

Prayer for a New Bishop

Good and Gracious God, by your providence you have given the Church of Rockford good shepherds throughout its history.

As our Bishop Thomas retires, we ask that you give him peace and happiness for all the good he has done in your name.

And we humbly plead that You, Heavenly Father, will send us a new shepherd, a bishop who will continue the good work his predecessors have achieved.

Grant us a shepherd who will preach the Word joyfully, teach the faith fearlessly, celebrate the sacraments reverently, doing all in a spirit of love and compassion, for the unborn who have no voice, for the poor who are often forgotten, for the young who seek guidance, for the sick who need healing, for the aged who yearn for hope, and for all your faithful people who come together as one Body in Christ to profess, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Church.



Inspired by Mary Immaculate, our patron,
we ask this through Christ our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.