kihneman he hoped the memory of the special moment the installation represented, the prayers for his success from all who were on hand and the celebration to follow would "be a source of support for you in the years ahead."

Bishop-elect Kihneman's brother, David Kihneman, proclaimed the first reading of the Mass, followed by Sister Dymna Clark with the second reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Deacon Dick Henderson proclaimed the Gospel from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Prior to his reading of the Apostolic Letter authenticating the selection of Bishop-elect Kihneman by Pope Francis, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Rev. Christophe Pierre said, "Bishop-elect Kihneman, through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker and St. Martin de Porres, patron saints of the local church, may you be for the clergy and people being entrusted to your pastoral care and also for the community at large a father, a pastor and good shepherd, a brother who, in his faithful episcopal ministry, will continue to build up this portion of the Lord's flock into a vibrant communion of charity."

Metropolitan Archbishop Thomas Rodi of Mobile, who served as second bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, also welcomed Bishop-elect Kihneman with words of encouragement and support during his homily. In relating to the first reading of the installation Mass, which was from the First Book of Kings featuring Elijah on



**Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III, flanked by Bishop Roger Morin, left, and Archbishop Thomas Rodi, right, blesses the congregation as he walks throughout Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral at the conclusion of his April 28 ordination and installation as fourth bishop of Biloxi. Leading the way is Deacon Bill Vrazel. Photo/G. M. Andrews**

Mount Horeb and God's exhorting Elijah to help turn his people's hearts back to him, Archbishop Rodi gave Bishop Kihneman a similar charge.

"God sends you, my brother Louis. In this age where, as in the time of Elijah, many have turned from God, he sends you to renew the faith of the people," Archbishop Rodi said. "Into an increasingly secular and disbelieving society, he sends you to shepherd his people as bishop of Biloxi."

"There will be joyful times as you serve as a bishop. There will be grace-filled successes and uplifting moments. May you know many of these moments and may you savor them. But there will also be times when you, as did Elijah, may want to flee from your ministry and tell God this is too much. You, like the apostles in the Gospel of Luke just proclaimed, may want to stop fishing because of disappointing results."

Archbishop Rodi continued, "In those times the message of God to you will be the same as the message to Elijah: 'Go back! And the same as to the Apostles in today's Gospel: 'Put out into deep water and lower your nets again for a catch.' Renew the faith of your people."

The homily was followed by the Promise of the Elect, in which Archbishop Rodi questioned Bishop-elect Kihneman in the presence of those in attendance about his resolve to uphold the faith and discharge his duties as head of the diocese. Archbishop Rodi then invited those assembled to stand and pray for the new bishop as he takes on the duty of providing for the needs of the church.

Later, the ordination included the ancient gesture of the laying on of hands by Archbishop Rodi, Bishop Morin, Corpus Christi Bishop Michael Mulvey, Archbishop Pierre and other bishops present, which expressed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the new bishop. The ritual was followed by the Prayer of Ordination, which featured the placement of the Book of Gospels over the bishop-elect's head as a sign of the power of God's word over us. This tradition dates back to the third century in the ordination of bishops. Following the presentation of the Book of Gospels, ring, miter and crozier, Archbishops Rodi and Pierre led Bishop

Kihneman to the cathedra, marking his official installation as Biloxi's fourth bishop.

Following Communion and a procession through the cathedral which gave Bishop Kihneman an opportunity to bless those in attendance, he gave concluding remarks. He gave thanks for the support of his family, friends, and to God for getting him to Biloxi -- as well as to the doctors and nurses who aided him in his recovery. "It's been quite a journey," he said. "He also expressed gratitude for the hundreds of get-well cards sent to him by children from the diocese while he was in recovery."

In thanking his late parents, he remarked humorously that his father was surely looking down and taking note of the timing for the installation.

"I express much love and honor to Pope Francis," Bishop Kihneman said, for choosing him to lead the diocese. "This is a tremendous honor, but also breathtaking at the same time. I thank the people of the Diocese of Biloxi for praying for me, and I look forward to working with each of you."

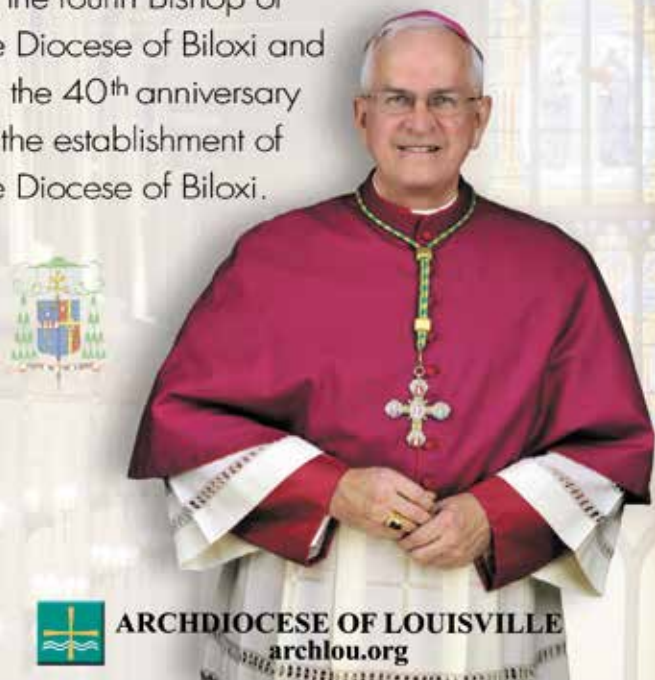
"As I am called to be the bishop, the invitation for us is to take to heart the words of Jesus: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, and love your neighbor as yourself.'

"We take that as our theme. We are in his image, we are the body of Christ."

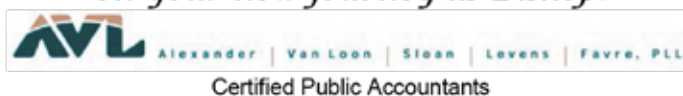
"My brothers, and sisters, God loves you, I love you. As one of the little signs in our Corpus Christi paper said, 'From Corpus Christi to Biloxi, with love.'"

CONGRATULATIONS

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D. and the Catholic faithful of the Archdiocese of Louisville send congratulations and prayerful best wishes on the ordination of the Most Reverend Louis Kihneman III as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi and on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Biloxi.



*Welcome Bishop Louis Kihneman. May God bless you and watch over you as you embark on your new journey as Bishop.*



**Bishop Kihneman,**  
on behalf of the churches of Holy Trinity in Columbia, and St. Paul in Tylertown, we thank Almighty God, acting through our beloved Pope Francis, on your appointment as our new Shepherd of the Diocese of Biloxi. We ask prayers and blessing upon you and your ministry as you set forth on your new spiritual journey.



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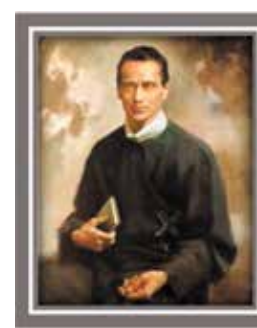
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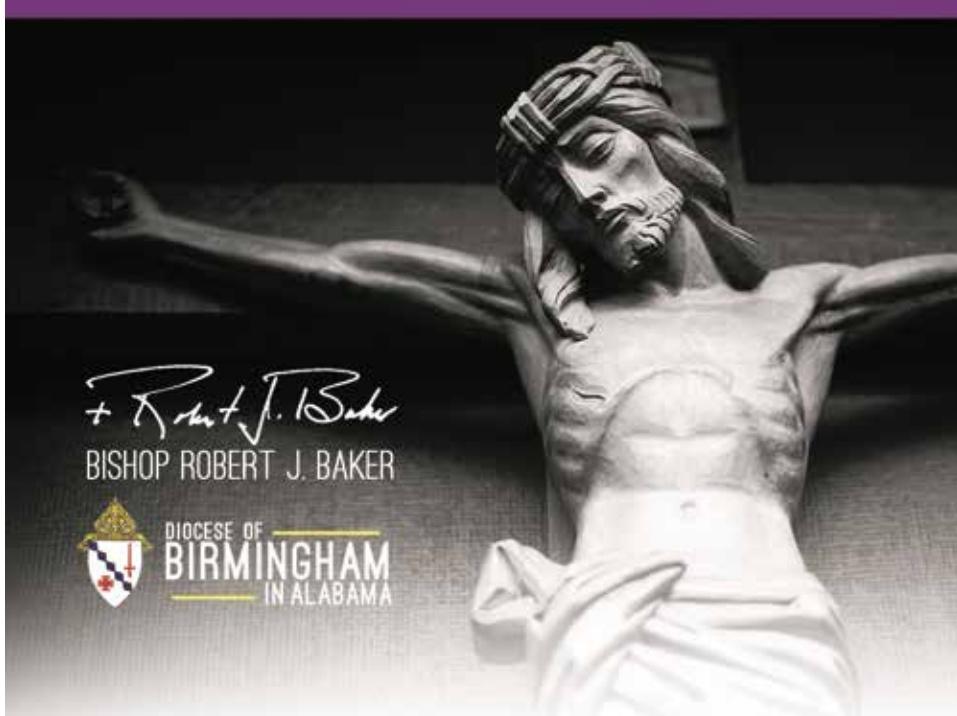
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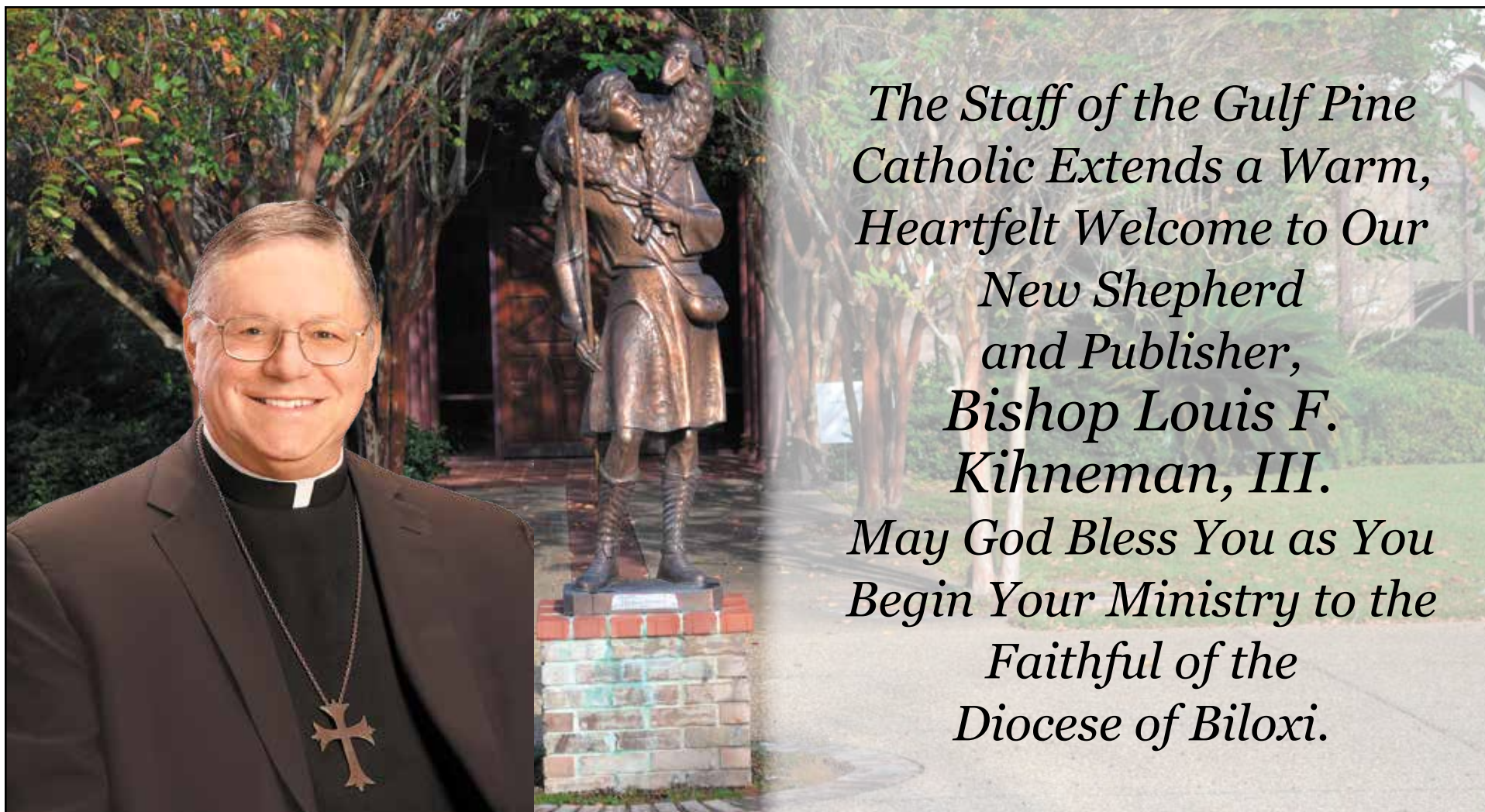


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## FIRST LOVE

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Norma Lozano has known Bishop-designate Kihneman since 1998 and considers him to be part of her family. “He’s a wonderful man. He’s funny, witty, compassionate, warm, giving, loving and he’s fun to be around. He has great respect for everyone -- doesn’t matter how big or small,” she said.

A few times she remembered Msgr. Kihneman’s father, “Mr. K,” raising his hand during Mass, signaling to his son that his homily was running over time.

“He’s got a great heart. Biloxi is going to be blessed to have him. He was a wonderful son and friend. Whatever he does he puts God first in his life. He loved his mom and his dad and he loves his Church. First of all he’s a priest and a spiritual leader, but he’s a best friend. He’ll make a fine bishop,” Lozano said.

Father Julian Cabrera, now pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Alice, asked Msgr. Kihneman for advice on a number of occasions. “He is very level headed and peaceful,” said Father Cabrera, who was parochial vicar at Sacred Heart in Rockport and Msgr. Kihneman was his pastor. The patience of his mentor helped the young priest grow into his ministry.

Father Cabrera recalled a day when he had been so frustrated on a case he had been working on that Msgr. Kihneman called him to his office and told him to bring the case and his Bible.

“I thought he was going to be mad at me, because I had kind of gotten upset. We prayed and he asked me to read a Scripture -- I can’t remember which one it was -- and he started to explain how we set the tone to bring healing and we don’t know how many people in this case are going to be affected by the healing process. He taught me that I have to be very patient. He wasn’t upset. He was above my frustration and he was seeing clearly,” Father Cabrera said.

Rachel Muñoz has been a parishioner at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish for 36 years. Father Kihneman was the first priest she knew when she became a parishioner there.

“He was always so kind and very welcoming -- that’s what made us come to this church,” Muñoz said. “It’s so nice and homey and that’s how he made us feel. That’s why we have stayed here.”



**Bishop Kihneman visits with sisters of Missionaries of Christ’s Charity after his Mass of Thanksgiving at Corpus Christi Cathedral on Jan. 13.** Photo/Ervey Martinez for South Texas Catholic

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish loved Father Kihneman so much they dedicated a building to him -- the Father Kihneman Hall used for religious education classes.

Another parishioner from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Dorothy Villarreal, has known Bishop-designate Kihneman since 1980. She recalled when Father Kihneman gave her family spiritual guidance through some very difficult years and molded them to become more involved in the life of the parish.

During tough times, “he always encouraged us to look ahead,” she said. His guidance cemented their faith formation and they all became more involved in the Church, starting with her three sons who first joined the youth ministry, and later served on several retreats. “He took my boys under his wings,” she said.

“He always kept us on firm ground. Doing good for others -- you forget your own misery and feel that you have some value or worth,” Villarreal said. “We were not very churchgoing people, but his personal interest and care molded us into the people we are. He is an angel to me.”

Dave Wyrwich from St. Philip the Apostle has known Msgr. Kihneman for 10 years. When Wyrwich was managing the diocese’s *Legacy of Faith, Future of Hope* campaign, he answered to Msgr. Kihneman in his position as Vicar General and continues to do so as business manager at St. Philip’s.

“He is a very pastoral priest. When he was the Vicar General many people saw the business side of him. I have always heard that his heart is in the parish and

since I’ve been at St. Philip’s -- I can tell you his heart is in the parish. Being with people is where he’s the most joyous and I think the most comfortable and, I think, that in his mind -- it’s where he does the most good.

“He’s very comfortable in his own skin when it comes to the decision-making process, which will greatly help him as a bishop...,” Wyrwich said.

Betty Berry, who works at Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi and the Mother Teresa Shelter, also taught at Ss. Cyril and Methodius School in 1975 where she first met the seminarian and later Deacon Kihneman. She witnessed his ordination

to the priesthood in 1977. “My first thought was -- he was glowing with the Holy Spirit. It was beautiful and amazing,” she said.

When he was Vicar General in 2012-15 and before he became pastor at St. Philip the Apostle, Msgr. Kihneman, helped serve breakfast at the Mother Teresa Shelter every Friday. He took time out to talk and minister to the homeless. “He knew nearly every one of them on a first name basis. He always held Catholic Charities close to his heart. If we needed anything or I needed anything he was always the first to do it or to make sure it got done or to guide us to help us get something done,” Berry said.

When Donald Harris, office manager at the Corpus Christi Cathedral Parish, first met Bishop Kihneman as a seminarian 42 years ago he was left with a good impression, but it was not until 2010 when Msgr. Kihneman became Vicar General and was living at the Cathedral rectory that he realized what a great priest and administrator he was. “I enjoyed his homilies while he was in residence here at the Cathedral and his gifts didn’t end when he left the altar,” Harris said.

“He is a very capable administrator. By that I mean, he always listens and allows people to vote, before he makes a decision. He is a man of his word and keeps his promises and he doesn’t make promises he can’t keep. He has a very good sense of the broader impact that decisions can have. I was not surprised when Msgr. Kihneman was named a bishop. I am very excited for our Church there. I think Pope Francis made a wonderful choice,” Harris said.

# **Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III**

## **Fourth Bishop of Biloxi**

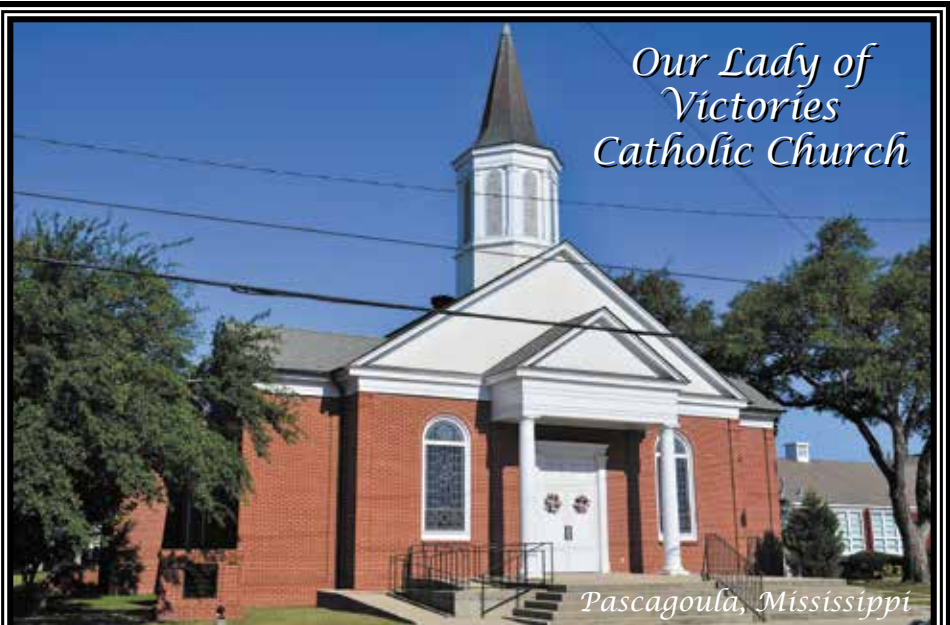
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As you begin your service to the  
Diocese of Biloxi, may God endow  
you with wisdom and ever-deepening  
holiness to guide the flock entrusted  
to your loving care.*



*Bishop  
Louis Kihneman  
we, the Church of  
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congratulations  
as you become  
the new  
shepherd of the  
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We look forward to  
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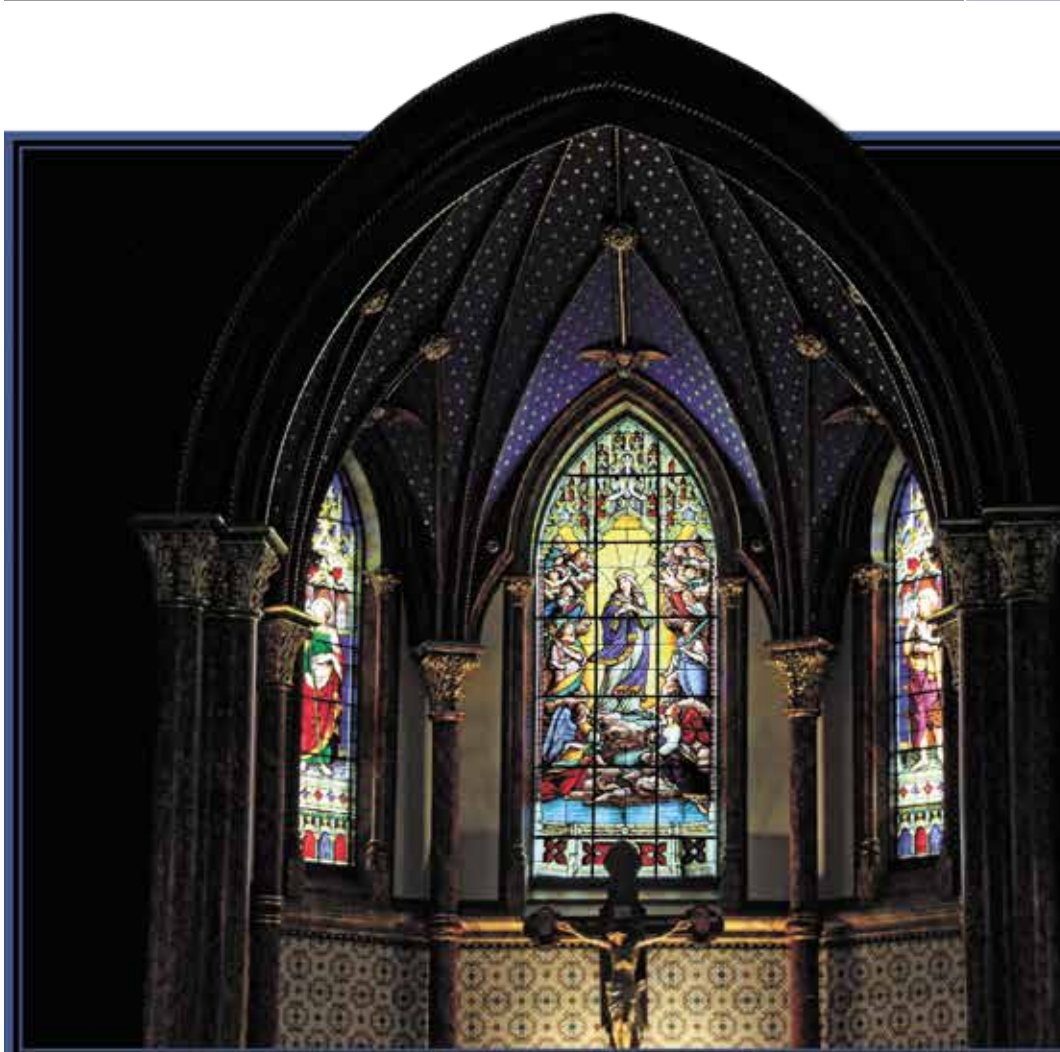
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*Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Auxiliary Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, and all the faithful of the Diocese of Austin, congratulate Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III on his ordination and installation as the fourth Bishop of Biloxi.*

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# Best Wishes and Prayers Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III



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# The Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III



Deacon Colten Symmes and Bishop-elect Louis F. Kihneman III are pictured during vespers on Thursday, April 27, at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral. Photo/Juliana Skelton



Metropolitan Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, of Mobile, the principal ordaining bishop and Biloxi's second bishop, is flanked by the two co-consecrators, Bishop Roger Morin, bishop emeritus of Biloxi, and Bishop Michael Mulvey, bishop of Corpus Christi. Photo/G. M. Andrews



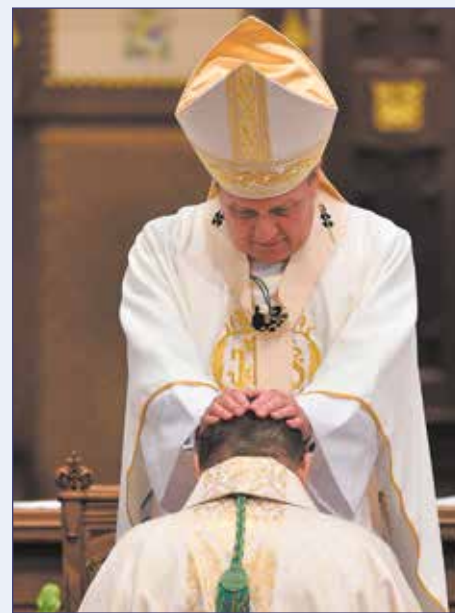
Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, greets Bishop-elect Kihneman and hands him the Apostolic Mandate. Photo/G. M. Andrews



Bishop-elect Kihneman's family members applaud as he walks through the cathedral showing the Apostolic Mandate to the people. At right, Fr. Pete Elizardo, a priest of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, who served as Head Master of Ceremonies. Photo/G. M. Andrews



Bishop-elect Kihneman lies prostrate during the Litany of Supplication. Photo/Juliana Skelton



Archbishop Rodi lays hands on Bishop-elect Kihneman's head. Photo/G. M. Andrews



Deacons Ben Wimberly and Colten Symmes place the Book of Gospels over the head of the bishop-elect as a sign of the power of God's word over us. Photo/G. M. Andrews



Archbishop Rodi anoints Bishop Kihneman's head with Sacred Chrism, signifying the full share in the Priesthood of Christ he has received through the Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination. Photo/G. M. Andrews



After receiving the Book of Gospel, which is presented as a symbol of the Bishop's ministry of preaching and teaching and the ring, miter and crosier or pastoral staff, which are the symbols of the office of Bishop, Bishop Kihneman is led to the cathedra, the bishop's chair, by Archbishop Rodi and Archbishop Pierre and is officially installed as the fourth Bishop of Biloxi. Photo/G. M. Andrews



Bishop Kihneman greets Bishop Joseph Lawson Howze, the first bishop of Biloxi, during the Fraternal Kiss of Peace. Photo/G. M. Andrews



Bishop Kihneman is pictured during the Eucharistic Prayer. Photo/G. M. Andrews



After Communion, Bishop Kihneman, trailed by Archbishop Rodi, walks through the cathedral, imparting his blessing on those gathered for his Mass of Ordination and Installation. Photo/G. M. Andrews



***“For  
nothing  
will be  
impossible  
with God.”***

— Luke 1:37

We welcome Bishop Louis Kihneman back to the Gulf Coast and look forward to the future with your leadership and guidance.

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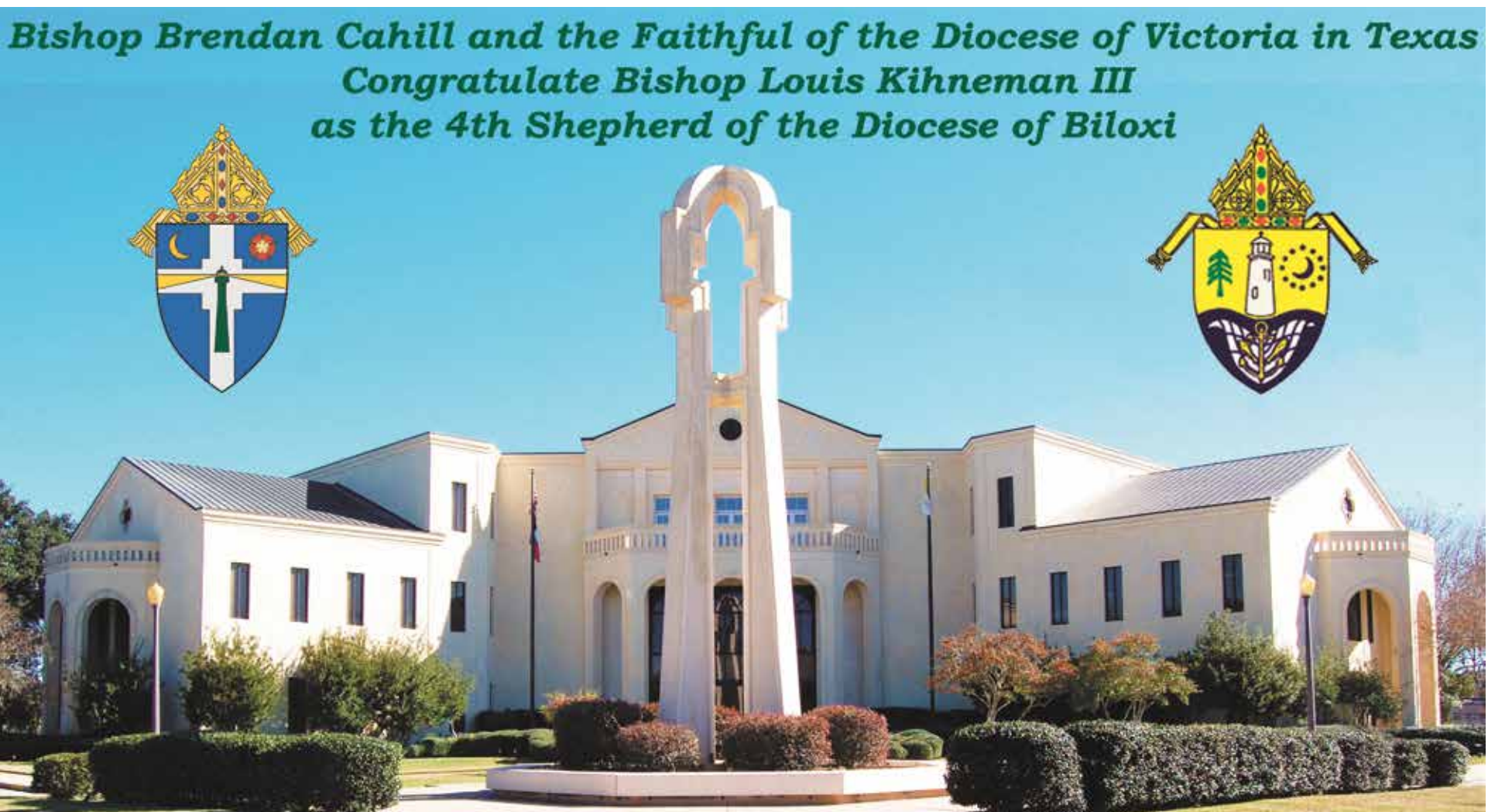
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AND BLESSING AS YOU BEGIN YOUR NEW MINISTRY



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**OUR PRAYERS and CONGRATULATIONS to**

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Bishop Kihneman, we join our prayers with those of the faithful in the Diocese of Biloxi for your success as you begin your journey as their shepherd.

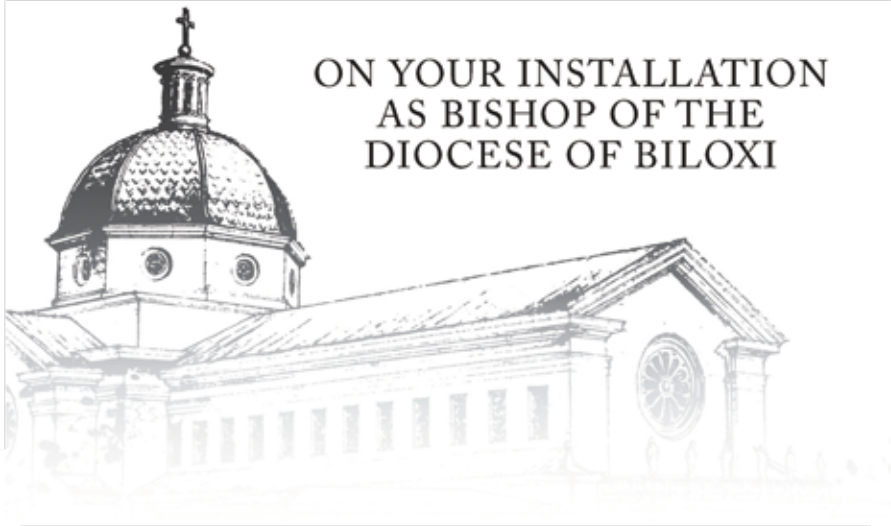
May God's blessings continue to be upon you and His Church so your ministry there is abundant and joyful.



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FOR YOUR EIGHT YEARS OF  
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Congratulations and Best Wishes on your new appointment

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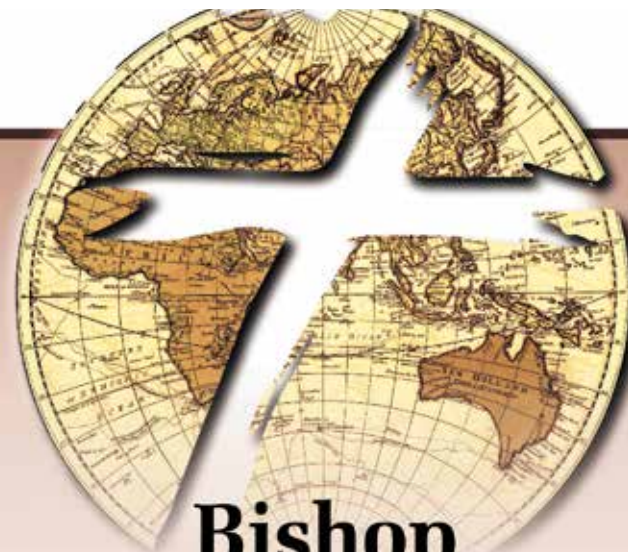


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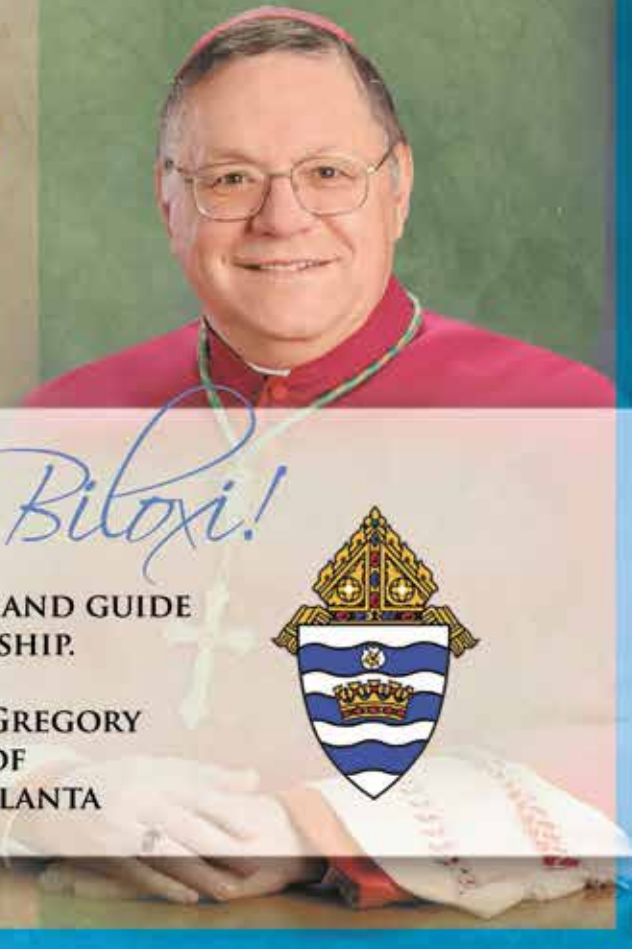
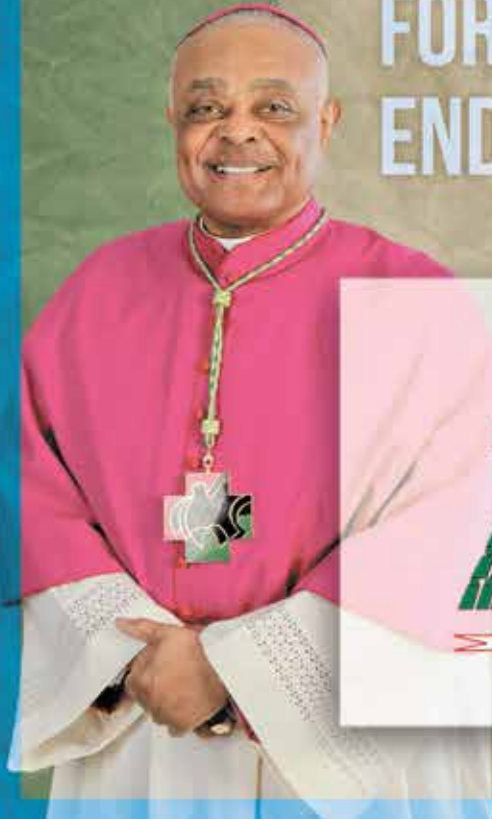
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 our congratulations, best wishes, and prayers  
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 as he is installed the Fourth Bishop of the  
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*Let your light shine.*  
 Matthew 5:16

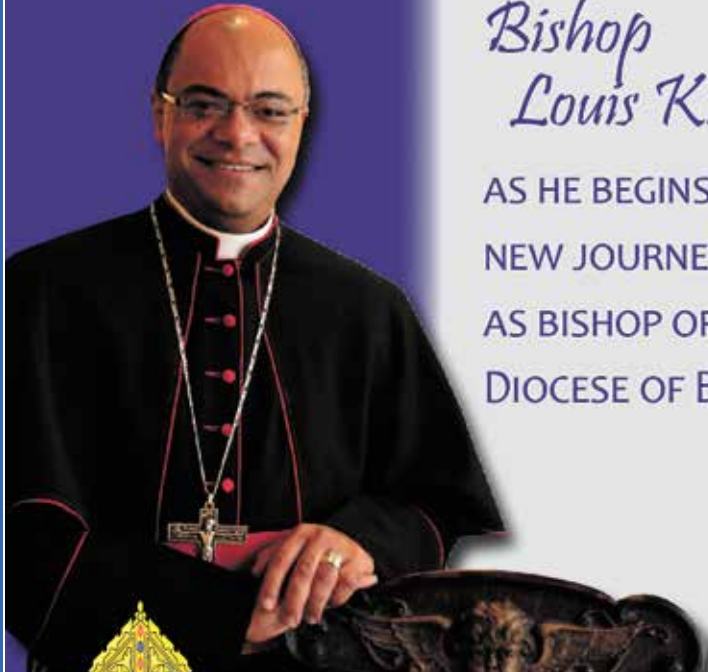


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# Biloxi's new shepherd greets his flock



**Top left, Bishop Kihneman greets diocesan pastoral center employee Claire Jones as he exits Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral in Biloxi after his April 28 Ordination and Installation.**

**Top right, Bishop Kihneman greets those gathered for the reception at the Croatian American Cultural Center in Biloxi. Each parish and mission in the diocese contributed food to the standing room only crowd.**

**Bottom left, Bishop Kihneman gives blessing to Sister Mary Riordan, RSM.**

**Bottom right, Bishop Kihneman greets Robert and Michele Frey, the parents of seminarian Adam Frey, who assisted him during his first Sunday Mass at the cathedral as bishop of Biloxi on April 30.**

Photos/Juliana Skelton