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## Bishop Louis Tylka Becomes the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Peoria

PEORIA, IL: This morning the Holy Father, Pope Francis accepted the resignation for retirement of Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C. as Bishop of Peoria. Bishop Jenky is now the Bishop Emeritus of Peoria. Bishop Jenky expressed deep gratitude for his 20 years of service in the Diocese of Peoria since he was named eighth Bishop of Peoria by Saint Pope John Paul II on February 12, 2002, and installed on April 10, 2002.

Bishop Louis Tylka is now the ninth Bishop of Peoria. Bishop Tylka was named Coadjutor Bishop by the Holy Father, Pope Francis on May 11, 2020. Bishop Tylka was ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Peoria on July 23, 2020. A coadjutor bishop has the right of succession as the diocesan bishop when his predecessor leaves office.

Bishop Jenky praised Bishop Tylka noting, "Bishop Tylka has selflessly given himself in service to the people of the Diocese of Peoria since his ordination. I am confident that the faithful will find him to be a loving and dedicated shepherd."

Bishop Tylka will celebrate his first public Mass as Diocesan Bishop at St. Mary's Cathedral, 607 N.E. Madison Avenue in Peoria on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be streamed live on our <u>YouTube channel</u> and can also be found by searching "Peoria Diocese" on YouTube. A video introduction from Bishop Tylka as he begins his Ministry as Diocesan Bishop can be found now on the same website.

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