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OF THE TENTH BISHOP OF DES MOINES

with

Celebration of Evening Prayer

The Most Reverend William M. Joensen, Ph.D.
Bishop-Elect of Des Moines
The Most Reverend Richard E. Pates, Presider
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St. Ambrose Cathedral
The facing left side of any episcopal coat of arms is drawn from the (arch)bishop’s diocese. The splendid colors and French heritage implicit in the Des Moines diocese’s coat of arms are accurately captured in my own emblem.

On the right side, the three segments reflect my intention to express:

- the geographical region of the Des Moines diocese and its natural and spiritual resources;
- the solidarity and charity that disciples of Jesus are to extend to their neighbors of every creed, race, and culture;
- the centrality of Jesus and the mediation of his mother, Mary, who communicate the life and love of God through the sacraments and the Church.

The lower segment with the rich green background evokes the rich natural and agricultural heritage of what our native American forebears called Iowa, the beautiful land.

The wavy lines coursing through the green field suggest the Des Moines and Missouri Rivers that flow through the eastern and western regions of the diocese, as well as other sources of life-giving water that irrigate the land and the vital crops produced by our farmers.

The upper segment with its blue background evokes a heavenly field with the stars both offering respect and tribute to my earthly parents and my spiritual mother.

The twelve stars are reminiscent of the “woman clothed with the sun” who wears a crown of twelve stars (Rev. 12:1), which for persons of Catholic faith is readily identified with Mary, who guides us to our heavenly destiny.

Of course, Mary’s whole mission and purpose in life is to bear her Son to us. Mary gives flesh to Jesus; Jesus gives us his flesh and blood in the Eucharist. The radiant IHS solar image has a longstanding tradition in the Church that points us to the Lord who communicates his resurrected life to us through his saving sacrifice on the Cross. The sun/Son is the source and goal of our own lives.

The clasping hands to point to the Parable of the Good Samaritan, who does not hesitate to tender compassion and healing to the afflicted, vulnerable fellow he encounters on the way of life.

The Good Samaritan is the hand of Christ outstretched to his neighbor, who does not hesitate to receive the grace and blessing offered by someone the world regards as “foreign.” Those who come from beyond our communities can be God’s means of drawing us from the depths of our affluence, our self-absorption, our preoccupation with material, worldly cares.

The distinct skin tones of the two who embrace is both a reflection and a prophetic call to each of us to transcend racial, ethnic, and religious differences, and to collaborate with God to create a civilization of love where all are truly neighbors.

The episcopal motto, “Exquirite Faciem Suam,” is taken from Psalm 27:8, “Seek His Face.” The comprehensive message of my coat of arms is that we are all called to draw from the font of Spirit and grace that God has given us, through baptism, Eucharist, and our communion with one another, to seek—and to find—the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Savior, and lover of humanity.
Final Blessing

Bishop  Blessed be the name of the Lord.
All    Now and forever.
Bishop  Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All   Who made heaven and earth.
Bishop  May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
           and the Holy Spirit.
All    Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace.
All    Thanks be to God.

Recessional  Dona Nobis Pacem

Admittance of Bishop Elect into Cathedral

By ancient custom, a Bishop Elect must knock on the door of his new Cathedral and be admitted into it by the clergy of the Cathedral. After Bishop-Elect Joensen knocks, he is admitted by the Rector of St. Ambrose Cathedral Fr. John Bertogli who presents him with a crucifix to kiss and then assists him as he sprinkles the congregation with baptismal water.

Members of the refugee community from St. Ambrose accompany the Bishop-Elect into his cathedral church for the first time.

The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours begins with the traditional greeting, inviting the Lord to accompany the Church in her prayer and at every hour of the day.

Greeting / Saludo

Bishop Pates: “O God come to my assistance.”

All: Lord, make haste to help me.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen. Alleluia.
Greeting of the Civic & Ecumenical Leaders

All are seated.

Bishop Pates introduces leaders representing the civic and interfaith community to the Bishop-Elect.

Following the example of the earliest Christians, the Church prays together the psalms, the ancient prayers from the Jewish tradition. “In the Liturgy of the Hours the prayer of the Church is in large measure in the words of these ancient prayers. Their words raise minds to God, inspire devotion, evoke gratitude in favorable times and bring consolation and fortitude in times of trial.” (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, #100).

Todos están sentados

El Obispo Pates presenta a los líderes que representan a la comunidad cívica y ecuménica al Obispo Electo.

Siguiendo el ejemplo de los primeros cristianos, la Iglesia ora con los salmos, las antiguas oraciones de la tradición judía. “En la Liturgia de las Horas, la oración de la Iglesia está en gran medida en las palabras de estas antiguas oraciones. Sus palabras elevan las mentes a Dios, inspiran devoción, evocan gratitud en tiempos favorables y traen consuelo y fortaleza en tiempos de prueba.” (Instrucción General de la Liturgia de las Horas, #100).

Psalm 141

My Prayers Rise Up

Tobias Colgan


The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,
give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Music: Trad. chant, adapt. by Robert J. Snow.

Collect
The Liturgy of the Hours is a celebration in praise of God. Jewish and Christian tradition does not separate prayer of petition from praise of God; often enough, praise turns ... to petition.” (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, #93).

“The liturgia de las horas es una celebración en alabanza a Dios. La tradición judía y cristiana no separa la oración de petición de la alabanza a Dios; con frecuencia, se rotan las alabanzas con las peticiones.” (Instrucción General de la Liturgia de las Horas, #93).

The text for the intercessions is offered in various languages, representing the diverse communities present in our Diocese.

El texto para las intercesiones se ofrece en varios idiomas, representando las diversas comunidades presentes en nuestra Diócesis.
Those taking part in the Liturgy of the Hours have access to holiness of the richest kind through the life-giving word of God, to which [the liturgy] gives such great importance. The readings are drawn from Sacred Scripture. God’s words in the psalms are sung in his presence, and the intercessions, prayers, and hymns are steeped in the inspired language of Scripture.” (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours # 14).

Los que participan en la Liturgia de las Horas tienen acceso a la santidad a lo más rico a través de la palabra de Dios que da vida, a la que [la liturgia] da tanta importancia. Las lecturas provienen de la Sagrada Escritura, las palabras de Dios en los salmos se cantan en su presencia, y las intercesiones, oraciones e himnos están impregnados del lenguaje inspirado de la Escritura.” (Instrucción General de la Liturgia de las Horas no 14).

Reading 2 Peter 1:1-21

Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received a faith of equal value to ours through the righteousness of our God and savior Jesus Christ: may grace and peace be yours in abundance through knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power. Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. If these are yours and increase in abundance, they will keep you from being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.

Therefore, brothers, be all the more eager to make your call and election firm, for, in doing so, you will never stumble. For, in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Know this first of all, that there is no prophecy of scripture that is a matter of personal interpretation, for no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
We stand for the proclamation of the Gospel at Mass, so too in the Liturgy of the Hours. "The Gospel Canticles...are to be treated with the same solemnity and dignity as are customary at the proclamation of the Gospel." (General Instruction of the Liturgy of the Hours, #138). During the Gospel canticle, the altar, the presider, and then the people are incensed. The incensing of the altar links this liturgy with the summit of all of the Church's prayer, the celebration of the Eucharist.

Nos ponemos de pie con el anuncio del Evangelio en la Misa, también en la liturgia de las horas. "Los cánticos del Evangelio...deben ser tratados con la misma solemnidad y dignidad que se consuelan en el anuncio del Evangelio." (Instrucción General de la Liturgia de las Horas, #138). Durante el cántico evangélico, el altar, el celebrante y luego el pueblo se incensan. El incenciar el altar une esta liturgia con la cumbre de toda la oración de la Iglesia, la celebración de la Eucaristía.

**Gospel Canticle**

*All Stand*

*Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

Michael Joncas

**Stanza 1**

1. My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord,

2. and my spir-it re-joices in God my Sav-ior,

3. for he has looked up-on his hand-maid in her low-li-ness;

4. for he has be-hold, from this day for-ward all ag-es will call me bless-ed.

**Stanza 2**

1. 2. 3. 4. great things for me, and ho-ly is his name, age for those who fear him. known the strength of his arm and has scat-tered the

**Stanza 3**

1. His mer-cy is from age to age for those who fear him.

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**Lectura**

Carta de Simeón Pedro, servidor y apóstol de Cristo Jesús, a todos aquellos que tuvieron la suerte, como la tuvimos nosotros, de recibir una fe tan preciosa y de ser renovados por nuestro Dios y Salvador Jesucristo.

Que la gracia y la paz se les aumenten de día en día, junto con el conocimiento de Dios y de Jesús, nuestro Señor. Su poder divino nos ha dado todo lo que necesitamos para la vida y la piedad, en primer lugar, el conocimiento de Aquel que nos ha llamado por su propia gloria y fuerza. Por ellas nos ha concedido lo más grande y precioso que se pueda ofrecer: ustedes llegar a ser partícipes de la naturaleza divina, escapando de la corrupción que en este mundo va a la par con el deseo. Por eso, pongan el máximo empeño en incrementar su fe con la firmeza, la firmeza con el conocimiento, el conocimiento con el dominio de los instintos, el dominio de los instintos con la constancia, la constancia con la piedad, la piedad con el amor fraternal y el amor fraternal con la caridad. Pues si tienen todas estas virtudes en forma eminentes, no serán inútiles ni estériles, sino que más bien alcanzarán el conocimiento de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor. En cambio, quien no tiene todo esto es ciego y corto de vista, y se ha olvidado de que fue purificado de sus pecados pasados. Por lo tanto, hermanos, esfuérzense por confirmar el llamado de Dios que los ha elegido. Si obran así, no decaerán, y se les facilitará generosamente la entrada al reino eterno de nuestro Señor y Salvador, Cristo Jesús. Por eso siempre trataré de recordarles estas cosas, aunque las sepan y se mantengan firmes en la verdad que poseen. Me parece bueno avivar su memoria mientras esté en la presente morada, sabiendo que pronto será desarmada esta tienda mía, según me lo ha manifestado nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por eso procuro hacer todo lo necesario para que, después de mi partida, recuerden constantemente estas cosas. En efecto, no hemos sacado de fábulas o de teorías inventadas lo que les hemos enseñado sobre el poder y la venida de Cristo Jesús, nuestro Señor. Con nuestros propios ojos hemos contemplado su majestad, cuando recibió de Dios Padre gloria y honor. En ese momento llegó sobre él una palabra muy extraordinaria de la gloriosa Majestad: «Este es mi Hijo muy querido, el que me agradó elegir. Nosotros mismos escuchamos esa voz venida del cielo estando con él en el cerro santo. A consecuencia de esto creemos más firmemente en el mensaje de los profetas, y deben tenerlo como una lámpara que luce en un lugar oscuro, hasta que se levante el día y el lucero de la mañana brille en sus corazones. Sépanlo bien: ninguna profecía de la Escritura puede ser interpretada por cuenta propia, pues ninguna profecía ha venido por iniciativa humana, sino que los hombres de Dios han hablado, movidos por el Espíritu Santo bajo la influencia de Dios.

Palabra de Dios

Te alabamos Señor
Lector: On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.
All: On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.
Lector: Day or night, they will not cease to proclaim the name of the Lord.
All: I have set my watchmen to guard you.
Lector: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: On your walls, Jerusalem, I have set my watchmen to guard you.

Responsory
Lector: En sus paredes, Jerusalén, he puesto a mis vigilantes a cuidarte.
Todos: En sus paredes, Jerusalén, he puesto a mis vigilantes para protegerte.

Lector: De día o de noche, no dejarán de proclamar el nombre del Señor.
Todos: He puesto a mis vigilantes para que te protejan.

Lector: Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo.
Todos: En sus paredes, Jerusalén, he puesto a mis vigilantes para protegerte.