

Ukrainian Metropolitan Participates in the Ordination and Installation of the New Bishop of Wilmington, DE

On July 13, Metropolitan Borys Gudziak participated in the episcopal ordination and installation of William Koenig as tenth bishop of Wilmington at Saint Elizabeth Church. The principal consecrator was Metropolitan Archbishop of Baltimore, William Lori. Bishop-emeritus of Wilmington, W. Francis Malooly and Bishop of Rockville Center, John Barres were the co-consecrators. Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and newly created Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, DC. were present along with many bishops from the neighboring dioceses.



Metropolitan Borys Gudziak was accompanied by Father Volodmyr Klanichka, who is pastor at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic parish in Wilmington, DE and serves as a chaplain at the Christiana Hospital.

In his first words as the new bishop of Wilmington, Bishop William Koenig focused on three emotions he experienced during the Mass of Ordination and Installation: thankfulness, humbleness, and eagerness.

Bishop William Koenig was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Center, NY, on May 14, 1983. Among his many pastoral assignments, he held the offices of the Vocation Director, Diocesan Director of Ministry to Priests, and lastly the Vicar for Clergy. He was appointed Bishop by Pope Francis on April 30, 2021.

On the territory of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, there are two Ukrainian Catholic parishes: Saint Nicholas in Wilmington, DE and Saint Basil in Chesapeake City, MD. Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka is pastor at these two parishes.