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MESSAGES FROM ARCHBISHOP JACKELS



ARCHBISHOP JACKELS' MESSAGE ON HIS RETIREMENT

4 April 2023

To the Catholic faithful in the Archdiocese of Dubuque:

For health reasons, I asked our Holy Father Francis – may God preserve him – to accept my resignation as Archbishop of Dubuque.

Jesus called me to this ministry, and I wouldn't take my hands from this plow unless Jesus, through his Vicar on earth, called me away. And so it is, effective 4 April 2023.

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Richard Pates, retired Bishop of Des Moines, to serve as Apostolic Administrator until the next Archbishop of Dubuque is named.

I've enjoyed getting to know you, praying with you, sharing meals together, joining you as a partner in ministry.

Your responses on our Synod Survey confirmed our ministry: sharing with the Church and the poor; learning/teaching the Gospel; devotion to and worship of the Eucharist.

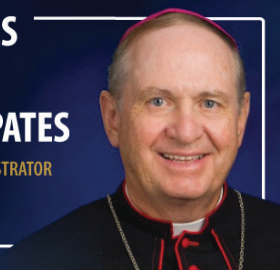
These are ministries that you rightly appreciate, are presently committed to, and want to see enhanced. Keep up the good work. You're great. God bless you.

I'll miss you. Let us pray for each other, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Archbishop Michael Jackels

MESSAGES FROM BISHOP PATES

APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR



AS MY SERVICE BEGINS

5 April 2023

Dear Friends,

My service as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Dubuque begins with heartfelt thanks on behalf of all of you for the generous and effective ministry of Archbishop Michael Jackels these past 10 years. He has exemplified the qualities of a shepherd so frequently cited by Pope Francis of being close to his flock and envisioning the archdiocesan community as providing a "field hospital" to address the needs of our present culture.

Regrettably, his health at this time, has led to his resignation/retirement. I am confident that I express the sentiments of all, in wishing him abundant blessings in the days ahead.

For my part, I am happy to respond to the request to serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese in the interim between Archbishop Jackels and his successor. I became attached to Iowa as Bishop of Des Moines and am grateful for the unexpected opportunity to spend time in the state once again.

In my role, I look forward to the ministry of administration as well as celebrating liturgy. If I can be of service to you, please contact the Administrative Assistant, Sarah Otting: via e-mail at dbqcabsec@dbqarch.org or via telephone 563-556-2580 ext. 216.

The Apostolic Nuncio in the United States, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, has begun the process to identify the successor of Archbishop Jackels. Our prayers are with him in this important work.

I look forward to the months ahead when together we will experience the Body of Christ in this local Church. In the service of the Lord, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator

PRIEST APPOINTMENTS

Effective 11 July 2023, unless otherwise indicated

PRIESTS' MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT JULY 11, 2023 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Retirement

Father David Kucera will retire from active ministry, having reached the retirement age, after serving as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Reinbeck.

Father David Ambrosy will retire from active ministry, due to reasons of health, after serving as associate pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bellevue, St. Catherine Parish in St. Catherine, St. Donatus Parish in St. Donatus, and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Springbrook.

Pastor

Father Craig Steimel will be re-assigned as pastor of Holy Family Parish in Reinbeck, after serving as pastor of the Queen of Saints Cluster (St. John Parish in Blainstown, St. Paul Parish in Newhall, St. Michael Parish in Norway, Immaculate Conception Parish in Van Horne, and St. Patrick Parish in Watkins).

Father Jacob Dunne will be re-assigned as pastor of the Queen of Saints Cluster (St. John Parish in Blainstown, St. Paul Parish in Newhall, St. Michael Parish in Norway, Immaculate Conception Parish in Van Horne, and St. Patrick Parish in Watkins), and part-time chaplain at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, after serving as associate pastor of Epiphany Parish in Mason City, and Sacred Heart Parish in Manly.

Father Francis Anane, on loan from the Diocese of Techiman in Ghana, is relieved as pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Gilbert, while continuing in his present assignment.

Father Kyle Digmann, in addition to his present assignment, is also assigned as pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Gilbert.

PRIESTS' OFFICIAL MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Associate Pastor

Father Benjamin Valentine will be re-assigned as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Manly, and Epiphany Parish in Mason City, after serving as associate pastor of the Archangels Catholic Cluster (St. Patrick Parish in Britt, St. Patrick Parish in Buffalo Center, St. Wenceslaus Parish in Duncan, St. James Parish in Forest City, St. Boniface Parish in Garner, and St. Patrick Parish in Lake Mills).

Father Emmanuel Fenelus, on loan from the Diocese of Forte-Liberte in Haiti, is assigned as associate pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Hiawatha, *effective 1 June 2023*.

Father Jangill Maime, on loan from the Diocese of Forte-Liberte in Haiti, is assigned as associate pastor of the Ackley-Hampton Cluster (St. Mary Parish in Ackley and St. Patrick Parish in Hampton), *effective 1 June 2023*.

After **Deacon Casey Flack** is ordained a priest, he will be assigned as associate pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and Catholic Student Center in Ames and SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Gilbert.

After **Deacon Jeffrey Frieden** is ordained a priest, he will be assigned as associate pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Dubuque.

Special Assignment

Father Kenneth Gehling is relieved as Dean of the Mason City Deanery.

Father Kevin Earleywine is assigned Dean of the Mason City Deanery, in addition to his present assignment.

Father Richmond Dzekoe, on loan from the Archdiocese of Cape Coast in Ghana, is relieved as part-time chaplain at Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, while continuing in his present assignment.

Father Paul Attah-Nsiah, on loan from the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong in Ghana, is relieved as Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese, while continuing in his present assignment.

Father Brian Dellaert is assigned as Judicial Vicar of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, while continuing in his present assignment.

Michael O. Jackels
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Archbishop of Dubuque



Janine Marie Idziak, Ph.D.
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Chancellor



The following priests of the archdiocese celebrate milestone anniversaries of their ordination in 2023. They were recognized during the Chrism Mass which was celebrated on Tuesday, April 4 at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque.

Golden Jubilarians

Rev. Louis M. Jaeger
Rev. Dennis D. Juhl
Rev. Marvin J. Bries

Ordained

March 31, 1973
May 26, 1973
June 2, 1973

Silver Jubilarians

Rev. James W. Dubert
Rev. David G. Kucera
Rev. Francis Anane

May 23, 1998
May 23, 1998
Dec. 5, 1998

70 Years

Rev. Donald J. Hawes
Rev. Richard W. Kuhn
Rev. Msgr. W. Dean Walz

May 16, 1953
May 17, 1953
Dec. 19, 1953

65 Years

Rev. George W. Karnik

Feb. 1, 1958

60 Years

Rev. Ardel H. Barta

March 9, 1963

55 Years

Rev. Bernard C. Grady

June 1, 1968

45 Years:

Rev. Paul E. Lippstock
Rev. Philip E. Thompson

May 27, 1978
June 3, 1978

40 Years:

Rev. Michael J. Mescher

Aug. 6, 1983

35 Years

Rev. Jerry F. Kopacek
Rev. Jon M. Seda

May 28, 1988
May 28, 1988

20 Years

Rev. Donald J. Czaplá
Rev. Anthony Boahen Nketiah
Rev. Richmond Dzekoe

May 31, 2003
July 26, 2003
Nov. 22, 2003

15 Years

Rev. Rodney M. Allers
Rev. Benjamin Nkrumah

May 24, 2008
July 12, 2008

10 Years

Rev. Frantz Augustin

April 20, 2013

5 Years

Rev. Jacob D. Rouse
Rev. Andrew J. Upah

May 26, 2018
May 26, 2018

FUTURE LIVE BROADCASTS

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that the Archdiocese of Dubuque calls the men listed below to the Order of the Diaconate and the Order of the Priesthood in May and June.

All Ordination Masses will be livestreamed at www.DBQArch.org/live-broadcasts.

ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE – MAY 26, 7:00 PM

Gregory Lambert

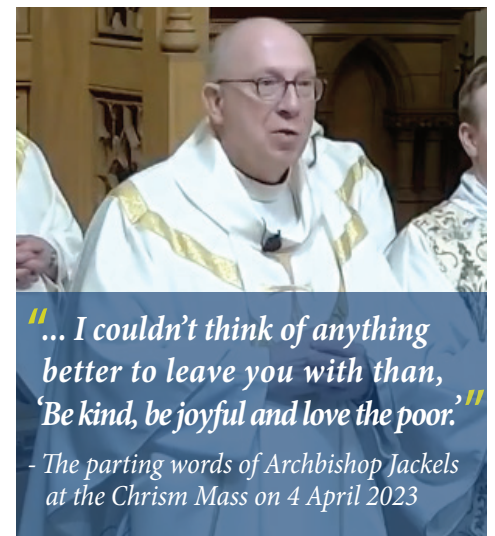
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD MAY 27, 10:00 AM

Deacon Casey Flack
Deacon Jeffrey Frieden

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE – JUNE 24, 10:00 AM

Doug Aldinger – St. Mark, Iowa Falls
Mike DeMouly - St. Columbkille, Dubuque
Tim DeWees – St. Joseph, Marion
Michael Knipp – Blessed Sacrament, Waterloo
Brian Logan – St. Joseph, Marion
Ron Meyer – SS. Peter & Paul, Gilbert
Tim Neal – St. Ludmila, Cedar Rapids
Terri Wenthold – St. Frances De Sales, Ossian
Jim Wolf – Epiphany Parish, Mason City

Additional information about the Masses listed above and those called to Holy Orders will be available throughout April and May in archdiocesan communications.



"... I couldn't think of anything better to leave you with than, 'Be kind, be joyful and love the poor.'"

- The parting words of Archbishop Jackels at the Chrism Mass on 4 April 2023