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VESPERS VIGIL: WELCOMING OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP IN PRAYER

By Cassie Bird

As part of the celebration of the installation of Archbishop Zinkula, a Vespers Vigil open to the public was held the night before the Installation Mass on Tuesday, October 17 at the Cathedral of St. Raphael.

Vespers begins with two psalms, followed by a canticle from the New Testament. It gives thanks for the day that has just passed and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. According to the USCCB, “In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus’ command to ‘pray always.’ Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.”

Q & A Fr. Greg Bahl, Dir. of Worship

Fr. Greg Bahl is the Director of Worship for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and therefore had an instrumental role in arranging the Vespers Evening Prayer as well as the Installation Mass of Archbishop Zinkula.

Can you provide an overview of the Vespers prayer and its significance in the installation of a new archbishop?

Vespers, known simply as “Evening Prayer”, is from the Liturgy of the Hours or “Divine Office”. Comprised of several rites throughout the day, the Divine Office is a prayer of the whole Church



Top: A large crowd prays at the Cathedral of St. Raphael on Oct. 17
Bottom Left & Right: Archbishop Zinkula leads prayer and offers a blessing with the assistance of seminarian Deacon Greg Lambert

that both prepares for and flows from the Mass. While clergy and the religious orders make solemn promises to pray the Office throughout the day, all Catholics are encouraged to pray it as well. Vespers is offered in the evening or “when evening approaches and the day is already far spent ... that ‘we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.’” (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours). Much of the prayer of Vespers is also focused on hope in the new day to follow. So—gratitude and hope!—how appropriate to vigil the installation of Archbishop Zinkula with Vespers.

What is the significance of Vespers beginning the installation process of a new bishop/archbishop in a diocese/archdiocese?

During the installation, the Vespers prayer begins a vigil, where we begin a prayer at night that culminates in prayer the next day. By their nature, a vigil symbolizes prayers of faith, hope, and sacrifice. They are an offering of faith, for they are offered in the face of uncertainty, the dark of night. Vigils are always an offering of hope, for a new day will dawn. Vigils are also a sacrifice, for they are at a time that is usually set aside to tend to the self, the usual time to prepare for a night’s rest, for example.

What is the historical and traditional importance of Vespers in this context?

Next to the Holy Mass, the Liturgy of the Hours is one of the oldest ritual practices in Christianity! It is an expression of the “one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church” we profess every Sunday during the Creed. Beginning the installation with Vespers, we express our unbroken connection with the earliest Christians and the teaching that bishops are the successors of the apostles.

What is the role of the new archbishop during Vespers, and how does it symbolize their new position?

The Cathedral is significant as it is the mother church of the archdiocese. It is to both represent and model for the people of the whole archdiocese. The soon-to-be archbishop knocks on the door and is welcomed by Catholics from the whole archdiocese, but he does not yet sit in the bishop’s chair, or “cathedra”. As with the miter (a bishop’s hat) and the crozier (a bishop’s pastoral staff), the bishop’s chair signifies his role as servant leader in the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. As Archbishop Zinkula was already ordained a bishop, he entered with the same crozier used by Bishop Matthias Loras, the founding bishop of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

We offer a warm “welcome home” to Archbishop Zinkula!

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